

WEA Course information sheet

2019-20



**Adult Learning
Within Reach**

Course title: Philosophy		Course ID: C3744303
Start date: 29/04/2020	End date: 10/06/2020	Day(s)/time(s): Wed 10:00
Number of sessions: 6	Hours per session: 2	Tutor Gregory Artus
Additional hours:	Online Learning Hours: 0	
Specific funder/partner requirements:		
Awarding body (if any):		Level: Level 2
Title of qualification to be gained:		
Fee: £54.00 or Free if you are in receipt of an income related benefit (only SFA funded)		
Accreditation Fee (if applicable):		
Venue: Angel Centre, Angel Lane, Tonbridge, Kent, TN9 1SF		
<p>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</p> <p>The Theme(s) used in planning your course is/ are:</p> <p>1. Culture Education 2.</p>		

Course Aim

Focussing on a particular philosopher or school of thought chosen nearer the time by students, the course will use readings, presentations and discussion to provide an introduction to the relevant texts and ideas in question.

Course Description

In this short course, we engage each year with a different thinker or theme within the tradition of western philosophy. Past topics have included Hannah Arendt, Maurice Merleau-Ponty, John Dewey, Process Philosophy and the Philosophy of Mind. A short reading each week is elucidated by the tutor and then discussed with the group with the aim of providing a good grounding in the overall topic for both beginners and those with some previous philosophical knowledge. The specific topic is usually decided nearer the time and will be advertised online by the WEA.

Do I need any particular skills or experience?

- You will need your own personal email address so that you're able to login to the WEA's digital learning platform: WEA Canvas. You will need to be able to understand how to follow URL links to pages on the internet. If you want to understand more about Canvas please visit:
<http://bit.ly/WEAonline>
- 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. Read and digest complex philosophical texts
2. Have a basic grasp of the key themes and thinks explored during the course
3. Have a deep understanding of at least one of the thinkers explored during the course

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
- The class will be largely discussion based, with the tutor first presenting and explaining the reading material, then the class discussing and clarifying it.

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?

- You will also need access to the internet outside of your sessions. You could do this using a smart phone, tablet, laptop or a desktop computer (at home or through a library etc.).
- All materials will be provided

Pre-course work, reading and information sources

- You will have access to course resources and links to wider learning through the WEA's digital learning platform, Canvas: <http://bit.ly/WEAonline>
- 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
- Become involved with the WEA in a range of voluntary work and other activities including campaigning as a WEA member

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



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