

# WEA Course information sheet 2020-21



**Adult Learning  
Within Reach**

<b>Course title:</b> Cuba's Chocolate Railway		<b>Course ID:</b> C2344401
<b>Start date:</b> 04/03/2021	<b>End date:</b> 04/03/2021	<b>Day(s)/time(s):</b> Thu 14:15
<b>Number of sessions:</b> 1	<b>Hours per session:</b> 2	<b>Tutor</b> Alastair Clark
<b>Additional hours:</b>	<b>Online Learning Hours:</b> 0	
<b>Specific funder/partner requirements:</b>		
<b>Awarding body (if any):</b> <b>Title of qualification to be gained:</b>		<b>Level:</b> Level 2
<b>Fee:</b> £6.40 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		
<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  The Theme(s) used in planning your course is/ are:  1. <b>Culture Education</b> 2.		

## Course Aim

This course will explore Cuba's only electric railways. Built in 1916 by the Hershey chocolate company the line runs 60 year-old trains to 46 stations along the 92 kms route.

## Course Description

The session will look at the development of rail transport on the island of Cuba and focus on the unique Hershey line. All Cuban life can be found on the 70 year old trains so we will learn about more than just railways.

## Do I need any particular skills or experience?

## What will I achieve?

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

1. Describe the growth of rail transport in Cuba.
2. Identify the three key towns on the Hershey railway.
3. Outline the history and current condition of the Hershey railway.

## 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

### **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

### **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:  
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### **Pre-course work, reading and information sources**

- 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

### **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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