

WEA Course information sheet 2019-20



**Adult Learning
Within Reach**

Course title: Big Questions in Geology		Course ID: C3530856
Start date: 16/10/2019	End date: 04/12/2019	Day(s)/time(s): Wed 19:30
Number of sessions: 6	Hours per session: 1.5	Tutor Simon Webster
Additional hours:	Online Learning Hours: 0	
Specific funder/partner requirements: NB there are no sessions on 6th November and 27th November and the first and last sessions will be in the church hall, not the meeting room		
Awarding body (if any):		Level: Level 2
Title of qualification to be gained:		
Fee: £35.00 or Free if you are in receipt of an income related benefit (only SFA funded)		
Accreditation Fee (if applicable):		
Venue: Methodist Church Hall, Castle Cary, Upper High Street, Castle Cary, Somerset, BA7 7AT		
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.	

<p>Course Aim The course introduces students to more general themes in geology.</p>
<p>Course Description The Earth, its origin, development, and its continued existence raises many questions which geology seeks to answer. In this course, the role of geology in climatology, extinctions, plate tectonics and Earth formation (amongst others) will be considered as well as the history of the subject. Students are encouraged to bring their own questions along as well! An all-round, accessible, scientific course covering geological topics relevant for a modern, informed, scientific perspective.</p>
<p>Do I need any particular skills or experience?</p>
<p>What will I achieve? By the end of the course I will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will recognise main areas of debate and discussion in geological science. 2. Students will demonstrate presentational skills (though voluntary) of item of own work in class. 3. Students will identify main themes in history of geology.

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

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

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

- Note book and pen (and any questions you might have!).

Pre-course work, reading and information sources

- 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

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

