

National 4 English

The National 4 English Course enables learners to develop their literacy skills and to understand, analyse and evaluate texts in the contexts of literature, language and media. The Course also enables learners to create and produce texts, and provides opportunities to develop planning and research skills, applying language skills as appropriate.

Purpose and Aims of the Course

The Course offers learners opportunities to develop and extend a wide range of skills. In particular, the Course aims to enable learners to develop the ability to:

- ◆ listen, talk, read and write, as appropriate to purpose, audience and context
- ◆ understand, analyse and evaluate texts, as appropriate to purpose and audience in the contexts of literature, language and media
- ◆ create and produce texts, as appropriate to purpose, audience and context
- ◆ plan and research, integrating and applying language skills as appropriate to purpose, audience and context
- ◆ apply knowledge of language

Course structure

The main purpose of the Course is to provide learners with the opportunity to develop the skills of listening, talking, reading and writing in order to understand and use language. As learners develop their literacy skills, they will be able to process information more easily, apply knowledge of language in practical and relevant contexts, and gain confidence to undertake new and more challenging tasks in a variety of situations.

This Course is made up of **four mandatory Units**.

English: Analysis and Evaluation (National 4)

The purpose of this Unit is to provide learners with the opportunity to develop listening and reading skills in the contexts of literature, language and media. Learners develop the skills needed to understand, analyse and evaluate straightforward texts.

English: Creation and Production (National 4)

The purpose of this Unit is to provide learners with the opportunity to develop talking and writing skills in familiar contexts. Learners develop the skills needed to create and produce straightforward texts in both written and oral forms.

Literacy (National 4)

The purpose of this Unit is to develop the learners' reading, writing, listening and talking skills in a variety of forms relevant for learning, life and work. Learners develop the ability to understand straightforward ideas and information presented orally and in writing. Learners also develop the ability to communicate ideas and information orally and in writing with technical accuracy.

Added Value Unit: English Assignment (National 4)

The purpose of this Added Value Unit is to provide learners with the opportunity to apply their language skills to investigate and report on a chosen topic.