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I started community-based adult learning about three to four years ago now. I started it because I was struggling to do my theory for my driving and to do my kids’ homework. Some stuff with that. So and I was really struggling.

I did it in the Community library in Moray. It actually felt quite good because you weren't felt as if you were being rushed to do these things. It was taken at your own speed and you could make appointments where it was suitable for you, and it was one to one as well. You never felt you were being rushed or, you know, judged or nothing. I’ve actually not finished it, I'm still continuing because obviously the start of the pandemic, when the lockdown had started, it was all put to a stop for a while, and then I had to start learning about the online learning side of things. So that was also a new thing. They got in touch with me by telephone and offered a free laptop to be able to learn from home but online. So that way we were still being able to keep in touch with one another. It was difficult to start with 'cause I wasn't sure how it all worked with online, so it did take me awhile to get used to it and I'd to join zoom 'cause I was doing all my work from home, so learning how to do things on the computer was difficult and keeping in touch with everybody. My adult learner tutor kept in touch by telephone. If I had any worries or enquiries, I just give her a call. I'm still in the middle of doing a course with working with others just now because when lockdown hit us, it extended it a bit. It has been difficult, during the lockdown it was difficult because you weren't able to meet face to face. It was all online.

It was hard going, but once I got used to it, I was OK 'cause I know there's always somebody at the other end of the phone if I needed help with something and it does put your mind at ease that there's help there. I would say definitely give community-based adult learning a go because they've been a great help to myself and very trustworthy people. They help you with basically anything really. You know, I would just say give it a go.