

# WEA Course information sheet 2019-20



**Adult Learning  
Within Reach**

<b>Course title:</b> Creative Writing: Writing to a Theme		<b>Course ID:</b> C2342494
<b>Start date:</b> 21/04/2020	<b>End date:</b> 30/06/2020	<b>Day(s)/time(s):</b> Tue 13:00
<b>Number of sessions:</b> 10	<b>Hours per session:</b> 2.25	<b>Tutor</b> Nicola England
<b>Additional hours:</b>	<b>Online Learning Hours:</b> 0	
<b>Specific funder/partner requirements:</b>		
<b>Awarding body (if any):</b> <b>Title of qualification to be gained:</b>		<b>Level:</b> Level 2
<b>Fee:</b> £.00 or <b>Free</b> if you are in receipt of an income related benefit (only SFA funded) <b>Accreditation Fee</b> (if applicable):		
<b>Venue:</b> Nottingham Mechanics, 3 North Sherwood Street, Nottingham, Nottinghamshire, NG1 4EZ		
<p><b>Theme(s):</b> The WEA has four themes it uses for planning its provision.  <b>Employability</b> – helping students to get a job or to make progress in their employment  <b>Health and Wellbeing</b> – making a positive contribution to their own or others health and wellbeing  <b>Community Engagement</b> – encouraging students to be positively involved in their communities  <b>Culture</b> – learning about diverse cultures, identities and environments</p> <p>The Theme(s) used in planning your course is/ are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Culture Education</b></li> <li>2.</li> </ol>		

## Course Aim

Explore the art of poetry, fiction and memoir writing, building creative writing confidence and skills; examine a range of creative writing ideas, techniques, styles and exercises and experiment with writing to a particular theme.

## Course Description

Workshop activities on elements of poetry, memoir and short-story writing will feed into discussions about your own and others' writing. Particular emphasis will be placed on exploring different ways to tell a story and how to write to a personal, competition or anthology theme.

Working to individual levels and interests, you will work through a series of practical workshops. We will look at creating characters, developing plot and using different settings and styles to tell your stories. There will be a mix between creative writing exercises encouraging you to develop your own writing style, and workshops, where you will be supported to share and constructively critique writing produced by others.

Everyone will be encouraged to share their writing but nobody will be expected to read their work until they are ready to do so.

A relaxed, informal course with emphasis on encouraging confidence and enjoyment.

## Do I need any particular skills or experience?

## What will I achieve?

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

1. Identify at least two different ways of interpreting a theme.
2. Write a short piece (poetry, memoir or fiction) that fits to a particular theme.
3. Complete and edit a piece of written work (poetry, memoir or fiction)
4. Read your own and others' work critically and analytically and have confidence in your ability to do this.

**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
- 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.)

**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
- 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>

**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  
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