

WEA Course information sheet 2019-20



Course title: Wellcome to Gardening for Life		Course ID: C3127190
Start date: 03/10/2019	End date: 24/10/2019	Day(s)/time(s): Thu 10:00
Number of sessions: 4	Hours per session: 3	Tutor: Anna Phillips
Additional hours:	Online Learning Hours: 0	
Specific funder/partner requirements:		
Awarding body (if any): Title of qualification to be gained:		Level:
Fee: £46.80 or Free if you are in receipt of an income related benefit (only SFA funded) Accreditation Fee (if applicable):		
Venue: Dolphin Centre, Ward End Park, Washwood Heath Road, Birmingham, West Midlands, B8 2HB		
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. Employability 2.		

Course Aim
The aim of this course is to teach you how to become self sufficient by helping run The Dolphin Centres Allotment. This will include learning how to grow fruit and vegetables to eat and flowers to be proud of.

Course Description
This course introduces learners to gardening and the environment and how we can use what we learning in our own gardens to enhance our lives. The sessions will involve activities including growing plants from seed and propagation to create more plants. During the course we will also look at encouraging wildlife into the garden and how this will benefit us, the garden and the wider environment. We will also go on an inspirational trip out to the botanical gardens (learners to pay for entrance and bus fare) to see the park in all of its Autumn colour.

Do I need any particular skills or experience?

What will I achieve?
By the end of the course I will be able to:
1. Grow plants from seed and use propagation to create more plants
2. Discover ways to encourage wildlife into the garden and learn how this will benefit us, the garden and the wider environment

3. Take an inspirational trip out to the Birmingham Botanical Gardens, to see the park in all of its Autumn colour and use our visit to plan our garden for next year.

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
- You will be expected to carry out a range of activities in your own time

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
- A file of work will be kept which will help to record your progress
- There will be a number of tasks appropriate to your course such as written work, creating art or craft, video, photography or small projects. Some of these may be marked to help you progress

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
- It would be helpful if you had access to the internet (Mobile phone, tablet or computer at home or through a library etc.)
- Please bring pens, paper and a file to every 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

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



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