WEA Course information sheet 2020-21



Course title: Yoga Pranayama & Meditation		Course ID: C3678874
Start date: 11/01/2021	End date: 22/03/2021	Day(s)/time(s): Mon 16:45
Number of sessions: 11	Hours per session: 2	Tutor Sharadamba Rao
Additional hours:	Online Learning Hours: 0	
Specific funder/partner requirements:		
Awarding body (if any):		Level: Level 1
Title of qualification to be gained:		

Fee: £70.40 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

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

Course Aim

Students learn various techniques to quiet an active mind and restore a good sleep pattern ie., Meditation, Breathing - Pranayama, Yoga Postures, specific relaxation techniques. Understand the mechanics of breathing through ancient yogic techniques.

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Course Description

This course is aimed at people who genuinely want to commence yoga but may be worried about how to begin safely and gently. May have other symptoms and conditions e.g. depression, anxiety, headaches knee/hip/neck pain, high/low blood pressure.

Specifically aimed at people who are generally less flexible or have ME, MS, CFS fibromyalgia, joint or mobility problems. It is a gentle course adapted to each learners need led by a experienced and well qualified tutor.

Do I need any particular skills or experience?

What will I achieve?

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

- 1. Use simple limbering movements to lubricate joints, muscles, ligaments and tendons to keep them healthy.
- 2. Understand the working of the various breathing muscles. The primary breathing muscle the

diaphragm, the secondary breathing muscles the intercostals and sternocleidomastoid muscles. Learn various techniques to enhance their function and improve overall healthy breathing patterns.

- 3. Introduction to Yoga Nidra. Dynamic sleep induced to release muscular, physical and emotional tensions using breath, imagery, sound and bodily sensations to calm the mind.
- 4. Practice at home the YOGA postures learnt to support your learning as it would be helpful in improving and maintaining your health. Record your progress in a diary and discuss with your tutor.
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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 have opportunities to discuss your progress with your tutor
- You will be encouraged to share your work with the group and discuss your learning

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
- It would be helpful if you had access to the internet (Mobile phone, tablet or computer at home or through a library etc.)
- You will need a Yoga Mat, wall space to place the mat horizontally and vertically. Cotton Belt or a dressing gown belt, Yoga Bricks and Blocks or you may use a thick book of similar size. Chair and Cotton Blanket to use as prop.

Pre-course work, reading and information sources

- Pre-course reading is required: resources will be made available to you using the WEA's digital learning platform, Canvas: http://bit.ly/WEAonline
- 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
- Please visit www.yogasanctuary.org and click on Beginners information and frequently asked questions on the website.

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
- 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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