

Chester U3A - Computer Courses

1. Courses for Beginners

If you are just starting out with a computer or if you only know how to do a little then there are these ways to get some basic knowledge.

- a) Chester Library offer courses for beginners. They consist of 3 weekly sessions covering using the mouse & keyboard, manipulating windows and folders, getting on the internet, email & web browsing. They cost £5 and are bookable at the Library or phone 977380. You can get further help from a 'Buddy' session booked by the hour.
- b) A good starter course you can run yourself on a computer connected to the internet is Webwise from the BBC (www.bbc.co.uk/webwise/courses/). Parts of this are used on the Library course. The Webwise web site has lots of other useful information on uses for your computer.
- c) Another online course you can run yourself on a computer connected to the internet which does need a little more basic knowledge is Myguide (www.myguide.gov.uk). With this course you need to register so they can remember where you were up to the previous time and start from there. It is quite easy to register, if you have an email address already then use that as your Username, it needs to be in full e.g. IT@chesteru3a.org.uk.
- d) If your computer is not connected to the internet then we do have an alternative, a beginners course on a CD which will run on any Windows XP computer from ELSE. Ask at the Helpdesk during the U3A Thursday meeting or contact Andrew Cross to borrow it.

2. Courses to expand your knowledge

- a) The Learning Zone at Ellesmere Port Library run a wider range of courses covering:
 - Get to know your PC, 2hrs per week for 5 weeks
 - Introduction to Internet & Email, 2hrs per week for 6 weeks
 - Introduction to Word Processing, 2hrs per week for 6 weeks
 - Introduction to Spreadsheets, 2hrs per week for 6 weeks
 - Introduction to Powerpoint, 2hrs per week for 6 weeks
 - Get Creative with your Digital Photos, 2hrs per week for 5 weeks

You can get further details from Chester Library or call the Learning Zone on 0151 355 8058.

- b) Chester U3A may run 'Doing more with your PC' and 'Managing your PC' courses this year (2011). These follow on from the beginners courses above. They are similar to the courses we ran in summer 2009 except they will be 3 weekly sessions and you can bring your laptop along and use it. Dates will be set after our Computing Needs Survey is completed.

This information page can be accessed from the 'Useful Documents' page of the Chester U3A website (<http://www.chesteru3a.org.uk/usefuldocs.html>). It was last updated in January 2011.

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