**Course title:** Day School - Sowing in the Wind: The seeds to our conflicts in the Middle East  
**Course ID:** C3529109

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**Additional hours:**  
**Specific funder/partner requirements:**  

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**Fee:** £30.00  
**or Free** if you are in receipt of an income related benefit (only SFA funded)

**Accreditation Fee** (if applicable):  

**Venue:** Urchfont Village Hall, Church Lane, Urchfont, Wiltshire, SN10 4QT

**Theme(s):** The WEA has four themes it uses for planning its provision.  
**Employability** – helping students to get a job or to make progress in their employment  
**Health and Wellbeing** – making a positive contribution to their own or others health and wellbeing  
**Community Engagement** – encouraging students to be positively involved in their communities  
**Culture** – learning about diverse cultures, identities and environments

The Theme(s) used in planning your course is/ are:  
1. Culture Education  
2.  

**Course Aim**  
To assist learners in identifying the causes behind the conflicts that, in 2018 are taking the Middle East regional powers ever closer to warfare which may well involve the USA, Russia, Israel and Turkey

**Course Description**  
The first seeds of the conflicts that dominates the Middle East were sown in the early 19th century. They were the result of Europe's Great Powers namely the UK, France, Austria Hungary, Prussia and Russia expanding their power by exploiting the desire for nationalism amongst the many individual territories of the rapidly collapsing Ottoman empire.  
The deconstruction of the Ottoman Turkey was achieved with perfect timing by the European empires in the early years of the 20th century just as oil was discovered beneath the sands of its vast 1.5 million square miles of empire. With Ottoman Turkey joining the loosing side in WW1, the duplicity of the UK and France assisted by the Versailles Treaty of 1919 sowed the final seeds. The course identifies the inevitable outcomes following Versailles that may now subsume all.

**Do I need any particular skills or experience?**  
- No skills or experience needed  
- This course is suitable for beginners and improvers  
- Students need a level 2 qualification in English to join this course
What will I achieve?
By the end of the course I will be able to:
1. Identify three historical factors that have resulted in the current political structure of the Middle East
2. Name two reasons why Israel has managed to achieve a position of an important regional balancer of power in the Middle East
3. The single main purpose behind Russia's political and military involvement in today's Middle East is nearly identical to the main purpose of the 19th century Imperial Russian Czars. Identify it, and explain why has it remained the same.

What teaching methods will be used and will there be work outside of the class?
- The WEA tutor will use a range of different teaching and learning methods and encourage you and the group to be actively involved in your learning

What kind of feedback can I expect from the tutor?
- A range of informal activities will be used by the tutor to see what you are learning which may include quizzes, question and answer, small projects and discussion
- You will have opportunities to discuss your progress with your tutor
- You will be encouraged to share your work with the group and discuss your learning

What else do I need to know? Is there anything I need to bring?
- Nothing else is needed

Pre-course work, reading and information sources
- No pre reading is required but research on the subject on the internet or in the library may be helpful

Possible next steps after this course including career opportunities if appropriate
- Progress to another WEA course
- Progress to a course with another provider

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