

WEA Course information sheet 2020-21



Course title: Journalism in Practice		Course ID: C2422263
Start date: 04/02/2021	End date: 18/03/2021	Day(s)/time(s): Thu 17:00
Number of sessions: 6	Hours per session: 2	Tutor Rebecca Eliahoo Charles
Additional hours:	Online Learning Hours: 0	
Specific funder/partner requirements:		
Awarding body (if any): Title of qualification to be gained:		Level: Entry 2
Fee: £38.40 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. 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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Employability Culture Education 		

Course Aim

This course will help you to write clear, interesting and balanced reports in news, blog or feature formats. It will also help you to develop the skills to identify and obtain relevant and newsworthy items from written or verbal sources.

Course Description

Participants in this online course will be expected to complete a news article, blog and/or feature for a publication which they have identified themselves, for example, in their local or regional community. These Zoom sessions build on the WEA's online Introduction to Journalism course. It is also for people in a non-professional setting who have a general interest in journalism. It is a practical application of journalism's key skills, such as gathering information; how to tell a news story; some legal and ethical considerations for journalists; and how to use the English language for journalistic effect.

Do I need any particular skills or experience?

What will I achieve?

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

1. Identify story leads and gather appropriate information.
2. Write a news story, blog and/or feature targeted at a publication/audience identified by the participant.

3. Explain how your news story, blog and/or feature meets ethical and legal standards.

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

- Activities may include tutor presentation, small group work, online discussions, quizzes, short tasks, reading;

You will be asked to write a news story, blog and/or feature article 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 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

- Feedback from your tutor will be given for your final draft at the end of the course.

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>

- Notebook, pen and paper or other way of building up a personal glossary and taking notes.

If you have both a laptop/PC and a tablet, it's useful to use the tablet to access Canvas simultaneously during the Zoom sessions.

Pre-course work, reading and information sources

- Please complete the Learning Outcomes and other Canvas activities in "Complete These Before Your Course" and introduce yourself in the "Information about this course" module

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>
- Become involved as a volunteer for your local or regional community;

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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