

WEA Course information sheet 2019-20



**Adult Learning
Within Reach**

Course title: What the Dickens		Course ID: C2342495
Start date: 28/01/2020	End date: 10/03/2020	Day(s)/time(s): Tue 10:00
Number of sessions: 6	Hours per session: 2	Tutor: John Florance
Additional hours:	Online Learning Hours: 0	
Specific funder/partner requirements:		
Awarding body (if any): Title of qualification to be gained:		Level: Level 2
Fee: £48.00 or Free if you are in receipt of an income related benefit (only SFA funded) Accreditation Fee (if applicable):		
Venue: Nottingham Mechanics, 3 North Sherwood Street, Nottingham, Nottinghamshire, NG1 4EZ		
<p>Theme(s): The WEA has four themes it uses for planning its provision.</p> <p>Employability – helping students to get a job or to make progress in their employment</p> <p>Health and Wellbeing – making a positive contribution to their own or others health and wellbeing</p> <p>Community Engagement – encouraging students to be positively involved in their communities</p> <p>Culture – learning about diverse cultures, identities and environments</p> <p>The Theme(s) used in planning your course is/ are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Culture Education 2. 		

Course Aim

This course aims to provide an informative and enjoyable introduction to the great novelist. It will provide students with the ability to identify, enjoy and understand a number of characteristic Dickensian themes

Course Description

Dickens is one of the great English writers and in his books and journalism he dealt with a variety of themes and topics which show the extraordinarily comprehensive knowledge of Victorian England he possessed. We will be examining Dickens' attitudes towards and exploration of education, crime, politics and politicians, women and other topics. The course will enrich your understanding of this fascinating novelist and, it is to be hoped, will make you want to read or re-read some of his marvellous books!

Do I need any particular skills or experience?

What will I achieve?

By the end of the course I will be able to:

1. Explore some of the ways in which Dickens deals with crime, education, society and London in his novels and other writings
2. Investigate how Dickens' created a very potent and influential sense of Christmas and its

celebration

3. Discuss Dickens' humour
4. Explore Dickens' character and how it impinged on his work

What teaching methods will be used and will there be work outside of the class?

- Most of your learning will take place in your class, but one or two sessions will be online using WEA's digital learning platform, Canvas, working by yourself or engaging with other students. If you want to understand more about our digital learning platform please visit: <http://bit.ly/WEAonline>
- 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

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

- All materials will be provided

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

Learning with the WEA

WEA courses increasingly make use of the rich variety of educational tools and material available on the internet and from digital devices. The WEA's digital learning platform, Canvas will play an increasing role in all WEA courses to provide resources or support, or to conduct lessons, enable assessment, provide learner feedback and for other activities for individuals away from the course. It is helpful, although not essential if you have access to a computer or smartphone to support your course.

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 our Learning Agreement and Privacy Notice. Full details of the Learning Agreement and privacy notice can be found on our website at <http://www.wea.org.uk/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



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