

WEA Course information sheet 2020-21



Course title: Cancelled Russian Life and Culture during the Cold War Part One		Course ID: C2227670
Start date: 24/09/2020	End date: 29/10/2020	Day(s)/time(s): Thu 17:00
Number of sessions: 6	Hours per session: 1.5	Tutor Marina Burrell
Additional hours:	Online Learning Hours: 0	
Specific funder/partner requirements:		
Awarding body (if any): Title of qualification to be gained:		Level: Level 2
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.		

Course Aim
1st course in the series based on Marina Burrell’s experience of living in the USSR and on the artefacts from her family archive. It aims to help students develop a better understanding of current affairs rooted in the Soviet period.

Course Description
What was the life of ordinary people in the USSR like during the Cold War - one of the most controversial periods in World history?
The Tutor, who was born and brought up in the USSR, shares her experience and illustrates her talks with period artefacts from her family archive, video and audio materials. The course invites you to make comparisons with the life in the UK and discuss to what extent Western myths and stereotypes reflected the Soviet reality. You will also learn some Basic Russian. The course is supplemented with interactive activities, a Reading list and handouts with follow up tasks, which help you revise the material and conduct your own research.

Do I need any particular skills or experience?

What will I achieve?

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

1. 1. Develop a better understanding of Russia, her people & culture.
2. 2. Relate Russia's recent past to her present for better understanding of current affairs.
3. 3. Compare life in the USSR with life in the UK during the Cold War.
4. 4. Use some basic Russian words and phrases.

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
- • Open discussions and virtual travels.
- You can share your own experience of visiting Russia or exhibitions, reading books & watching films.
- Reading list and handouts with follow-up tasks for revision.

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 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

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 also need access to the internet outside of your sessions. You could do this using a smart phone, tablet, laptop or a desktop computer (at home or through a library etc.).
- 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

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>

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

- Progress to another WEA course
- The follow-up courses on Russia with the same tutor:
 2. The Collapse of the USSR: Its Causes & Aftermath.
 3. Famous Russian Women in World History & Culture.
 4. The Soul of Russian Music with Great Russian 19th C Composers.

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
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