

WEA Course information sheet 2019-20



Course title: Wellcome Trust - Autism - are we all on the spectrum?		Course ID: C3530995
Start date: 15/02/2020	End date: 15/02/2020	Day(s)/time(s): Sat 10:00
Number of sessions: 1	Hours per session: 3	Tutor: Kevin Walker
Additional hours:	Online Learning Hours: 1	
Specific funder/partner requirements:		
Awarding body (if any):		Level: Level 2
Title of qualification to be gained:		
Fee: £.00 or Free if you are in receipt of an income related benefit (only SFA funded)		
Accreditation Fee (if applicable):		
Venue: Heathcoat Community Centre, 81 King Street, Tiverton, Devon, EX16 5JJ		
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. Community Engagement		
2.		

Course Aim To critically examine the scientific evidence for the current diagnostic classification of Autistic Spectrum Disorder, together with some explanations and treatments.
Course Description What is Autistic Spectrum Disorder and how is it diagnosed. What are some possible causes and what can be done about it? Is predominately a boy thing or is it just under diagnosed in girls. Is Autism a medical condition to be cured or a distinctive personality trait to be accepted or even celebrated? This is the last in a series of short courses investigating the scientific basis for some of the most common Psychiatric diagnoses. We shall examine the science behind some of the explanations provided and review the evidence for the effectiveness of some of the treatments on offer. This is not a therapy course; it aims to help you think critically about the claims and counter claims in the field of mental health. It is part of the Building a Fair Society with Healthy Lives project funded by the Wellcome Trust.
Do I need any particular skills or experience?

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

1. explain the basis for a diagnosis for different forms of Autism including Asperger's Syndrome or higher functioning Autism.
2. become familiar with some of the criticisms of these classifications and with 'Spectrum' disorders in general.
3. review some of the evidence for and against some of the common explanations for the causes of Autism.
4. become aware of some of the conflicting views regarding treatment and the debate on the gender differences in diagnosis.
5. be introduced to the work of the Wellcome Trust

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

- The WEA's digital learning platform, Canvas will be used to provide resources or to support lessons, enable assessment, provide learner feedback and for other activities for individuals away from the course. 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

What kind of feedback can I expect from the tutor?

- opportunities for follow up courses will be suggested.

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

- Nothing else is needed

Pre-course work, reading and information sources

- No pre reading or pre course work is required

Possible next steps after this course (including career opportunities if appropriate)

- Progress to another WEA course
- Sources of further online information will be provided together with an electronic copy of the presentation slides used for those who can provide an e-mail address. Printed copies will be available for those who require them.

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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