

WEA Course Information Sheet 2017-18



Course title: Scandal: A History of Some Worst Nightmares		Course ID: C2224557
Start date: 17/01/2018	End date: 21/03/2018	Day(s)/time(s): Wed 09:45
Number of sessions: 8	Hours per session: 1.75	Tutor Richard Till
Additional hours:	Specific funder/partner requirements:	
Awarding body (if any): Title of qualification to be gained:		Level: Level 2
Fee: £50.40 or Free if you are in receipt of an income related benefit (only SFA funded) Accreditation Fee (if applicable):		
Venue: The Priory, High Street, Ware, Hertfordshire, SG12 9AL		
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
Scandals comes in all shapes and sizes. This course examines five of them. It begins with the Overbury scandal in the 17th Century and ends with Profumo in the early 1960s.

Course Description
Scandals follow a broadly common course. They emerge from a period of change when old values are threatened by new. As such, they contain a powerful cultural element which may be political, financial or sexual. Scandals also involve a failed cover-up, leading to exposure, personal humiliation for those involved and a subsequent fall from grace for those involved. Thereafter there is resolution as the scandal is seen in its full historical perspective as part of a broader context.

This course looks at five scandals, starting in the reign of James 1, moving to the Dreyfus scandal in France, thence to Teapot Dome in the USA and ending with a thorough analysis of the Profumo scandal of the early 1960s.

Do I need any particular skills or experience?
- No skills or experience needed
- This course is suitable for beginners and improvers

What will I achieve?
By the end of the course I will be able to:
1. interpret the nature of scandal, its origins, the need for cover up and the consequences of disclosure.

2. interpret the distinct cultural dimension in the scandals discussed and the impact it had on their outcomes.
3. evaluate the impact of scandal in the short, medium and long term and, by so doing, understand how the perception of scandal has changed.
4. Compare the different types of scandal and be able to assess similarities and differences.

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?

- 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 discuss your ideas in pairs or small groups and evaluate sessions as part of the wider process of assessment.

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

- Nothing else is needed
- All materials will be provided

Pre-course work, reading and information sources

- No pre reading or pre course work is required
- There is a book list for the course which I will provide prior to the first session.

Possible next steps after this course including career opportunities if appropriate

- Progress to another WEA course
- Progress to a course with another provider
- The possibility of further research for those who would like to look in more depth at the scandals we have covered or wish to move on to others like Watergate.

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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