



Courses for Adults



Northampton & Northamptonshire

Regional Course Guide Spring/Summer 2016

East Midlands Region
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Workers'
Educational
Association



Welcome

to the Workers' Educational Association (WEA) East Midlands region course brochure 2015-16.

This brochure tells you about our courses and provides helpful information to get you started.

The WEA, a registered charity, is the UK's largest voluntary sector provider of adult education and delivers over 9,500 part-time courses for over 74,000 people each year in England and Scotland.

The WEA offers a wide ranging curriculum and we do all that we can to make your learning experience a positive one in our friendly and supportive learning environments.

You do not need any previous knowledge or qualifications to join most of our courses, only a willingness to share with others your curiosity, ideas and experience.

A better world - equal, democratic and just:

through adult education the WEA challenges and inspires individuals, communities and society.

Learning with the Workers' Educational Association



How to Enrol

Once you have found the course you are interested in, you can:



Enrol online:
www.wea.org.uk/courses

Enrolment in person

at the first session may be possible for some courses but please bear in mind that a course may be full by this time. We strongly advise that you pre-enrol on our courses wherever possible to avoid disappointment.

Some courses may require that you attend a pre-enrolment session to check that

the course is suitable for you. This will be specified in the brochure.

Classes normally require a minimum number of students to run. If numbers are too low the course may be cancelled.

Help with your learning

We can offer information and advice about:

- Choosing the right course
- Fees and financial support
- Learning support
- Progression

We can also signpost or refer you to other services, such as more in depth guidance. Please contact the regional office or take a look at our website www.wea.org.uk.

If you are in receipt of income-related benefits or a low income, there may be financial support available for help with childcare, travel costs, exam fees, books, costs of field trips and tuition fees under certain circumstances. For more information speak to your tutor, call the Regional Office or look at our website www.wea.org.uk.

If you have a disability, learning difficulty, health issue or other support needs, we will do our best to help. Tell us as soon as you can so that we can make plans before you start a course. Please contact the Regional Office.

We try to use accessible venues wherever possible but we cannot guarantee this in all cases. For details of a venue's accessibility, refer to the online course information www.wea.org.uk/courses where available or call the regional office.

You are entitled to Maths and English support to help you achieve the learning outcomes of your course. If you would like an assessment, or to discuss support for Maths or English please speak to your tutor, or contact the regional office before your course begins.

East Midlands Regional Office

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Course Fees

The WEA receives public funding from the Skills Funding Agency (SFA) for the majority of its courses and this funding supplements the fees paid by students and sponsors. For most of our courses, this funding is only available for people who are 19 or over - those born before 31 August 1996.

For SFA funded courses you are entitled to FREE tuition if you are in receipt of certain benefits, as listed below (or if you are dependent upon someone in receipt of those benefits). We

- Job Seekers Allowance (JSA) and Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) in the Work Related Activity Group (WRAG)
- Universal Credit
- Council Tax Reduction (not the 25% single occupancy Council Tax Discount)
- Income Support
- Housing Benefit
- Working Tax Credit
- Pension Guarantee Credit
- Asylum Seeker
- Unwaged Dependent (as defined by the Job Centre) of someone on one of the above.

Please note these may be subject to change due to funding requirements.

UK residency: students who have not been resident in the UK/EU for the last 3 years will be required to complete a Student Eligibility Form and provide appropriate evidence. If this information is not provided a higher course fee will be payable as we will be unable to claim funding for you.

24+ Advanced Learning Loan

There are loans available for all students aged 24 and above studying diploma or certificate level accredited courses within the Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) at Level 3 and above. The loans will apply if you

are starting a higher level course on or after 1 August 2015. Please visit: www.wea.org.uk/courses/24-advanced-learning-loans or contact your Regional Office for further information.

Course cancellation and refunds

You can cancel a course booking at any time by informing the WEA in writing, in person, or by phone. If you cancel before the second session, then providing the course is longer than three sessions you can request a full refund from the WEA.

Where the course is cancelled by the WEA before the second session, a full refund of fees paid will be provided by the WEA. Where a course has been cancelled or shortened by the

WEA after the second session, a partial refund will be made for the remaining sessions. Payment by instalment is available on some longer WEA courses. Where this is the case this will usually be included in the course information. For full details of WEA course fees, refunds and cancellations, as well as other support which may be available to you please visit our website: <http://www.wea.org.uk/about/policies>.

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Feedback and complaints

We welcome your feedback to help us improve our service. If you have a suggestion on how we could improve our services, call our Freephone Suggestions Line on

0800 013 1903 or email **suggestions@wea.org.uk**. You can also contact your Regional Office directly.

Staying Safe

The WEA is committed to providing a welcoming environment where everyone is respected, valued and feels safe and secure.

If you have any concerns you can speak to our safeguarding staff in the WEA Regional Office.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

The WEA believes that education plays a major role in challenging discrimination and disadvantage. We are committed to inclusive learning and ensuring that all our students achieve the best possible outcomes. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in the WEA is a

collective responsibility. We expect everyone involved in the WEA to challenge conditions that place anyone at a disadvantage and create an inclusive community in which diversity is valued and celebrated.

Learner Agreement and Student Code of Conduct

When you enrol with the WEA you will enter into a Learning Agreement with us. This is printed on your enrolment form. The Student Code of Conduct together with the Learner

Agreement can be found on our website at: **www.wea.org.uk/policies**. These set out our joint responsibilities for creating a positive learning environment.

Get involved

The WEA is a membership organisation which encourages our students and supporters to join us to help build a strong voice for adult learning. This is what makes us distinctive and different from other learning providers. By becoming a member of the WEA you are agreeing to the charitable aims, mission and values of the Association. If you are interested

in finding out more, please visit the website **www.wea.org.uk/getinvolved/join** or call **0117 916 6506**.

If you would like to volunteer please speak to your WEA tutor, local course organiser, telephone the Regional Office or look at our website **www.wea.org.uk/getinvolved/volunteer** for more information.

The information in this brochure is correct at time of going to print, but may be subject to Government Funding changes.

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How to book

For details of how to book please see under each branch/group entry.

Contacting us

For information about the courses please contact the local contact listed under each branch/group entry. Our contacts are mostly volunteers and you may not get an immediate response to your call. However, if you leave a message, the volunteer will call you back.

For other information

Contact WEA staff on - 01604 813445
(Northamptonshire Programme Organiser)

Email: bchapman@wea.org.uk

Web: www.weanorthamptonshire.org

Or telephone: 0115 962 8400 (WEA Regional Office, Nottingham)

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Brigstock

Contact: Ann Shrive | Telephone: 01536 373216

Title	Tutor	Day/Date	Time	Weeks	Fee	ID
Famous women gardeners	Andrew Sankey	Thu 21 Jan 16	2:30pm - 4:00pm	9	£52.00	C2335819
Brigstock Village Hall, 8 Bridge Street, Brigstock, Kettering NN14 3ET						
Online enrolment available - www.enrolonline.wea.org.uk						

Byfield

Contact: Susan Kennedy | Telephone: 01295 660537

Title	Tutor	Day/Date	Time	Weeks	Fee	ID
Shining a light on the Dark Ages	Elaine Rawlinson	Tue 19 Jan 16	7:45pm - 9:15pm	9	£52.00	C2335681
Byfield Village Hall, The Green, Byfield, Daventry NN11 6UT						
Online enrolment available - www.enrolonline.wea.org.uk						

Corby

Contact: R Tindley | Telephone: 01536 395555

Title	Tutor	Day/Date	Time	Weeks	Fee	ID
Behind the Iron Curtain	David Price	Tue 12 Jan 16	7:15pm - 8:45pm	9	£52.00	C2335834
Corby International Pool, Parkland Gateway, George Street, Corby NN17 1QG						
Online enrolment available - www.enrolonline.wea.org.uk						

Rogues, vagabonds and paupers - 500 years of poverty	Liz Carter	Tue 12 Apr 16	7:00pm - 9:00pm	7	£53.90	C2335840
Corby International Pool, Parkland Gateway, George Street, Corby NN17 1QG						
Online enrolment available - www.enrolonline.wea.org.uk						

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Farthinghoe

Contact: Lin Deeley | Telephone: 01295 711938

Title	Tutor	Day/Date	Time	Weeks	Fee	ID
In tune with the times: part 2 More social commentary & satire in musicals	David Price	Fri 29 Jan 16	7:30pm - 9:30pm	7	£53.90	C2335817
Farthinghoe Village Hall, Cockley Road, Farthinghoe, Brackley NN13 5PD						
Online enrolment available - www.enrolonline.wea.org.uk						

Helmdon

Contact: Richard Farquharson | Telephone: 01295 760079

Title	Tutor	Day/Date	Time	Weeks	Fee	ID
Magna Carta and Barons War	Mike Ingram	Tue 19 Jan 16	7:30pm - 9:00pm	9	£52.00	C2335688
Helmdon Reading Room, Church Street, Helmdon, Brackley NN13 5QJ						
Online enrolment available - www.enrolonline.wea.org.uk						

Higham Ferrers

Contact: Kim Eaves | Telephone: 01832 733565

Title	Tutor	Day/Date	Time	Weeks	Fee	ID
Arts & crafts gardens	Andrew Sankey	Tue 05 Jan 16	9:30am - 11:00am	9	£52.00	C2335818
Rushden Indoor Bowling Club, 144 Northampton Road, Rushden NN10 6AN						
Online enrolment available - www.enrolonline.wea.org.uk						

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KCU Ltd

Contact: KCU Ltd | Fuller Baptist Church | 51 Gold St | Kettering | NN16 8JB
Telephone: 01536 481989

To enrol attend the KCU Enrolment Day on Wednesday 6 January 2016 9.30 - 11.30am at Fuller Church Hall.

Title	Tutor	Day/Date	Time	Weeks	Fee	ID
IT for Work and Learning	Heather Hannant	Thu 14 Jan 16	9:30am - 11:45am	10	£80.85	C2335959
KCU Ltd at Fuller Church, 51 Gold Street, Kettering NN16 8JB						
Beginners IT Workshop	Heather Hannant	Mon 25 Jan 16	9:30am - 12:30pm	7	£86.60	C2335813
KCU Ltd at Fuller Church, 51 Gold Street, Kettering NN16 8JB						
Customer Service - level 1	Heather Hannant	Mon 25 Jan 16	1:00pm - 3:00pm	7	£53.90	C2335849
KCU Ltd at Fuller Church, 51 Gold Street, Kettering NN16 8JB						

Kettering

Contact: Nelia Eaton | Telephone: 01536 513471
or: Audrey Mitchell | Telephone: 01536 522127

Title	Tutor	Day/Date	Time	Weeks	Fee	ID
1066: more than just a battle	Elaine Rawlinson	Tue 19 Jan 16	2:00pm - 3:30pm	9	£52.00	C2335683
Church House, St Botolphs Road, Barton Seagrave, Kettering NN15 6SR						
Online enrolment available - www.enrolonline.wea.org.uk						

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Northamptonshire WEA Forum run a series of visits, guided historical walks and other activities during the summer term.

For more information see www.weanorthamptonshire.org or ring Bridget Chapman on **01604 813445**.

Helmdon's War Memorial – The Men Behind The Names

After running and attending a course on the influence of the Great War WEA Helmdon Branch became inspired to research history of the men's names recorded on the Helmdon war memorial. WEA Helmdon Branch member Audrey Forgham has shared with us the story behind the project and the results:

Phillip Hemming came to teach at Helmdon branch WEA three years ago. His course looked at how the Great War influenced British culture and society by looking at topics such as art, literature, poetry, films & TV, myths & legends. He also mentioned war memorials and pointed out the fascinating history of the servicemen recorded on them. I was interested enough by the subject to do a little research, but then let it lie. Then, at the beginning of 2013, I was approached by a WEA member who said, why don't we record the history behind the men for the centenary of Great War? I instantly agreed, and so the project came into being.

The group consisted of Judy Cairns, Cec Harrold, Danny Moody, Ross Vicars and myself, with Charles Binns restoring some of the photographs and postcards. As well as finding out as much as we could

on Internet sources such as Ancestry, the Commonwealth Graves Commission and the Forces War Records site, we were fortunate that for some of the servicemen we had descendants in the village and nearby, who, as well giving us information, were able to produce photos, medals, and death pennies for us to reproduce. We had several different old postcards of the war memorial in its early days but at the moment we do not know when it was erected. (We were given a copy of the church service at which it was dedicated but disappointingly it had no date). In addition we found there was in existence a Roll of Old Boys of Helmdon School Who Served in the Great War which came to be the subject of quite a long section following the fortunes of some of the men who came back, and which also recorded two servicemen who should have been on the war memorial but whose names (for whatever reason) had been omitted.

The project can be seen on http://www.helmdon.com/history/helmdons_war_memorial.html

Audrey Forgham
Helmdon WEA



Long Buckby

Contact: Joan Holah | Telephone: 01604 770030

Title	Tutor	Day/Date	Time	Weeks	Fee	ID
All manner of exotic woods: the history of furniture in Britain 1600-1800	Judith Hodgkinson	Wed 13 Jan 16	2:30pm - 4:30pm	7	£53.90	C2335820
Long Buckby Community Centre, 41 Station Road, Long Buckby, Northampton NN6 7QB Online enrolment available - www.enrolonline.wea.org.uk						

Nassington

Contact: Sue Payne | Telephone: 01780 782747

Title	Tutor	Day/Date	Time	Weeks	Fee	ID
900 years of British Agriculture 1066-1945	Michael Muncaster	Tue 12 Jan 16	2:00pm - 4:00pm	7	£53.90	C2335842
Nassington Village Hall, Church Street, Nassington, Peterborough PE8 6QG Online enrolment available - www.enrolonline.wea.org.uk						

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Share your brochure

If you've chosen your course why not share the brochure with a friend or pass it on to enable others to enjoy our WEA Northamptonshire courses.

Northampton

Contact: Bridget Chapman | Telephone: 01604 813445
Email: bchapman@wea.org.uk

Title	Tutor	Day/Date	Time	Weeks	Fee	ID
Medieval lives	Mike Ingram	Thu 14 Jan 16	1:30pm - 3:00pm	9	£52.00	C2335687
	St Matthews Parish Centre, 27A The Drive, Northampton NN1 4RY Online enrolment available - www.enrolonline.wea.org.uk					
Hogarth to Hockney: a social history of printmaking in Britain	Judith Hodgkinson	Thu 14 Jan 16	7:30pm - 9:00pm	9	£52.00	C2335821
	Duston Community Centre, Pendle Road, Northampton NN5 6DT Online enrolment available - www.enrolonline.wea.org.uk					
Lip reading	Jill Shinnick	Fri 15 Jan 16	1:30pm - 3:00pm	9	£52.00	C2335848
	Duston Community Centre, Pendle Road, Northampton NN5 6DT Online enrolment available - www.enrolonline.wea.org.uk					
The poetry of war	Peter Leyland	Tue 19 Jan 16	10:00am - 12:00pm	7	£53.90	C2335689
	St Matthews Parish Centre, 27A The Drive, Northampton NN1 4RY Online enrolment available - www.enrolonline.wea.org.uk					

Rothwell

Contact: Anne Barrett | Telephone: 01536 711837

Title	Tutor	Day/Date	Time	Weeks	Fee	ID
Adventurous women	Liz Carter	Tue 26 Jan 16	2:00pm - 3:30pm	9	£52.00	C2335685
	The Lounge, Madams Gardens, Rushton Road, Rothwell NN14 6EX Online enrolment available - www.enrolonline.wea.org.uk					

Having difficulty enrolling online?

Do not give up, give us a call and we can either help talk you through enrolling or arrange another method of enrolling.

Sulgrave Manor Student Group

Contact: Bridget Chapman
 Telephone: 01604 813445 | Email: bchapman@wea.org.uk

Title	Tutor	Day/Date	Time	Weeks	Fee	ID
Garden history	Rosemary Jury	Thu 14 Jan 16	2:30pm - 4:00pm	9	£52.00	C2335844
Sulgrave Manor, Sulgrave Manor, Sulgrave, Banbury OX17 2SD						
Online enrolment available - www.enrolonline.wea.org.uk						

Towcester

Contact: David Wilcock | Telephone: 01327 351782

Title	Tutor	Day/Date	Time	Weeks	Fee	ID
Magna Carta and Barons War	Mike Ingram	Wed 13 Jan 16	10:15am - 11:45am	9	£52.00	C2335958
A5 Rangers Club, Islington Road Entrance, Towcester NN12 6AU						
Online enrolment available - www.enrolonline.wea.org.uk						

Wellingborough

Contact: Mary Traxton | Telephone: 01933 224324

Title	Tutor	Day/Date	Time	Weeks	Fee	ID
Adventurous Women	Liz Carter	Wed 27 Jan 16	7:30pm - 9:00pm	9	£52.00	C2335686
Friends Meeting House, 29 St. Johns St, Wellingborough, Northants NN8 4LG						
Online enrolment available - www.enrolonline.wea.org.uk						

For information about WEA Discovery Walks in Northamptonshire.

See www.weanorthamptonshire.org or ring Sue Payne on **01780 782747** .

Wellingborough: Victoria Centre

Contact: Bridget Chapman | Telephone: 01 604 813445
Email: bchapman@wea.org.uk

Title	Tutor	Day/Date	Time	Weeks	Fee	ID
Beginners Sign Language	Jill Shinnick	Thu 14 Jan 16	12:45pm - 3:00pm	10	£86.60	C2335845
Victoria Centre, 46-50 Palk Road, Wellingborough NN8 1HR						
Online enrolment available - www.enrolonline.wea.org.uk						

Weston

Contact: Peggie Clarke | Telephone: 01295 768133

Title	Tutor	Day/Date	Time	Weeks	Fee	ID
The countryside in Spring	Adam Kwolek	Wed 13 Jan 16	2:00pm - 3:30pm	9	£52.00	C2335838
Weston Community Project, High Street, Weston NN12 8PU						
Online enrolment available - www.enrolonline.wea.org.uk						

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Course fees frozen

Course fees for the academic year **2015 - 2016** have been frozen meaning that the cost of your courses will not be going up. However please be aware that the 10% fee discount for attending multiple courses in one term will no longer be available.

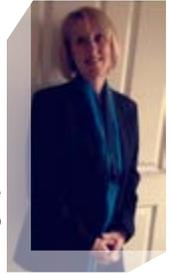
Volunteering

WEA branches are run by volunteers who help decide what classes we put on each year. Last year, we ran almost 900 classes throughout the East Midlands and we're always looking for new volunteers to get involved. As well as helping to make a difference, volunteering is a great way to learn new skills and gain valuable work experience.

To find out more, please talk to your tutor or local branch/office or email:

volunteering@wea.org.uk

WEA Tutor Jill Shinnick



I have been teaching for WEA for nearly eight years, starting as a teacher of British Sign Language and now I also teach Lipreading and Communication Tactics.

I am profoundly deaf and it was only comparatively recently, following the changes in the Equalities (formally discrimination) Laws, that I was able to qualify as a teacher. WEA supported me throughout this period proving that not only do their tutors teach we learn too!

The students in my BSL class come from a multitude of backgrounds. They attend for all sorts of reasons and although they learn a new language they find that they acquire other, invaluable communication skills too. In addition, the majority will feel themselves become more self-confident in social and work situations and invariably, they become firm friends with the others in the class.

I am immensely proud of the fact that many students will, as a result of these emerging skills, move into employment both paid and voluntary. Several have gone on to achieve a BSL qualification and one in particular is now studying her Level Six BSL to become an interpreter.

The lipreading classes are relatively new. Only last year I returned to learning (yet again!) and through the specialist Deaf Education department at City Lit in London I was able to qualify as a lipreading teacher. Hearing loss affects one in six of people under sixty and there is a massive shortage of support and classes for these people. I am hoping to be able to redress the balance locally.

Could you be a WEA tutor?

The WEA seeks part-time tutors for classes in Northamptonshire in the following subjects:

Local/general history; music; art appreciation; architectural studies; literature; creative writing; sciences, natural history; religious studies; anthropology; social studies; garden design/history; languages.

We are looking for enthusiastic and conscientious part-time tutors who are:

- able to relate well to adult students
- knowledgeable in their subject
- sensitive to equal opportunities issues
- well organised about administration

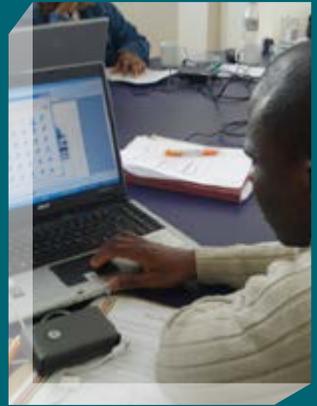


For more information and an application pack contact:

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