

WEA Course information sheet 2020-21



**Adult Learning
Within Reach**

Course title: Italian for intermediates		Course ID: C2227872
Start date: 14/01/2021	End date: 25/03/2021	Day(s)/time(s): Thu 19:00
Number of sessions: 10	Hours per session: 1.5	Tutor Denise Bianchini
Additional hours:	Online Learning Hours: 0	
Specific funder/partner requirements:		
Awarding body (if any): Title of qualification to be gained:		Level: Level 1
Fee: £48.00 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		
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		
2.		
Course Aim		
This course is designed to improve your knowledge of this beautiful language. You'll love using what you already know and increasing your vocabulary, grammar and situation based topics. But above all you'll have fun using your conversational skills.		
Course Description		
If you already have a varied vocabulary and a good grasp of Italian grammar including nouns, adjectives, possessives, present and perfect tense verbs, this may be the course for you. You should be able to converse around topics such as directions, eating out, booking accommodation, travel and transport, family, shopping and a variety of others. You will be improving these skills whilst increasing your knowledge of Italian.		
We will sometimes use the BBC book Buongiorno Italia to enhance your listening and reading skills. However, all four skills, reading, writing, listening and speaking, will be developed, with the emphasis on communication. This will be through role play, games and conversation topics. The emphasis of this course is to learn in a supportive and fun atmosphere.		
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 good pronunciation so that Italian people will be able to understand me
2. use new and revised grammar and language points including the imperfect tense
3. translate texts and decipher meaning of short stories
4. be more fluent in conversing in a variety of situations
5. demonstrate a more confident use of numbers

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
- Weekly homework will be set

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
- There will be a number of tasks appropriate to your course such as written work, creating art or craft, video, photography or small projects. Some of these may be marked to help you progress

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>
- The BBC 2nd edition (2005) of Buongiorno Italia by Joseph Cremona. The ISBN number is 0-563-51945-2.

Pre-course work, reading and information sources

- No pre reading or pre course work is required
- As stated, a knowledge of Italian 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

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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