

WEA Course information sheet

2020-21



Course title: The East India Company - Barking and Dagenham Branch		Course ID: C2421720
Start date: 28/09/2020	End date: 02/11/2020	Day(s)/time(s): Mon 14:00
Number of sessions: 6	Hours per session: 1.5	Tutor: Amy Miller
Additional hours:	Online Learning Hours: 0	
Specific funder/partner requirements:		
Awarding body (if any):		Level: Level 2
Title of qualification to be gained:		
Fee: £28.80 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		
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. Culture Education 2. Community Engagement		

Course Aim

This course will consider the history of East India Company (1600-1857) through politics, culture and material culture. Thus giving a broader understanding of British engagement in the East and how the Company changed the world.

Course Description

The East India Company came into existence by Royal Charter on the very last day of 1600. Funded through shares and later stocks, It was the enterprise of London businessmen hoping to cash in on the lucrative trade in spices, textiles and other luxuries with the East and to undercut the monopolies held by Spain and Portugal. It became more than just a trading concern maintaining its own military and civil service. At the height of its influence, the Company employed vast numbers and its trade and politics had an enormous impact on the cultural landscape of both the United Kingdom and South East Asia. The influx of Eastern goods changed the way Britain shopped -- from what people put in their homes and on their bodies, and with the introduction of foods, like curry. This course will explore the history of the East India Company through politics, culture and material culture considering how and why it changed 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. An understanding of the history of the East India Company
2. An understanding of its cultural and political engagement in South East Asia, with specific focus on India and China.
3. An understanding of its cultural and political legacies in the UK and Asia.
4. The ability to see the impact of the East India Company at home in terms of material culture, street names, the things we wear and the food we eat.

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?

- 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.
- 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

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>
- 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>

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

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

- Progress to another WEA course

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 most 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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