

WEA Course Information Sheet 2017-18



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| Course title: Day School: Oscar Wilde: Nothing to Declare but His Genius | | Course ID: C2225257 |
| Start date: 05/06/2018 | End date: 05/06/2018 | Day(s)/time(s): Tue 10:00 |
| Number of sessions: 1 | Hours per session: 6 | Tutor: Margaret Mills |
| Additional hours: | Specific funder/partner requirements: | |
| Awarding body (if any): Title of qualification to be gained: | | Level: Level 2 |
| Fee: £25.00 or Free if you are in receipt of an income related benefit (only SFA funded) Accreditation Fee (if applicable): | | |
| Venue: Loughton Bowls Club, Eleven Acre Rise, Loughton, Essex, IG10 1AN | | |
| 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 investigate the family background, life and works of this master playwright, poet and author. Previous knowledge of Oscar Wilde's work is not required.

Course Description
We will look at the life, the witty one-liners, the work and times of a fascinating man. Oscar Wilde's rich, dramatic and often humorous portrayals of the human condition came during the height of the prosperity and social changes that swept through London in the Victorian Era of the late 19th century, a time when most citizens of Britain were finally able to become acquainted with literature only the wealthy and educated had previously been able to afford. Wilde wrote many short stories, plays and poems that continue to inspire millions around the world.

Do I need any particular skills or experience?

What will I achieve?
By the end of the course I will be able to:
1. Recall and discuss some aspects of Wilde's background - for example, the character and influence of one (or both) of his parents and his family life
2. Identify some of the social, economic and cultural changes and developments that find expression in some of Wilde's work
3. Itemise some of the factors that led to the tragic events of Wilde's life after about 1895

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 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?

- Nothing else is needed
- All materials will be provided
- Handouts will be provided by the tutor, but course members may wish to bring writing materials and notebook to make own notes

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
- Course members may wish to consider membership of the Oscar Wilde Society (contact details will be provided by tutor in handout form)

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 Tel: 0300 303 3464 Email: courseenquiries@wea.org.uk

