

WEA Course information sheet 2019-20



Adult Learning
Within Reach

Course title: Intro to caring for children and young people		Course ID: C2525264
Start date: 28/11/2019	End date: 12/12/2019	Day(s)/time(s): Thu 10:00
Number of sessions: 3	Hours per session: 4	Tutor Deborah Robson
Additional hours:	Online Learning Hours: 0	
Specific funder/partner requirements: This course is funded by Tees Valley Combined Authority. Upon completion of this course you can progress on to the NCFE/CACHE Level 2 Introducing Caring for Children and Young People. This course is at The Shack, Dover Road, Stockton On Tees TS19 0JU		
Awarding body (if any): Title of qualification to be gained:		Level: Level 1
Fee: £42.00 or Free if you are in receipt of an income related benefit (only SFA funded) Accreditation Fee (if applicable):		
Venue: The Shack, Dover Road, Stockton-on-Tees, Durham, TS19 0JU		
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. Community Engagement		

Course Aim
This course is a stepping stone on to the NCFE/CACHE Level 2 Certificate Introducing Caring for Children and Young People. Completion of this course will enable you to start the process of planning to move forward into paid or voluntary employment.

Course Description
This course will give students a basic understanding of childcare, education and parenting. It will also help students to make an informed choice about working with children and young people within different settings, such as nurseries, schools and child-minding. This course is an introduction to the NCFE/CACHE Level 2 Certificate Introducing Caring for Children and Young People. In order to progress on to the full qualification you will need to complete this course which will involve some written assignments. During this course you will develop written skills which will enable you to complete evidence which will be added to your portfolio.

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>

- You will need to be able to follow links to join our WEA live video learning platform: WEA Zoom. If you'd like to understand more about our video learning platform, Zoom please visit:

<http://bit.ly/WEAonline> and <http://bit.ly/ZoomSpec>

- This course is for a group of around 15 students studying in a live video-learning platform conference and an online digital learning environment platform from the comfort of your own home.

- No skills or experience needed
- This course is for beginners
- This course is suitable for beginners and improvers

What will I achieve?

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

1. Describe the key stages of child development
2. Identify the influences of child development
3. Identify circumstances when children and young people might require urgent medical attention
4. Describe the definitions of child abuse
5. Develop study skills to enable you to put together the start of a portfolio of evidence

What teaching methods will be used and will there be work outside of the class?

- Most of your learning will take place in your class, but one or two sessions will be online using WEA's digital learning platform, Canvas, working by yourself or engaging with other students. If you want to understand more about our digital learning platform please visit: <http://bit.ly/WEAonline>
- 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?

- You will be able to keep a record of your progress and achievement using photos, audio, text or documents uploaded into the WEA's digital learning platform, WEA Canvas.
- Your tutor will provide written, text and audio feedback recorded in WEA Canvas, WEA's digital learning platform.
- 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
- 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?

- 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.).
- You will need a personal email address to join the WEA's digital learning platform, Canvas so that

you can receive resources, record your progress and achievement and to work with others and share ideas. If you want to understand more about our digital learning platform please visit:

<http://bit.ly/WEAonline>

- 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.)

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
- Any information is good to have so research on child development would be an advantage

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
- Access the WEA What Next? booklet here <http://www.wea.org.uk/learn-wea/what-can-i-do-next>
- After this course if your successful and it is for you, next step is to sign up to the NCFE/CACHE level 2 introducing Caring for Children and Young People.

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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