WEA Course information sheet 2020-21



Level: I evel 2

Specific funder/partner requirements:

Awarding body (if any):

Title of qualification to be gained:

Fee: £32.00 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.

Course Aim

A freindly and accessible course to inspire, encourage and enable participants with the skills and understanding to develop and write their own or other's 'life stories'.

Course Description

Memoirs, journals, diary entries, this friendly and accessible course aimed at anyone with an interest life writing, focusing more specifically on autobiography (writing about one's own life) but may also of interest to those writing biographically (about someone else). We take a step by step topical approach, allowing the memories to return as the writing develops.

Do I need any particular skills or experience?

What will I achieve?

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

1. Express an understanding of the process of life writing.

- 2. Have confidence in one's abilities in commenting on and critiquing a piece of life writing.
- 3. Draw from one's own skills and experience in creating a piece of life writing.
- 4. Display competence in the development of a piece of life writing.
- 5. Gain motivation and enthusiasm for the subject area.

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
- Group and individual tasks will feature throughout sharing work and informal feedback is encouraged but not compulsory.

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 consider other students work and give your opinions and suggestions

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

- Nothing else is needed
- All materials will be provided
- A pen and notepad/book will prove useful.

Pre-course work, reading and information sources

- You will have access to course resources and links to wider learning through the WEA's digital learning platform, Canvas: http://bit.ly/WEAonline
- 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
- Progress to a course with another provider
- This course could lead to a range of job opportunities. Follow link to National Careers Service for more details https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/
- 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
- You could progress to Higher Education courses. Follow link to the PEARL website for information http://pearl.open.ac.uk/
- Access the WEA What Next? booklet here http://www.wea.org.uk/learn-wea/what-can-i-do-next
- Could help to ground the participant with skills & knowledge relevant to employment/F.E/H.E education application. Please ask tutor about Certificate of Attendance.

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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