

WEA Course information sheet

2019-20

Course title: British Sign Language for Beginners- Taster		Course ID: C3676108
Start date: 18/10/2019	End date: 18/10/2019	Day(s)/time(s): Fri 10:00
Number of sessions: 1	Hours per session: 2	Tutor Rachel Hardcastle
Additional hours:	Online Learning Hours: 0	
Specific funder/partner requirements:		
Awarding body (if any):		Level: Level 2
Title of qualification to be gained:		
Fee: £10.00 or Free if you are in receipt of an income related benefit (only SFA funded)		
Accreditation Fee (if applicable):		
Venue: Selby Library, Selby Library & Visitor Information Centre, 52 Micklegate, Selby, North Yorkshire, YO8 4EQ		
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. Health and Wellbeing	2. Employability	

Course Aim

This course is an introduction to the fascinating world of communicating in British Sign Language. British Sign Language, being a visual language, is the third recognised language in Britain.

Course Description

This short BSL session has been developed to take anyone who wishes to learn this visual language, from complete novice to having an understanding of the purpose of fingerspelling, the relevance of clear handshapes and learn basic everyday conversation. It is hoped that students will progress on to the six week course starting on 8th November.

Do I need any particular skills or experience?

What will I achieve?

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

1. Learn to fingerspell using the British Alphabet.
2. Practise fingerspelling and develop receptive skills with names.
3. Have a basic conversation in BSL.
4. Recognised that BSL is a means of communicating, used by the deaf community and those with hearing

impairment, using gestures, facial expression and body 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 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?

- A selection of materials and basic equipment will be provided but you are welcome to bring additional materials with you

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
- This course could lead to a range of job opportunities. Follow link to National Careers Service for more details <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/>
- 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
- You could progress to Higher Education courses. Follow link to the PEARL website for information <http://pearl.open.ac.uk/>

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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