

Ceramics on Saturday

Dates: 27/09/2025, 08/11/2025, 17/01/2026, 28/02/2026, 25/04/2026

Locations: Lisson Grove Centre

This is an inspiring ceramics course concentrating on building skills in throwing and hand-building. This course will introduce beginner and intermediate learners to a range of new techniques and approaches. You will work in different clay body types and learn about kiln firing processes. You will also learn the techniques of applying coloured slip and glaze as a means of surface decoration. More experienced learners will be able to work on their own projects. You will get lots of encouragement, stimulation and assistance to achieve your goals and develop your skills and practice.

Tutors: Emily Stapleton-Jefferis or Tana West

Entry Requirements

Suitable for all levels, no prior knowledge of ceramics is required to attend this course. The course is ideal for beginners, or those who have some understanding of ceramic processes and ginnerers. would like to work more independently.

What topics does the course cover?

You will learn a range of hand building techniques e.g. coiling, slab-building, press-moulding. Practice and develop fundamental throwing and turning techniques. Explore surface decoration techniques such as slip and glaze application. Demonstrate awareness of Health and Safety issues in ceramics through safe studio practice, with consideration towards other students and staff.

How will I be taught and assessed?

Learners will receive feedback on progress from the tutor on a regular basis. At the end of the course learners will assess their individual progress and progression with the tutor.

Are there any other costs or equipment I need to get?

Although decoration and glaze materials are included, we do make a charge (priced per kilo) for the clay used before the first firing.

By the end of the course what should I be able to do?

By the end of the course learners will be able to independently using a range of construction techniques and enhance completed work with surface decoration and/or glazing.

What are the progression opportunities following this course?

You can develop your skills further on one of our specialist ceramics short courses in the daytime or evening, or take an accredited course starting in September.