



Level 1 NCFE Award in Creative Craft (Painting and Drawing)

Dates: 21/09/2026, 11/01/2027, 22/04/2027

Locations: Lisson Grove Centre

This Level 1 NCFE award will cover key principles of painting and drawing, including ways of looking and using varied materials. You will learn to explore ideas and techniques and allow you to develop knowledge and understanding of artistic processes. It will teach you skills necessary to progress onto our level 2 courses in art.

Entry Requirements

This is a Level 1 course aimed at beginners with a keen interest in the subject.

- A minimum level of E3 Functional Skills in English is required for this course.
- You will also need to have basic IT skills as there are assignments each week that are carried out directly onto the computer.
- If you wish to move on to a Level 2 course, you will be advised to study Functional Skills, Level 1 English alongside this course.

What topics does the course cover?

In our specialist studio you will be taught approaches to drawing and painting including observational and expressive skills and methods of research using visual language such as tone, mark making spatial systems and colour theory. You will develop your creative and reflective skills through projects and tutorials, evolving your interests and direction as an artist.

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.

You will work in both digital and non-digital formats and be expected to digitally record your work, upload it online and produce a digital or e-portfolio of work for assessment. The tutor will use observation, discussion, individual tutorials, and targeted tasks with feedback. Formal assessment will take place at stages throughout the course, and you will receive written and oral feedback.

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

The materials fee covers materials such as card, paper, standard paint colours and a sketchbook. For your self-directed study, a basic art kit is required e.g. brushes, pencils, paints, inks, chalks, charcoal, pens, scissors etc. (this list is not exhaustive).

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

By the end of the Level 1 you will have gained a thorough introduction into creative art practices and will have established systematic recording techniques, which will help with future development. You will be able to work independently with confidence.

What are the progression opportunities following this course?

This course will enable learners to progress onto our Level 2 NCFE Award in Art starting in April, or our Level 2 UAL Diploma in Art starting in September. You can also develop your skills further on one of our specialist short courses that run throughout the year. Options will be discussed towards the end of the course with your tutor.