

WEA Course information sheet 2020-21



**Adult Learning
Within Reach**

Course title: An Introduction to Garden Design		Course ID: C3678830
Start date: 12/01/2021	End date: 16/02/2021	Day(s)/time(s): Tue 19:15
Number of sessions: 6	Hours per session: 2	Tutor Geoff Fisher
Additional hours:	Online Learning Hours: 0	
Specific funder/partner requirements:		
Awarding body (if any): Title of qualification to be gained:		Level: Level 2
Fee: £38.40 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		
<p>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</p> <p>The Theme(s) used in planning your course is/ are:</p> <p>1. Health and Wellbeing 2. Culture Education</p>		

Course Aim

From initial survey to maintenance of the garden you have created this course will give students a insight into how to design their own garden.

Course Description

This course will introduce you to the basics garden design and how to create a design for your own garden/space. During the course you can either participate in the design process or chose to use your learning at a future date. We will look at how to carry out an initial survey and what to look for in your garden to make sure your work is successful. Following this stage we will investigate colour, form, texture etc. in plants and how they can be used in your design, we will also cover the different garden styles and their features. Though this course is not about drawing skills we will aim to produce a basic plan of the garden we want to create and from that point refine the design to ensure it meets the criteria we set out at the start. A mix of videos, presentations, tutor led discussion and student participation will be employed to ensure you get the most from the sessions and complete the course with a good understanding of what it takes to design your very own garden!

Do I need any particular skills or experience?

- You will need your own personal email address so that you're able to login to the WEA's digital learning platform: WEA Canvas. You will need to be able to understand how to follow URL links to pages on the internet. If you want to understand more about Canvas please visit:

<http://bit.ly/WEAonline>

- You will need to be able to follow links to join our WEA live video learning platform: WEA Zoom. If you'd like to understand more about our video learning platform, Zoom please visit:

<http://bit.ly/WEAonline> and <http://bit.ly/ZoomSpec>

- This course is for a group of around 15 students studying in a live video-learning platform conference and an online digital learning environment platform from the comfort of your own home.
- No skills or experience needed
- This course is suitable for beginners and improvers

What will I achieve?

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

1. Carry out an initial survey of the site and identify features/plants present in a basic baseline plan
2. Evaluate and select different garden styles and design considerations for the space
3. Create a basic plan of the garden with selected plants/features present
4. Evaluate and improve your design in the light of feedback and further research
5. Produce a final design/planting plan of the garden you intend to create

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?

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

- 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 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 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:

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- Nothing else is needed

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
- 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
- Access the WEA What Next? booklet here <http://www.wea.org.uk/learn-wea/what-can-i-do-next>

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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