

**21st Issue Update on changes for Universal Credit. Roshni Newsletter Winter 2024**

 **What is Universal Credit.**

Universal Credit is a payment for people over 18 but under State Pension age who are on a low income or out of work.

It includes support for the cost of housing, children, and childcare

**Changes In Universal Credit**

Universal Credit will replace:

* Income-Based Jobseekers Allowance
* Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance
* Housing Benefit
* Working Tax Credit
* Child Tax Credit

It **will not replace** the other benefits like contributory Jobseekers Allowance or contributory Employment and Support Allowance. You may need to claim UC if you have a change in your circumstances that ends your current entitlement to benefits. People who claim these benefits or tax credits will receive a Migration Notice letter and will then need to switch to Universal Credit within three months. Make sure you **do not apply** for universal credit **until you have received the migration letter**. This will ensure that you will continue to receive the amount you are receiving for benefits. This is called transitional protection. You can do this by registering online, where you will need an email address and access to a phone. You will also need something to prove your identity, such as a passport or driving licence. Furthermore, you will need to supply information about things like how much you earn and how much rent you pay, as well as any savings and investments you have.

**How is Universal Credit different from other benefits?**

* There will be no paper claim forms and most claims will be made online.
* There is an assessment period for one calendar month. After this your entitlement to benefit will be assessed and paid (5 weeks from date of claim).
* Any change of circumstances within the assessment period will be backdated to the start of the assessment period.
* You must tell DWP straight away within the same assessment period for any increase.
* Any decrease in entitlement will be backdated to the start of the assessment period that the change occurred in
* Awards will be paid to one member of a couple.
* You will receive one monthly payment that includes an element for your rent. You will have to pay your rent to your landlord.
* You can ask about alternative payment arrangements.
* All claimants, including both members of a couple, will be placed in a work-related conditionality group.
* Your claim will be managed online, and communications will be via email / text.

Pop into **UMIX** centre **on Thursdays** between **10am and 2pm** for information about **free courses** from free to learn. They are offering **combined functional skills in English and maths and hospitality/ care training in partnership with Roshni**.

**Roshni Kitchen launching soon….**

Get ready for an amazing new spot in town! Roshni Kitchen is **launching on the 16th of April** and is ready to serve you the best in Asian and Ayurvedic food. **Opening to the public on the 17th of April**. Join us for a delightful lunch experience from **11am to 2pm, Mondays to Wednesdays** and treat your taste buds to something fresh, healthy and tasty food! Don’t miss out. We can’t wait to share this culinary journey with you.

**Roshni international Women’s day.**

You are invited to **Roshni’s international women’s day** event on the **6th of** **March** from **11am-2pm at Highfield trinity Church**! Get ready for an empowering celebration filled with amazing stalls and delicious food. Its going to be a day to remember as we honour and celebrate International women’s day around the world.

**Women’s Only Event**.

**Roshni activity timetable.**

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| **MON** | **9:30am – 12:00pm****Drop In Service****Via Phone** | **10:00am –11:45pm****Functional Skills Entry 2****UMIX** | **10:30am –12:00pm****Literacy Class****Roshni training room** | **12.00pm-2.00pm****Functional Skills Entry 1****UMIX** |  |  |
| **TUE** | **9:30am – 11:30am****Creative English****Tinsley Forum** | **10.00am-12.00pm****Digital Skills****Roshni training room** | **10.00am-11.45pm****Functional Skills Entry 2****UMIX** | **12:30 – 2:30pm****Creative English****UMIX** | **12:15pm – 1:45pm****Literacy Class****Roshni training room** | **12.00pm-2.00pm****Functional Skills Entry 1****UMIX** |
| **WED** | **10:00am- 12:30pm****Movement and Art Therapy****MIND (Sharrow)**  | **10:00am - 12:00pm****Self-Advocacy****Roshni training room** | **1:30pm-2.30pm****Yoga BME****UMIX** | **10.00am-12.00pm****Functional Skills Entry 1****UMIX** | **12.00pm-2.00pm****Functional Skills Entry 2****UMIX** |  |
| **THU** | **10:00pm - 12:00pm****Driving Theory Preparation****Roshni training room** | **10.00am-12.00pm****Functional Skills Entry 1****UMIX** | **12.30-2.30pm****Prep for Employment** **Roshni training room** | **12.00pm-2.00pm****Functional Skills Entry 2****UMIX** |  |  |