

### What will I be able to do after the course?

- You can progress to take additional Community Interpreting modules which enhance your skills in particular settings such as health or childcare.
- Other learners progress to courses such as Counselling and Initial Teacher Training for adults (PTLLS).
- The qualification will help you to secure employment or voluntary work where interpreting skills are needed.
- If you have sufficient spoken and written language skills you can progress to take the Bi-Lingual Skills Certificate enabling you to work in a wide range of settings as an Interpreter.

“After completing two Community Interpreting modules I applied for a job with the PCT and now work as a Community Health Liaison Worker. The courses really improved my confidence as an interpreter.”

**Interested?**

**To find about courses near you or to organise a course in your local centre:**

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# Community Interpreting

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## Are you bi-lingual?

## Do you want your skills recognised?

## Could you be an effective Community Interpreter?

WEA North West Region Community Interpreter Programme aims to provide accredited training for bi-lingual speakers enabling them to improve their skills as a community interpreter, enhancing employment prospects.

Courses are delivered in local communities and provide opportunities for anyone who is fluent in English and at least one other language to gain a recognised qualification.

### Who can attend a course?

Anyone who is fluent in spoken English and one other language can attend the course. You also need a good level of written English to complete written assignments although additional support is available for those who need it.

There are also opportunities to gain Literacy or Numeracy qualifications at Level 1 and 2.

### What qualification will I gain?

Each module is accredited through Open College Network at Level 2 or 3.

### How will I be assessed?

Assessment is via successful completion of several assignments presented in a portfolio. Assessment includes carrying out a role play as an interpreter which is recorded.



“ I completed my Level 3 Community Interpreting qualification in May and have since been re-graded at work! I am now studying for a counselling qualification ”



### How much will it cost?

The course fee varies depending on the length of the unit. Fee remission will be available for learners in receipt of an income related benefit subject to places being available. All learners are required to pay the accreditation fee although for learners on low incomes some help towards this may be available.

“ Since attending the Community Interpreting course I have gained confidence and new skills and now feel able to apply for jobs. I am hoping to work in the local community and use my interpreting skills to help people. ”

### Units available

**Unit 1**  
Introduction to Community Interpreting  
OCN Level 1 20 Hours tuition, 10 hours home study  
Cost: £60.00 plus £25.00 accreditation fee

**Unit 2**  
Introduction to Advanced Community Interpreting  
OCN Level 2 or 3. 50 hours tuition with 24 hours home study  
| Listening skills | Confidentiality | Interpreting techniques  
| Language Skills | Communication skills  
Cost: £165.00 plus £25.00 accreditation fee

**Unit 3**  
Childcare and Child Protection for Community Interpreters  
OCN Level 2 or 3. 50 hours tuition with 24 hours home study  
| Childcare terminology | Child protection terminology  
| The Children’s Act | Interpreting with childcare professionals  
Cost: £165.00 plus £25.00 accreditation fee

**Unit 4**  
Community Interpreting in the Health Services  
OCN Level 2 or 3. 50 hours tuition with 24 hours home study.  
| Healthcare terminology | Interpreting with health professionals  
Cost: £165.00 plus £25.00 accreditation fee