



## Our referral partners

Helping us to deliver life-changing learning to the West Midlands county





## Who we are

We are the only residential adult further education college in the Midlands, delivering life-changing learning, situated in Selly Oak, Birmingham, close to the city centre. Based in a manor house that once belonged to George Cadbury Jnr., surrounded by 6 acres of grounds, we are an ideal place for people to relax and unwind, learn new things and focus on themselves. The college is a vibrant place welcoming students onto a range of 3 day courses and longer residential courses from Entry Level 3 to Level 5. Courses include personal and social development, social justice themed courses, outdoor learning, functional skills and skills for work both for those seeking employment and working professionals.

Funded largely by the West Midlands Combined Authority, our students live in the West Midlands county including Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Walsall, Dudley, Sandwell, Solihull and Coventry and are often eligible for fully funded or subsidised courses.

## Our referral partners

We work with over 300 referral partners in the West Midlands county who provide a constant and invaluable pipeline of students to the college. We are always seeking new referral partners who feel that their service users would benefit from our transformative and unique residential learning. Our referral partner sectors include the following:

- **Homelessness**
- **Mental health**
- **New communities**
- **Domestic violence**
- **Addiction**
- **Learning disabilities**
- **Family relations**

We are very grateful to our referral partners for always considering us as a genuine and useful progression for their service users and we enjoy working with them in any way possible to ensure they and their clients benefit from our offer.

## How we work with our referral partners

We engage with our referral partners in a number of ways:

### Open days:

We hold Open Days at the college every Tuesday and partners, as well as potential students, are very welcome to attend. The registration link can be found at [www.fircroft.ac.uk/open-days](http://www.fircroft.ac.uk/open-days).

These days are a great opportunity to see the college, meet staff and find out more about our courses.

We also offer courses for working professionals that you may be interested in. You are very welcome to come to an Open Day or visit the college another time or apply for a course online. If you would like more information or to arrange a visit please contact our Admissions team.

### Bespoke Open Days:

Sometimes our referral partners have a number of service users they would like to attend an Open Day. We are always happy to arrange a bespoke Open Day for individual organisations.

### Information, Advice and Guidance:

Our referral partners know their service users very well and refer potential learners to us as a possible progression route. In turn, we take time getting to know people who have applied for courses and help them to identify their ultimate learning goal, and how they can get there by offering information, advice and guidance.

### Visiting team meetings:

A member of staff can be available to attend a meeting at your premises, or online, to talk to your team about Fircroft and how we might be able to help your service users.

## How to find out more

### Contact:

All the latest courses are on our website along with online application forms for people who want, and are able to, apply online.

People who are unable to apply online are able to complete a paper application form at one of our Open Days or by telephoning or visiting the college between Monday to Friday from 9.00am – 5.00pm.

Our Admissions team are available for people who would like to know more about the college and our courses. Feel free to give them a ring!

### Brochures:

We publish a number of brochures throughout the academic year, advertising our courses. If you do not already receive brochures from us and you would like to, please email [marketing@fircroft.ac.uk](mailto:marketing@fircroft.ac.uk)

### Newsletter:

We publish a monthly partner newsletter by email, giving the latest updates about our courses and college activities. If you would like to receive this newsletter please email [marketing@fircroft.ac.uk](mailto:marketing@fircroft.ac.uk)



## Our students

As well as a residential adult education college, we are also a charity, and many of our students have experienced difficulties in the past such as previously struggling with education.

We also offer accredited leadership and management courses for professionals in work or who are seeking work including courses especially for people working in the third sector.

We offer limited classroom support for students who need it, with the aim of encouraging them to become more independent as they progress.



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For information about all of our courses please go to:

**[www.fircroft.ac.uk](http://www.fircroft.ac.uk)**

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**Please note:** Course details may be subject to change. For the latest information please look at our website or contact the Admissions team on 0121 472 0116

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