

# WEA Course Information Sheet 2017-18



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| <b>Course title:</b> Folk Ensemble with a Difference!   |  | <b>Course ID:</b> C3671480        |
| <b>Start date:</b> 12/04/2018   | <b>End date:</b> 28/06/2018                  | <b>Day(s)/time(s):</b> Thu 17:15  |
| <b>Number of sessions:</b> 10   | <b>Hours per session:</b> 2                  | <b>Tutor:</b> Christopher McShane |
| <b>Additional hours:</b>  | <b>Specific funder/partner requirements:</b> |                                   |
| <b>Awarding body (if any):</b><br><b>Title of qualification to be gained:</b>   |  | <b>Level:</b> Entry 1             |
| <b>Fee:</b> £70.00 or <b>Free</b> if you are in receipt of an income related benefit (only SFA funded)<br><b>Accreditation Fee</b> (if applicable):   |  |                                   |
| <b>Venue:</b> Penistone Grammar School, Huddersfield Road, Penistone, Barnsley, South Yorkshire, S36 7BX  |  |                                   |
| <b>Theme(s):</b> The WEA has four themes it uses for planning its provision.<br><b>Employability</b> – helping students to get a job or to make progress in their employment<br><b>Health and Wellbeing</b> – making a positive contribution to their own or others health and wellbeing<br><b>Community Engagement</b> – encouraging students to be positively involved in their communities<br><b>Culture</b> – learning about diverse cultures, identities and environments<br><br>The Theme(s) used in planning your course is/ are:<br><br>1. <b>Health and Wellbeing</b> 2. <b>Community Engagement</b> |  |                                   |

**Course Aim**  
 We will play and sing as a Folk Ensemble as well as develop all aspects of musicianship. Our repertoire will be Folk dance music and songs from the British Isles, America and Europe, arranged for all abilities and playing levels.

**Course Description**  
 We will play a wide range of Folk repertoire including dance music from the British Isles and America, Songs of all types including contemporary songs. We will play as a group and there will be opportunities to develop solo playing and singing. As a group, we will seek to perform at community events and on local radio as well as record our work and perhaps raise funds for local charities or good causes.

**Do I need any particular skills or experience?**

**What will I achieve?**  
**By the end of the course I will be able to:**  
 1. Develop all playing skills.  
 2. Work effectively within a group.  
 3. Demonstrate a broader understanding of Folk Music.

4. Use research skills to access material for the group.
5. Perform with a professional approach and an understanding of stage-craft.

**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
- You may be asked to undertake additional work in your own time to support your learning

**What kind of feedback can I expect from the tutor?**

- 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
- You will be encouraged to consider other students work and give your opinions and suggestions

**What else do I need to know? Is there anything I need to bring?**

- You will need to bring your musical instrument.

**Pre-course work, reading and information sources**

- No pre reading or pre course work is required

**Possible next steps after this course including career opportunities if appropriate**

- Progress to another WEA course
- Progress to a course with another provider

You can read about your entitlements and responsibilities as a WEA student in our leaflet, Student Handbook here <http://www.wea.org.uk/learn-wea/student-support> This includes information on fees, learning support and financial support. As part of your course you accept a Learning Agreement. Full details of the Learning Agreement can be found on our website at <http://www.wea.org.uk/about-us/policies>. This applies to all courses you take in this academic year.

You can enrol online for some courses <http://www.wea.org.uk/learn-wea/course-search> or contact: WEA Support Services, Suite 10B Joseph's Well, Hanover Way, Leeds, West Yorkshire, LS3 1AB  
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