WEA Course information sheet 2020-21



Course title: Rocks and Minerals		Course ID: C2227908
Start date: 23/04/2021	End date: 14/05/2021	Day(s)/time(s): Fri 09:00
Number of sessions: 4	Hours per session: 1.5	Tutor Beverley Fowlston
Additional hours:	Online Learning Hours: 0	
Specific funder/partner req	uirements:	

Awarding body (if any):

Title of qualification to be gained:

Level: Level 2

Fee: £19.20 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. Culture Education 2.

Course Aim

This course provides an introduction to rock identification and an understanding of rock and mineral characteristics through fun and interactive online sessions.

Course Description

Do you want to learn how to recognise rocks and minerals? Join an enthusiastic tutor in learning about the characteristics to look for in rocks and minerals. Your tutor will provide the tools to explore the varied and fascinating world around us through different rocks and minerals. You will have the opportunity to use your own samples to explore the different types of rocks.

Do I need any particular skills or experience?

What will I achieve?

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

- 1. Engage in active learning
- 2. Understand the rock cycle
- 3. Identify and categorise rock and mineral types
- 4. Classify rocks and minerals by their characteristics
- 5. Compare rocks and minerals and discuss their differences

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.
- Your tutor will provide written, text and audio feedback recorded in WEA Canvas, WEA's digital learning platform.
- You will be able to keep a digital portfolio of your work on WEA's digital learning platform, Canvas.
- 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
- 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
- It would be helpful if you had access to the internet (Mobile phone, tablet or computer at home or through a library etc.)
- It would be useful to have your own selection of rocks and minerals, but not essential. It would be useful to have a magnifying glass or eye lens with x10 magnitude.

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
- This course would be best viewed on a larger screen, although not essential you may miss demonstrations and samples if viewing via a mobile phone or tablet.

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

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