

WEA Course information sheet 2019-20



**Adult Learning
Within Reach**

Course title: Philosophy		Course ID: C2525449
Start date: 08/01/2020	End date: 25/03/2020	Day(s)/time(s): Wed 13:30
Number of sessions: 10	Hours per session: 2	Tutor Beatrix Groves
Additional hours:	Online Learning Hours: 0	
Specific funder/partner requirements:		
Awarding body (if any): Title of qualification to be gained:		Level: Level 2
Fee: £70.00 or Free if you are in receipt of an income related benefit (only SFA funded) Accreditation Fee (if applicable):		
Venue: Whitley Bay Library (CFC), 12 York Road, Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear, NE26 1AB		
<p>Theme(s): The WEA has four themes it uses for planning its provision.</p> <p>Employability – helping students to get a job or to make progress in their employment</p> <p>Health and Wellbeing – making a positive contribution to their own or others health and wellbeing</p> <p>Community Engagement – encouraging students to be positively involved in their communities</p> <p>Culture – 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"> 1. Culture Education 2. 		

Course Aim

- a) Familiarise participants with the major concepts concerning politics, philosophy, science, sociology, anthropology and education
- b) Develop skills in clear discussion and debate.

Course Description

This Philosophy course is called Big Ideas. It is a course which takes in politics, philosophy, sociology, psychology and many sciences. It takes the ideas and work of a specific thinker and uses these as a framework for discussion and examination -- with special relevance to how we live our lives in the 21st Century. The course takes in lots of discussion and is very participative.

Do I need any particular skills or experience?

What will I achieve?

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

1. Broadly outline the content of three of the topic areas that we discuss during the course
2. Discuss how the work of individuals covered has impacted on society
3. Generally contribute to group discussion
4. Read around the course topics outside of class

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
- There will be emphasis on participation throughout, especially through small group tasks, discussion and focussed debate. You will be encouraged to read outside of class time, but this is not essential.

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
- Via verbal feedback from the tutor and peers, and their own self-assessment on a periodic basis.

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

- All materials will be provided
- 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.)
- Access to the Internet (via computer or mobile device) would be greatly advantageous. Also an email account.

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
- Reading materials are circulated via email three days before the relevant session. See also handout resources at: www.beagroves.net (Click 'Handouts' at top of page, and the click the category 'WEA')

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
- You could progress to Higher Education courses. Follow link to the PEARL website for information <http://pearl.open.ac.uk/>
- Students may progress on to Level 3 (and above) courses in philosophy and/or politics offered by local FE or HE institutions. For further progression options, needs should be discussed with the tutor.

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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