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Jobcentre Plus has partnered with The Open University to offer online training courses to help you build your employability



skills before, during and after any Kickstart placement. Employers, you can build in these free courses to enhance any existing employability and industry training you have planned for your own Kickstart candidates and existing employees.

On OpenLearn, you can find free courses to enhance your digital and core skills, helping you to achieve your goal of finding your first job, taking your next career step or starting your own business. There are also courses to help you improve your functional English and Maths skills, and guides in writing a better CV for your next job application.

What is OpenLearn?

Interested in a new topic and want to dig deeper?

Whether it's a 5-minute exploration or a 24-hour expedition into learning that you're after, you'll find it on OpenLearn for free.

OpenLearn is a free online learning platform, delivered by The Open University. You will find over 1,000 free courses, topical and interactive content, videos and online games on OpenLearn.



How do I start a course?

You will get the most from OpenLearn if you create a free account. Simply register with your email address and you can start your first course straight away.

Registration takes no more than a couple of minutes and allows you to access all of the course content and earn statements of participation and digital badges.

What is a digital badge?

All of our free courses come with statements of participation and many of our courses now offer the chance to gain a digital badge.

These badges are increasingly being recognised by employers as evidence that learners have developed core skills in areas like communication, leadership and working in diverse teams. These skills are highly valued by employers but often it is difficult for job seekers to demonstrate their development in these areas.

You earn a digital badge by successfully completing each course. These badges can be shared with employers and family through social media such as LinkedIn or Facebook to showcase your ongoing achievements.

Here are some of the badged courses that will help you on your Kickstart journey.



Effective communication in the workplace

This free course explores the importance of communication as a skill. Learners explore the differing types of communication and the impact of good and bad communication within the workplace.

It helps you identify your own personal communication skills and how these can be developed and used more successfully in work and elsewhere.



Introduction to cyber security: stay safe online

This free course provides an introduction to staying safe online. The course will help you recognise threats to your online security from malware and viruses through to scams. It shows you how you can increase your security to stay safer online.



Working in diverse teams

This course will help you consider your experience of working in teams and the different roles you play in them.

It will increase your confidence in marketing this key skill to employers as well as improve your ability to perform well in teams you are currently part of.



Succeed in the workplace

Whether you are just starting in the job market or looking to take your next step and change jobs, this course is for you!

It will help you to explore career opportunities by starting from you, not the job. This will help you to get to know yourself and your values that will be the foundations of your career planning.

You will gain application skills such as how to write stronger CVs and application forms and how to handle different types of interviews more effectively.



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