The Consell de Formentera presents the autumn and winter 2019 offering of workshops and courses for adults, an initiative designed to satisfy the wide-ranging educational and leisure demands of islanders.

The catalogue is divided as follows:

Art & Creation

For years, the Consell has endeavoured to put forward a selection of art-centred workshops. Take, for example, Teresa Matilla's twice weekly exploration of creation and painting (Mondays and Wednesdays from 7.30pm to 9.30pm; Col·legi Mestre Lluís Andreu), Aaron Keydar's initiation into wood-working, also bi-weekly (Tuesdays and Fridays from 6.00pm to 8.00pm; Centre Antoni Tur “Gabrielet”), or the pottery classes scheduled at Gabrielet as well (schedule TBD). These classes start in November, conclude in March, and cost between €180 and €220.

Still riding the coattails of last year's success, a crash course in creative painting with water colours will return this year. Led by Fran Lucas, classes start 9 October and finish 6 November (Wednesday mornings; €90).

Photography

Two more breakout hits from last year's lineup were Jose Antonio Arribas' courses on digital and smartphone photography. Scheduled to return this November, the 16-hour digital photography course is part theory-based and part hands on, and will accompany photo fans as they learn to snap shots in the classroom and out. The €90 course is designed for photographers looking to get the most out of their digital single-lens reflex (SLR) camera or to go deep with other areas of photography. The smartphone photo course, meanwhile, is intensive, and includes four hours of instruction spread out over two days (18 and 20

November; €25).

Training

The twice-yearly course on social and cultural integration organised by the Department of Social Welfare will take place in November and March. Signups for the free course can be completed at the social welfare office.

Body and mind

For years, the Consell has also coordinated yoga classes with teacher Susanne Laier. Classes run from November to mid-December and mid-February to late March and will be held in the municipal cinema (Sala de Cultura; schedule TBA; €160).

Language courses

This year islanders once again have the chance to brush up on Catalan, Italian and English. Offered at the A2, B1, B2, C1 and C2 levels, the free Catalan courses are organised by the Consell de Formentera's Language Advisory Service. Enrolment opens 23 September and goes till 11 October. Classes start 14 October, though the end of lessons will depend on scheduling of the official round of exams currently set for January 2020.

English will be offered by Nancy Mc Conachie and Italian by Rodolfo Taccheo. Mc Conachie's afternoon classes in elementary- and advanced-level begin in January. The timetable of the Italian classes remains to be determined, though the course will start in January and will include one basic and one advanced option. Each course costs €180.

Traditional activities workshop

In 2019, the Sant Ferran retirees' club strikes out with its own catalogue of courses and workshops geared towards continuing the legacy of traditional activities. Students learn to sew, repair chairs, make baskets or spin wool. Cooking lessons will also be offered, not to mention a hands-on deep-drive into traditional dress aimed mainly at enthusiasts of traditional dance.

Courses at Sant Ferran's Club de Jubilats get started in November. Islanders keen to participate should enquire directly at the Club de Jubilats.

Early enrolment

The “pre-enrolment” (*preinscripció*) process gets under way Monday 16 September at the Citizen's Information Office (OAC), or can be done online across the OVAC. Discounts are available for youth and retirees.

Registration opens on 20 October for workshops, including pottery, painting, wood-working, yoga and photography. Lessons start in November. English and Italian classes start in January and registration continues until 15 December.

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