after:hours Centre for Languages, Culture and Communication

**Course Descriptor**

**Course Title:** Watercolour Painting for Beginners

**Type of Course:** Adult Education

**Credit:** Not credit bearing

**Weekly Session Titles and Descriptions**

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| Weeks | Session Title |
| 1 -10 | This course is a practical class and each week your tutor will set up a series of projects to allow you to paint using watercolour paints.Your tutor will give some general advice to the group, and then offer individual suggestions and advice to members of the group during the class. You will be able to develop your skills and interests at your own pace.There is no requirement to undertake specific reading for this course, however you will need to purchase your own art materials and bring them with you to the class each week. Advice on this will be given. |

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| Course OverviewLoved by professional and hobby artists for centuries, watercolour paint can be used in a variety of ways, to create gentle washes of colour to evoke an atmosphere or mood, through to bright bold colours to rouse the viewerOn this course we will learn some of the technical and creative skills associated with watercolour painting from natural objects, and discover some of the history behind this kind of painting.This is a practical art course and so you will be trying your hand at painting in watercolours from objects set up by your tutor, and you will be encouraged to experiment with a range of approaches, from acurate studies through to more individual and expressive forms of art. You will be given advice on purchasing appropriate materials, including watercolour paint sets, brushes and watercolour paper, as these are not included in the course fee.The course is aimed at complete beginners so no previous knowledge or experience of any arts or craft practice is necessary and you will find the environment in which we teach is supportive, encouraging and rewarding. Required Previous Experience (if any)NoneRequired Reading Material or Special Equipment Needed (if any)NoneLearning OutcomesAt the end of this course you should be able to1. Understand the technical qualities of the medium.
2. Use watercolour paint as a practical medium for the production of painted images
3. Have confidence to experiment with different techniques for the application of watercolour paint and investigate different compositional elements in creating painted images.

**Possible Further Study**Further courses on the after:hours programme might be useful to you.Additional informationThis course descriptor may be subject to change during the delivery of the course, depending on the specific direction and nature of the learner cohort, and is intended to be responsive to the group dynamics as they emerge during the delivery of the course. |