

Do I need any particular skills or experience?

What will I achieve?

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

1. Have an understanding of schools and colleges as organisations
2. Have an understanding of the development of children and young people
3. Communicate and develop professional relationships with children, young people and adults
4. Have an understanding of children's and young people's health and safety and play a part in safeguarding the welfare of children and young people
5. Have an understanding of equality, diversity and inclusion in work with children and young people

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 will be expected to carry out a range of activities in your own time
- You are recommended to carry out some self –organised volunteer work, preferably in a school/college setting or with some other out-of-school activities with children.

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
- A file of work will be kept which will be marked and assessed

What else do I need to know? Is there anything I need to bring?

- It would be helpful if you had access to the internet (Mobile phone, tablet or computer at home or through a library etc.)
- Students will require writing materials and an A4 folder to present their completed work. All other materials will be provided

Pre-course work, reading and information sources

- No pre reading or pre course work is required
- The Government's website for educational matters is a valuable resource www.education.gov.uk

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>
- Students will be provided with local information about potential progression routes at L2, L3 and Higher Level qualifications

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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