

# WEA Course information sheet 2020-21



**Adult Learning  
Within Reach**

<b>Course title:</b> Protecting the Planet		<b>Course ID:</b> C2227777
<b>Start date:</b> 05/05/2021	<b>End date:</b> 30/06/2021	<b>Day(s)/time(s):</b> Wed 19:30
<b>Number of sessions:</b> 8	<b>Hours per session:</b> 2	<b>Tutor</b> Ian Pirie
<b>Additional hours:</b>	<b>Online Learning Hours:</b> 0	
<b>Specific funder/partner requirements:</b> No lesson 02.06.21		
<b>Awarding body (if any):</b>		<b>Level:</b> Level 1
<b>Title of qualification to be gained:</b>		
<b>Fee:</b> £51.20 or <b>Free</b> if you are in receipt of an income related benefit (only SFA funded)		
<b>Accreditation Fee</b> (if applicable):		
<b>Venue:</b> Online Learning, Online, ZZ99 9ZZ		
<p><b>Theme(s):</b> The WEA has four themes it uses for planning its provision.  <b>Employability</b> – helping students to get a job or to make progress in their employment  <b>Health and Wellbeing</b> – making a positive contribution to their own or others health and wellbeing  <b>Community Engagement</b> – encouraging students to be positively involved in their communities  <b>Culture</b> – learning about diverse cultures, identities and environments</p> <p>The Theme(s) used in planning your course is/ are:</p> <p>1. <b>Community Engagement</b>                                  2. <b>Culture Education</b></p>		

**Course Aim**  
To give learners an all-round understanding of the need to protect our natural environment, and of how we have become more aware, in the 20th and 21st centuries, of the seriousness of environmental problems. To explore some possible solutions.

**Course Description**

The course discusses cases from the earliest warnings about damage being done to the environment, to today's concerns. Examples include: air pollution, acid rain, plastic pollution, species decline and climate change. We will discuss how the science of ecology helps us understand the environment and how to heal it. Alternative views on possible remedies will be explored.

**Do I need any particular skills or experience?**

**What will I achieve?**  
**By the end of the course I will be able to:**

1. Identify stages in the development of environmental awareness and the environment movement
2. Explain some examples of damage to the environment (how they arise, and how they could be

stopped or otherwise ameliorated).

3. Say what is meant by 'ecology', and give an example of how an ecosystem works.
4. Show that I understand that there are different political and even philosophical approaches to the subject of protecting the natural environment, and articulate my own ideas on this subject.
5. Discuss the evidence for man-made climate change, and how to prevent it.

### **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>
- 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.
- Your tutor will provide written, text and audio feedback recorded in WEA Canvas, WEA's digital learning 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 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>

### **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 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
- Progress to a course with another provider
- Progress to courses in environmental sciences, and/or involvement in groups such as Friends of the Earth or the Green Party. Voluntary work with e.g. Wildlife Trust.

### **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](mailto:courseenquiries@wea.org.uk)



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