

WEA Course information sheet 2020-21



**Adult Learning
Within Reach**

Course title: GM Crops: Solution or Threat?		Course ID: C3745575
Start date: 30/11/2020	End date: 14/12/2020	Day(s)/time(s): Mon 19:00
Number of sessions: 3	Hours per session: 1.5	Tutor Marco Bernardini
Additional hours:	Online Learning Hours: 0	
Specific funder/partner requirements:		
Awarding body (if any): Title of qualification to be gained:		Level: Level 2
Fee: £14.40 or Free if you are in receipt of an income related benefit (only SFA funded) Accreditation Fee (if applicable):		
Venue: Online Learning, Online, ZZ99 9ZZ		
<p>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</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

The course provides an overview of GM crops and considers some effects caused by their use: more specifically, it describes what these crops are, how they are made and outlines some social and ecological consequences of their use.

Course Description

Even today, decades after their discovery, GM crops remain deeply controversial: hailed by proponents as a safe, high-tech solution to many serious problems facing humanity, they have been denounced as a tremendous threat to environment, human health and livelihoods by detractors. Who is right? In the three sessions of the course we will debunk the myths surrounding GM crops by discussing in an engaging and accessible way issues including the basics of their biology, a general understanding of how they are regulated and, helped by real-life examples, some social, economic, and environmental effects they have across the world.

Do I need any particular skills or experience?

What will I achieve?

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

1. Better understanding of the techniques currently used to 'make' GM crops.
2. A general awareness of the regulations concerning GM crops.
3. A more comprehensive understanding of the different effects GM crops have on the environment.

4. A better, balanced grasp of the many effects GM crops have on communities in some parts of the world.

5. More generally, an appreciation of the complex, inextricable relationships existing between society, environment and (bio)technology.

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>

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

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

- What you need: You will need an internet connection, speakers, a microphone and a webcam so that you can use our video learning platform, Zoom. If you'd like to understand more Zoom please visit: <http://bit.ly/ZoomSpec>

Pre-course work, reading and information sources

- No pre reading or pre course work is required
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Possible next steps after this course (including career opportunities if appropriate)

- A better knowledge of the topics dealt with in the course will enable the participants to seek more information and to consider enrolling on more advanced courses.

Learning with the WEA

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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 most courses <http://www.wea.org.uk/learn-wea/course-search> or contact:

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