

“ I am so proud of all of our teachers who shared their knowledge with us during Alley Way Learning - it's been so heart warming to see so many wonderful people from all walks of life connect with each other and creating a stronger network of care in our community. Thank you to all of the venues, partners, steering group members etc. who were involved in the success of this project - and to all of the inspiring individuals I have met along the way. I can't wait to see where Alley Way Learning goes from here! ”

- Programme Coordinator
Santi Sorrenti

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ALLEY WAY LEARNING

Learning for Everyone!



<https://hastingscommons.com/programmes/alley-way-learning/>

Thanks to our steering committee: Sharon Rhodes, Kev Towner,
Erica Smith and Jemma Yasmin Cocks



What is Alley Way Learning?

We are a new programme that makes learning accessible and inclusive for local communities and people. We take learning out of usual educational environments and create learning that empowers people with new skills, builds a supportive community network, and grows confidence.

Our work focuses on:

Community cohesion
Accessible learning
Creative connections
Affordable topics
Teacher support

At Alley Way Learning, anyone can be a teacher. We encourage knowledge sharing, fostering new conversations and making learning a fun experience that knows no limits!

Our workshop topics and teachers for this year were:

- Women's Well-being by Wendy Rowe
- Chinese Calligraphy by Kim Chau
- Food Preservation by Penny Foxwell
- Women's Chess by Jacqueline Terry
- Colombian Folklore Dance by Marlyn Lopez
- Hastings History and Welcoming Newcomers to Town by Andre Palfrey-Martin
- Patchwork Quiltmaking by Ruth Tagg
- Self Defence by Georgjjs Rogolevs
- A Sewing Social held by Santi Sorrenti & Erica Smith
- Self Portraiture through Collage by Jo Welsh
- The History of Palmistry by Danny Nemu
- Hair Braiding by Layide Farombi
- Line Dancing with Paige in collaboration with Hastings Youth Commonns
- Knot Tying by Mark Shipley
- A Sewing Session for local fishermen by Neil Smith and Nigel Newton



This is exciting. I feel like people my age don't get these opportunities.

I'm thinking of holding follow-up sessions at home. I'd like to reach those women more.

After attending the patchwork workshop I enrolled on a 6 week quilting course at East Sussex College, it was my 2nd session today!

Great idea and nice to see the fishing community doing workshops.

I thought the workshop was EXCELLENT. It was really good for my mental health.