

# Education Newsletter

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*South East Central*

*The communications union*

## Free University Brighton

The Brighton Free University (BFU) was set up by Ali Ghanimi, in 2012, when the then coalition government trebled the university fees and cut higher and adult education. It was in the public outrage and student demonstrations, Ali thought of how he could run a community led alternative education system.



Since the conception they have indeed managed to have an alternative education system that is free. This is achieved by volunteer tutors and the use of free public spaces around Brighton, such as community centres, cafes, libraries etc. There are no tuition or enrolment fees whatsoever, even for their degree-level courses.

As a legal quirk, they are not allowed to award degrees as only long established, conventional universities are given that right – but their degree-level courses are externally validated by independent assessors in exactly the same way as conventional universities are. They currently have around 150 people taking our degree-level “freeegrees” courses and have provided education events to thousands more since they were established. As the FUB is a cooperative it’s the students who collectively get to decide their own educational journey and have an equal say in how FUB is run.

The FUB runs the most diverse range of education events you can imagine. They have academic lectures in Philosophy, Criminology and Sociology, a women’s DIY group workshop on building shelves, a course on Non-violent Communication, a yoga drop-in, a Middle East history talk, a film about communities who are creating solutions to human crises and a workshop for people who are thinking about changing career.

FUB is more than education and the many benefits of that, it’s also about building communities, bringing diverse people together and trying to empower them to affect change. Although there are a few other free universities in the UK, they are unique in terms of the scale and what they provide.

More details [Click Here](#)

## Digital Photographic Competition 2018

We will be once again running a photographic competition for all members and their families with the competition prizes of:-

- **Winner** £75 prize
- **Second** £50 prize
- **Third** £25 prize

There are 5 categories this year (and you can enter 4 photo’s in each) are as follows:

### Sport

This photo has to show some sport where people are involved. It could be any sport you like, table tennis, kite flying, darts, team sports, motor racing, but whatever you do think about the composition.



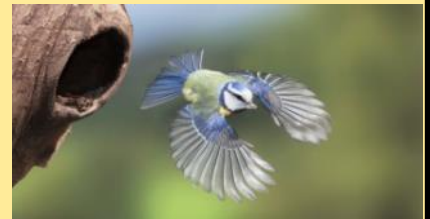
### Industry/Work

This photo would depict some sort of industry or work. Can be of people working or like photo to the left, machines working or even working landscape.



### Animal Kingdom

This photograph is one for all the animal fans but we are looking for something a bit special in colours and composition.



### Photo Manipulation

This is a new category in which the photograph has to show some photo manipulation like the coloured lady in the black and white photo to the left. This is to encourage furthering your digital skills. See website for info.



### Rebellion/Protest

Any photo’s showing a protest or rebellion. Could be a punk rocker or even a stubborn child, just use your imagination here.



Full details on website [cwusec.org.uk](http://cwusec.org.uk)

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world” - Nelson Mandela

# Music Lessons

## Try a free lesson!

Normally I try to list all free education and this does not quite fit that category, however it does give you a chance to try a lesson free, so hence this is included as I know several people who are thinking of taking up a musical instrument.

This provider gives live tuition over the internet, which allows more convenience than regular lessons, with online tutors, by using Skype, Google Hangouts or Zoom. This means that they can reach anywhere there is an internet connection.

Students receive detailed notes about each lesson by email, usually within 24 hours of the lesson.

*"Our daughter Jayden started working with Carol 6 months ago for piano and voice and she has made such a difference for Jayden. He singing has improved and her creativity is really advancing. Carol is excellent with kids and she makes it even more enjoyable for Jayden. Jayden loves her lessons and looks forward to them every week. We are thankful to be connected with music lessons anywhere."*

*Review from Les Binnex*

Instrumental Lessons, Music Theory, Music Technology, Singing, Song Writing and Composition.

Age 6 to Seniors, from beginners to advanced and beyond! Set your creativity free!

Try a lesson Free Ring Steve on 07377 880526 or [Click Here](#) for further details.

## Free online courses for everyone

All these courses are free but you can make an extra payment should you wish to extend the course or take an exam in it. The lesson and materials are free of charge. Click on the title or picture for a hyperlink or look at the webpage shown at the bottom of this page.



### [A History of Public Health on Post-War Britain](#)

As the NHS is now 70 years old, this is a look into where public health has come from, why it looks the way it does today and where it might go next. This online course will offer you an opportunity to bring the past into conversation with the present.



### [Hadrian's Wall: Life on the Roman Frontier](#)

Explore the archaeology of the most heavily fortified frontier in the Roman Empire, its people and their lives. Drawing on the very latest research, we will investigate how archaeologists interpret the evidence.



### [Managing Your Identity](#)

Many of us now have an online identity running alongside our everyday lives. In this course you'll consider your online presence; you'll discover how what we say and do online can have major implications for our real lives, and those of others.



### [Starting a Business: Vision and Opportunity](#)

Interested in starting a business? This course will help you define your vision and discover opportunities to make it happen. A successful business starts with a clear vision and a thorough understanding of the opportunities available to turn that vision into a reality.



### [Young People and Their Mental Health](#)

Mental health problems often develop during the teenage period. As many as 1 out of 5 teenagers are dealing with these problems. Therefore, it is important that you know how to recognise common mental health problems, know how they arise, what you can do to prevent them.

*There are many other courses, including the foreign languages on the last page of this newsletter so click on the below link to investigate further. All courses in this section are free, unless you wish to take an exam or have a certificate. Click on the links or pictures to go to a website or go to*

<http://www.cwusec.org.uk/further-education/online-courses.html>

*or ring Steve*

*"Unshackle your mind-forged manacles", educate. William Blake .*

## Foreign Languages

Learn French [Click Here](#)  
Learn Italian [Click Here](#)  
Learn Spanish [Click Here](#)  
Learn Greek [Click Here](#)  
Learn Welsh [Click Here](#)  
Learn German [Click Here](#)  
Learn Norwegian [Click Here](#)



And for those who already know a little German (no not Hans!) there is the German at Work Intermediate 2: Deutsch am Arbeitsplatz [Click Here](#)

**Genealogy and Photo Restoration** Lunchtime Learning courses will be held at:-

Brighton Withdean Tel Exch **Aug 3rd at 12:00-14:00**  
Sevenoaks Workstyle Building **Aug 10th at 12:00-14:00**

Unfortunately - these events are only open to people with access to BT buildings. Retired and other employees please ring the office to arrange other events.

For a more in depth look at Genealogy there is a free online course Genealogy: Researching Your Family Tree—with the Strathclyde University [Click Here](#)



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What have you got to lose? <http://leftclick.cwu.org/> click on link and register.

*We never look down on anyone, unless we're helping you up!*

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