

WEA Course information sheet 2020-21



Adult Learning Within Reach

Course title: Contemporary Short Story - Reading & Writing		Course ID: C3678896
Start date: 13/01/2021	End date: 24/03/2021	Day(s)/time(s): Wed 17:00
Number of sessions: 10	Hours per session: 2	Tutor: Anna Turner
Additional hours:	Online Learning Hours: 0	
Specific funder/partner requirements:		
Awarding body (if any):		Level: Level 1
Title of qualification to be gained:		
Fee: £64.00 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.</p> <p>Employability – helping students to get a job or to make progress in their employment</p> <p>Health and Wellbeing – making a positive contribution to their own or others health and wellbeing</p> <p>Community Engagement – encouraging students to be positively involved in their communities</p> <p>Culture – learning about diverse cultures, identities and environments</p> <p>The Theme(s) used in planning your course is/ are:</p> <p>1. Culture Education 2.</p>		

Course Aim To read and discuss a short story each week, then use it as a starting point for new writing.
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Course Description A cross between a reading group and a writing class, this course is for people who are interested in both reading and writing short stories. We will read and discuss a short story each week and use it as a starting point for some writing exercises. We will also discuss the role of the short story and look at possible publication platforms. There will be no pressure to share your work in the class, though there will be an opportunity to do so if you choose.

Do I need any particular skills or experience? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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. Read a new short story each week.
2. Examine the techniques and writing styles of the various authors.
3. Discuss the short story with class members.
4. Use the short stories as starting points for new writing of my own.
5. Participate in giving/receiving feedback in the class.

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?

- 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 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>
- You will need a pen/pencil and notebook for writing exercises, or alternatively a laptop/computer.

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>

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

- Progress to another WEA course
- Progress to a course with another provider
- 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>

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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