

WEA Course information sheet 2020-21

Course title: Sustainable Sewing – Customizing and Altering Old Clothes		Course ID: C2344742
Start date: 30/04/2021	End date: 21/05/2021	Day(s)/time(s): Fri 10:00
Number of sessions: 4	Hours per session: 5	Tutor Kate Morgan
Additional hours:	Online Learning Hours: 0	
Specific funder/partner requirements:		
Awarding body (if any):		Level: Level 1
Title of qualification to be gained:		
Fee: £82.00 or Free if you are in receipt of an income related benefit (only SFA funded) Accreditation Fee (if applicable): £.00		
Venue: The Textile Workshop (Above the Crimson Tree), 621 Mansfield Road, Nottingham, Nottinghamshire, NG5 2FX		
<p>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</p> <p>The Theme(s) used in planning your course is/ are:</p> <p>1. Health and Wellbeing 2. Community Engagement</p>		

Course Aim
Learn how to do your bit for the environment by recycling. up-cycling, customising, mending and altering your clothes. You will need to be able to sew to a good level and have a sewing kit and items to alter. Large equipment is provided at the venue.

Course Description
Hundreds of thousands of items of clothing are thrown away each year. The Fashion industry is known to be one of the most polluting in the world. Yet we still buy more and more, cheaper and cheaper clothing. If you are beginning to question what can be done, learn how to do your little bit for the environment by joining this course and learning how to recycle. upcycle, customise, mend and alter your clothes. You will need to be able to sew to a basic level and have sewing kit, a range of items to alter, and other notions. Large equipment is provided at the venue.

Do I need any particular skills or experience?

What will I achieve?
By the end of the course I will be able to:

1. Discuss ideas behind sustainability and sewing
2. Demonstrate how to upcycle to create new garments

3. Appraise garments and repair or mend various examples of wear and tear
4. Solve sizing issues by altering clothing to fit
5. Experiment imaginatively restyling and customising garments to give them a new lease of life

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?

- 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.
- 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?

- 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>
- A selection of materials and basic equipment will be provided but you are welcome to bring additional materials with you
- You need to have all your own sewing kit, scissors, pins, needles, tape measure, chalk, quick un-picker and threads and haberdashery. Also a range of clothing items to be altered. Sewing machines, iron and ironing boards are provided.

Pre-course work, reading and information sources

- 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

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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