

Stepping Up - a pathway to success for young ESOL learners



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Nicola Duke - Area
Head Welcome
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• What is Stepping Up?

- Stepping Up is full time course for students whose first language is not English.
- Whilst the main focus is English (ESOL), students also study maths, ICT and personal and social development.
- Students also increase their understanding of the world of work and take part in work experience.

What you will learn

- You will work towards:
- ESOL qualifications (Entry level or Level 1) in Speaking and Listening, Reading and Writing
- A maths qualification

You will also study:
Information and Computer Technology (ICT)
Personal and Social Development

You will also have:
Group tutorials
Individual tutorials
Work Experience
Extra curricular activities

Stepping Up : Who will you be working with?



Rob Gibson, Course Leader

Rob is the Course Leader for Stepping Up and will be your main teacher whilst studying at Colchester Institute. Rob is very musical and plays the piano. He enjoys travel and speaks many languages – including German, Italian, French, Portuguese, Spanish and Arabic!



Jenny Wilson, Assistant Area Head

Jenny has been working at Colchester Institute for 13 years and taught English in Italy before that. She likes cooking, reading, walking and cycling. She loves music and plays the piano when she has spare time.

Stepping Up : Who will you be working with?



Giles Armour, Teacher

Giles has been working at Colchester Institute for 11 years and taught English in China before that. He likes reading, travelling, and playing badminton. He loves language and studies Chinese when he has spare time.



Yvonne Berriman, Teacher

Yvonne has taught English at Colchester Institute since 2008. She's also teaches Information and Communications Technology (ICT) skills to Stepping Up students. Yvonne loves computers and technology as well as walking her dog, making costumes for a drama group, gardening and cooking. Yvonne's mother was English but her father was French and her grandparents were Polish so she is a mix of nationalities herself!

Stepping Up : Who will you be working with?



Sally Chamberlain - Teacher

Sally has been working at Colchester Institute for 1 year but has been working within Education for many years. She has spent some time studying and teaching in Italy and therefore speaks Italian. Sally also loves to travel.

Where you will be based

- You will be based in room S205 and room S206 in S Block – just above the library in the large red building in the centre of campus.
- Most of your classes will be in these rooms and some classrooms nearby.
- Rob and your teachers are always available in their office in room S201, just a few doors away!



What could you do after this course?



The ESOL Stepping Up course is designed to

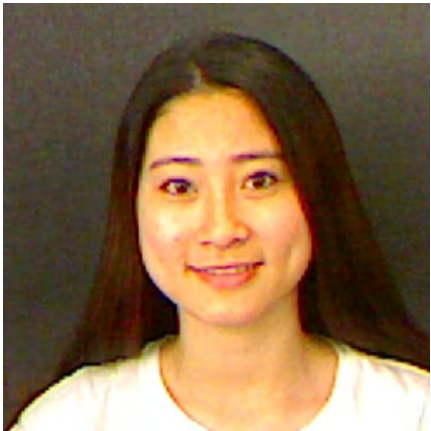
- develop your skills and knowledge in the English language
- build confidence in using English in all areas of your life, work and study
- help you to move on to your next destination in work or study

Many of our learners go on to study on full-time courses in other areas of Colchester Institute – some favourite choices in recent years are:

Health and Social Care – Electrical Installations – Science – Public Services!

Here are some examples of the learning journey of some of our former students.....

Case Studies



2009-10: Stepping Up ESOL (Entry Level 3)

2010 – 11: BTEC Dip in Business Admin (Level 1) + part-time ESOL

2011-12: BTEC Diploma in Business (Level 2) + part-time ESOL

2012-13: BTEC Diploma in Business (Level 3) + part-time ESOL

2013-14: BTEC Extended Dip in Business + GCSE Maths and English

2014-17: BA (Hons) Management

Case Studies



2010-11: Stepping Up ESOL (Level 1)

2011– 13: 2 year C&G Diploma in Engineering (Level 3) + part time ESOL/EFL

2013-15: 2 year HNC in Engineering Electronics

2016 - 17: HNC Diploma in Electrical Power Engineering

Case Studies



2011 – 12: Stepping Up ESOL (Entry Level 3)

2012-13: Engineering (Level 1) + part time ESOL

2013-14: Engineering (Level 2) + part time ESOL

2014-16: 2 year Diploma in Mechanical Engineering (Level 3)

2016 + Apprenticeship in Bournemouth

Stepping Up: What do our learners say?

This year my course with ESOL teachers and friendly environment class had been excellent.
Farhang

"I am very thankful that I took this course with this such nice friendly and helpful teachers, It is been pleasure being with you the whole time.
Massive thanks to my teachers."
Farhang

"Being in a class with different people its wonderful, knowing a bit about each others culture, traditions and they way they think .
ESOL inspire me to a marvellous future!"
Sise

"Thank you for all your support and I am really grateful that you gave me this opportunity to learn English."
Gabriel

"Hello
I feeling excited when I was in Colchester Institute college and it was my best choice ever ..."
Yohanis

Stepping Up : what do our learners say?

I want say to all my teachers
thank you for teaching me. I
had amazing times in the
class with you all. Hopefully I
will see you next year.
From Abdulhakim

I am thankful to all the
teachers who helped me
to improve my English, this
year I learned a lot from
them.
Alin

Thank you all of you!
This course was very lovely
And it helps me to improve
my English skills.
Esi

I want say to all
my teachers
thank you for
helping me. I
really enjoyed the
time I had with
you all in the
teaching class.
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We hope to see you next September!



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Need more information?

Please visit our area on our website containing detailed course specific information:



<https://www.colchester.ac.uk/course/stepping-up-16-19/>

Need more information?

Please join us on a Zoom meeting if you have any further questions
Click on the link below to register to attend an Online Zoom Session

We encourage
students and
parents/carers
to join in our
Zoom Sessions



<https://www.colchester.ac.uk/online-zoom-booking/>

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