

WEA Course information sheet 2020-21



Course title: Creative Writing at Mind (THN) 1		Course ID: C2421749
Start date: 17/09/2020	End date: 17/12/2020	Day(s)/time(s): Thu 14:00
Number of sessions: 13	Hours per session: 2	Tutor Elizabeth Sarkany
Additional hours:	Online Learning Hours: 0	
Specific funder/partner requirements: This course is aimed at members of Mind (Tower Hamlets & Newham)		
Awarding body (if any): Title of qualification to be gained:		Level: Entry 3
Fee: £83.20 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. Health and Wellbeing 2. Community Engagement		

Course Aim

This is a Creative Writing course that you can participate in from home. A chance to get in touch with your creativity, express yourself and learn to bring your writing alive.

Course Description

This is a Creative Writing course that you can participate in from home. There will be a series of weekly video-conference sessions on Zoom where you can get in touch with your creativity and express yourself in a friendly, safe and supportive environment. The WEA's digital learning platform, Canvas, will also be used to support lessons and provide feedback.

This is a chance to meet (online) with others and share ideas and experiences. It's also a chance to learn about techniques that help to bring writing alive.

Do I need any particular skills or experience?

What will I achieve?

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

1. Find my creativity
2. Express myself using words
3. Connect being on the course with feeling better

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
- You may be asked to undertake additional work in your own time to support 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 be able to keep a digital portfolio of your work on WEA's digital learning platform, Canvas.
- 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 be encouraged to share your work with the group and discuss your learning
- You will be encouraged to consider other students work and give your opinions and suggestions
- Your tutor will provide written feedback as appropriate, using Canvas, the WEA's digital platform.

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>
- All materials will be provided
- It would be helpful if you had access to the internet (Mobile phone, tablet or computer at home or through a library etc.)

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
- 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
- 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>
- Blogging; involvement in community action groups; publication in in-house/disability arts/mainstream media; involvement in readings and other events arranged by Mind and WEA with other partners; poetry slams/open mikes; involvement in theatre workshops; in-person classes when circumstances allow

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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