

# WEA Course information sheet 2019-20



<b>Course title:</b> Introduction to West African Drumming		<b>Course ID:</b> C2525777
<b>Start date:</b> 01/06/2020	<b>End date:</b> 29/06/2020	<b>Day(s)/time(s):</b> Mon 16:00
<b>Number of sessions:</b> 5	<b>Hours per session:</b> 2	<b>Tutor</b> Mark Barfoot
<b>Additional hours:</b>	<b>Online Learning Hours:</b> 0	
<b>Specific funder/partner requirements:</b>		
<b>Awarding body (if any):</b> <b>Title of qualification to be gained:</b>		<b>Level:</b> Level 2
<b>Fee:</b> £.00 or <b>Free</b> if you are in receipt of an income related benefit (only SFA funded) <b>Accreditation Fee</b> (if applicable):		
<b>Venue:</b> Online Learning, Online, ZZ99 9ZZ		
<p><b>Theme(s):</b> The WEA has four themes it uses for planning its provision.</p> <p><b>Employability</b> – helping students to get a job or to make progress in their employment</p> <p><b>Health and Wellbeing</b> – making a positive contribution to their own or others health and wellbeing</p> <p><b>Community Engagement</b> – encouraging students to be positively involved in their communities</p> <p><b>Culture</b> – 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"> <li><b>Culture Education</b></li> <li><b>Health and Wellbeing</b></li> </ol>		

## Course Aim

To learn to play traditional rhythm pieces from West Africa on a range of drums and percussion instruments

## Course Description

Drumming is exciting, fun and challenging. This is a great opportunity to play music in a group. We will look at a rhythm piece from West Africa played on djembes (hand drums) and dunun (bass drums using sticks). Rhythm pieces include simple accompaniments, different dunun and bell parts and variations, breaks and djembe solo phrases. Beginners are welcome but the group will also include experienced players and material will be accessible and challenging for players of all levels. Separate drumming courses for beginners are available too. There will be opportunities to play at public events once you have learned the basics.

## Do I need any particular skills or experience?

### What will I achieve?

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

1. Play bass tone and slap correctly on a djembe
2. Play several accompaniment parts on the djembe
3. Play several bass drum and bell parts for a traditional rhythm piece
4. Play several solo phrases on a djembe

5. Develop an understanding of the cultural background of the rhythm we are studying

**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
- I am developing a video platform which enables learners to learn from each other and learn at home.

**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
- 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
  - A selection of materials and basic equipment will be provided but you are welcome to bring additional materials with you
  - It would be helpful if you had access to the internet (Mobile phone, tablet or computer at home or through a library etc.)
  - I bring all the drums required for the class but if you have your own djembe you can bring it.
- There are lots of online resources to aid your own learning and understanding but this is not required to participate in the class.

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

- No pre reading or pre course work is required
- No pre reading is required but research on the subject on the internet or in the library may be helpful
- Learners might like to consult my blog :<http://marksdjembelog.wordpress.com/> which gives a good introduction to the material I teach and also lots of photos from my trips to West Africa.

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

- Progress to another WEA course
- Progress to a course with another provider
- Become involved with the WEA in a range of voluntary work and other activities including campaigning as a WEA member
- Become involved as a volunteer for a WEA partner or another organisation
- Access the WEA What Next? booklet here <http://www.wea.org.uk/learn-wea/what-can-i-do-next>

**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  
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