

WEA Course information sheet

2019-20



Adult Learning Within Reach

Course title: History		Course ID: C2524933
Start date: 11/09/2019	End date: 02/10/2019	Day(s)/time(s): Wed 10:00
Number of sessions: 3	Hours per session: 2	Tutor Jo Bath
Additional hours:	Online Learning Hours: 0	
Specific funder/partner requirements:		
Awarding body (if any): Title of qualification to be gained:		Level: Level 2
Fee: £21.00 or Free if you are in receipt of an income related benefit (only SFA funded) Accreditation Fee (if applicable):		
Venue: Acklington Village Hall, Acklington, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE65 9BW		
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 explore the history of the English language from 1600 to the twentieth century.
Course Description In 1604, the Table Alphabetical - the first English dictionary - was published. We'll take that as a starting point for a wide-ranging exploration of how the English language adapted and evolved over the next three hundred years and more, taking in major works like the King James Bible and Samuel Johnson's dictionary as well as lesser known corners of the language. Learn the connection between the Oxford English Dictionary and a murderous American soldier, how to speak like a Georgian toff or Victorian costermonger, and the plight of "Poor Little H". We'll see how and why words encountered in all corners of the British Empire were brought back to "blighty", consider the origins of Malapropisms and Bowdlerisation, and watch the continuing battle between those trying to control the language, and those playing with it (usually in the name of smut). Featuring lots of activities and original sources.
Do I need any particular skills or experience?
What will I achieve? By the end of the course I will be able to: 1. Understand how language developed from 1600 onward 2. Appreciate the contributions of other countries and cultures to English

3. Describe some of the key sources used in studying the English language

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 have opportunities to discuss your progress with your tutor
- You will be encouraged to share your work with the group and discuss your learning

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
- There is no set course material but suggestions of interesting websites or books will be made throughout the course should you wish to pursue them. There is no set course material but suggestions of interesting websites or books will be made throughout the course should you wish to pursue them.

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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