

Garden Pottery – Handbuilding plant pots, make to sell

About the course

This course will follow you through the full process of using many handbuilding techniques to create plant pots for selling. The course is designed to support you to grow as an artist and entrepreneur. You will gain craft knowledge from experienced tutors and receive the essential skills for promoting your own thrown vessels commercially.

After completion of the course, you will be given a platform to sell your items at the Design & Made in Hounslow markets and pop-up shops at no cost; A real life experience of trading at craft fairs.

The dates for the market is March 31st to April 2nd.

**If you are unemployed, looking for work, and are in receipt of a means tested benefit, you do not have to pay the course fees. You will need to sign a self-declaration form stating that you are looking for a job and provide supporting evidence.*

**If you are in low paid employment and you earn less than £10.85p/h or £21,157.59 annual gross salary, you do not have to pay the course fees. You will need to provide proof of income, for example, this could be a wage slip within 3 months of the course start date, or a current employment contract, which states gross monthly/annual wages.*

What will I learn?

After this course you will be able to:

- Use hand-building techniques such as pinching, coiling, slab working to make plant pots
- Experiment with decorating techniques such as glazing, slip painting and develop mark making techniques exploring the visual elements of line, texture, colour and shape
- Glaze tests will be made, introduction to glazing will be taught and a chance to glaze your plant pots will be given

- Price and label your crafted products
 - Display and trade your handmade work at market
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What are the entry requirements?

- To be eligible for this course you must be 19 or over on the start date of the course.
 - mixed level learners (complete beginners or intermediate handbuilders)
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What do I need to bring with me?

- Essential resources will be provided, but you will bring your own materials to realise your design products. You will be able to discuss this with your tutor on the course.
 - Please wear closed toe shoes
 - Apron
 - You may wish to bring a piece of paper and a pen to take notes
 - You may wish to bring in a protective glaze mask (level3/V3) do not worry about this for your first lesson
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How will my learning be assessed?

This is a non-accredited course with the intent to benefit lifelong learning. Your tutor will give you regular verbal and written feedback to support your progression. You will submit your course work and track your learning in Google Classroom. You will participate in group discussions and receive guidance.

To successfully complete the course your attendance should be a minimum of 85% and course work should be completed by the end of the course. **Please note that the first session is an induction to the course and the centre, so it is therefore essential that you attend.** If you for any reason are unable to attend, please let us

know and ensure that you read through the induction slides located in your Google Classroom and complete any related tasks.

What can I do after completing this course?

- The most obvious next step after this course would be to develop your microbusiness for markets or online trading, independently or with the support from one of our business courses.
 - At the end of the course your tutor will advise you on your possible next steps.
 - You can call us to find out about upcoming courses on 020 8583 6000
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Information, advice and guidance for employment

- Call 020 8583 6174 to speak to an advisor
 - Email work@hounslow.gov.uk
 - Visit <http://www.hace.ac.uk/employment-support>
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