

Welcome

to the Yorkshire & Humber Region

We hope you will be able to find in this brochure an enjoyable and stimulating course to suit you.

The Learning and Skills Council (LSC) is our main funder and subsidises courses. Our fees have again gone up slightly this year because the LSC expects most learners to contribute an increasing proportion to the cost of their courses. However, when you realise just what you are paying for an hour and how much you are enjoying and learning in that hour, we hope you will feel that it is still very good value for money (there is more detail about fees over the page in 'Your Questions answered')

If you think that there are other courses which we should be offering, please let us know. We would love to hear from you!



Ann Walker
Regional Director

The WEA provides learning to cover a vast range of interests. Our staff and voluntary Branch members organise the courses to match what we call our educational strands:

Second Chance to Learn - for those people who have little previous formal education and want to progress towards qualifications

Community Involvement - for those who would like to develop their confidence, their skills and their involvement with their community

Cultural Studies - for those with a 'love of learning' who want to develop an understanding of a subject for 'its own sake'

For more information www.wea.org.uk/yh

You will find in this brochure a list of all activities in your area as planned at the time of going to print. New activities are organised throughout the year and therefore not all we offer can be included in the brochure.

For up-to-date information contact 0113 245 3304 or visit our website www.wea.org.uk/yh



Contact Details

If you would like to find out more about a particular course or to get more general information please contact one of the members of our team using the numbers listed below:

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Workers' Educational Association

Yorkshire & Humber Region Regional Office

6 Woodhouse Square, Leeds LS3 1AD

Tel: 0113 245 3304 Fax: 0113 245 3613

The WEA aims to create a friendly and supportive environment for all its learners. Learners with the WEA have many different needs. We aim to offer the following:

1 Before you start your course, or at the first session:

- information about the course, about the WEA, and other courses we can offer you
- help to decide if it is the right course for you, if you will need any educational or practical support from the WEA or another agency in order to complete the course
- referral to other providers of learning opportunities, or specialists, if appropriate, or to impartial guidance services if required

2 While you are on the course:

- a physical environment which encourages and supports your learning
- detailed information about the course, what is expected of you, and the support you can expect
- help with planning your learning
- constructive comments from your tutor, and an opportunity to discuss your learning

3 Before you finish your course, or if you do not complete it:

- information about what you have achieved
- information about what you might do next, with the WEA or in other contexts
- help to decide what next steps would be right for you
- referral to other providers of learning opportunities, specialists, or to impartial guidance services if required

Your questions answered



We will do everything we can to make your learning experience with us a positive one.

Is the course right for me?

If you haven't done so already, you can find out whether the course is suitable for you by either ringing the number listed alongside the course information, **or contact 0113 245 3304**. Come along to the first session without obligation so that you can see if the course suits your needs.

How do I join a course?

It is usually possible to just turn up at the first meeting but we would encourage you to find out more beforehand. **To do this please contact 0113 245 3304**. If pre-booking is required details are given with the course information.

How much will I pay?

For the majority of courses you will have to pay a fee. The fees to be paid are shown against each course.

You are entitled to FREE tuition if you are in receipt of or are dependent upon someone in receipt of:

- Job seekers' allowance
- Council tax benefit
- Working tax credit
- Income support
- Housing benefit
- Pension Guarantee Credit
- Income-related Employment Support Allowance

PROOF OF STATUS WILL BE REQUIRED.

Those aged 16 to 18 years are also entitled to free tuition. For those people eligible for free tuition there will be a small administration charge (shown as Claimants' Fee).

You may notice slight differences in the course fees organised by different Branches – this is because some Branches have to meet higher costs for the venues they use.

I am not a benefit claimant but I am on a low income. Can I have help with my fees?

Yes, if you are on a low household income we may be able to support you through our Learner Support Fund. **Contact Gill Dean on 0113 200 1164** or alternatively you can talk to your tutor at the first session.

Are your venues easily accessible?

Many of our venues have disabled access but please check with us beforehand as we can supply a portable ramp if needed. Information for most of our venues is available on the regional website.

I have difficulties with reading and writing. Can I still join a course?

Yes, not only are our courses open to everyone but we can also help you to improve your reading, writing and maths.

My eyesight/hearing is poor. Can I still come along?

Of course you can. Again let us know in advance and we can supply you with enlarged/Braille materials or a hearing loop if necessary. If you require this brochure in large print please contact **Gill Dean on 0113 200 1164**.

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Halifax Branch

For more details go to www.wea.org.uk/yh

Enquiries: Linda Croft 01422 382952

Halifax Central Library, Northgate, Halifax HX1 1UN

Family History for Beginners

Tutor: Anne Kirker C3650349
Wednesday from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm for 10 weeks
Starting: 23 September 2009
Fees: Full Fee £60.00 Claimant Fee £3.00

Learn how to start researching your family tree using the extensive resources of Halifax Reference Library: (the course is held in the Reference Library at a time when it is closed to the general public). Meet tutor and other students in library foyer at 9.55. All welcome - your ancestors need not be from Halifax.

History of Ideas: the 19th Century

Tutor: Edgar Holroyd-Doveton C3650363
Wednesday from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm for 10 weeks
Starting: 23 September 2009
Fees: Full Fee £60.00 Claimant Fee £3.00

During the 19th century, the modern ideas of socialism, individualism, and feminism developed, but also the concepts which saw humankind's history as being one of continual progression, which today is often challenged. This course explores how our ancestors viewed the world at this time and how this can inform our understanding today.

Yorkshire Towns

Tutor: John Hargreaves C3650346
Thursday from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm for 10 weeks
Starting: 24 September 2009
Fees: Full Fee £60.00 Claimant Fee £3.00

We will compare and contrast Calderdale's seven towns with a selection of other Yorkshire towns and cities - such as Batley, Bradford, Dewsbury, Harrogate, Huddersfield, Leeds, Wakefield, York. We will look at documents, maps and photographs and there will be a guided walk to observe features of the built environment. (Course continues in the Spring Term).

Greetland Private Day Nursery, End of Exchange Street, West Vale, Greetland

Finding Out about Your Local History

Tutor: Sarah Holland C3650655
Tuesday from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm for 10 weeks
Starting: 22 September 2009
Fees: Full Fee £60.00 Claimant Fee £3.00

From maps and old photos, to buildings and landscapes, to commercial directories and written sources, discover what they can tell us about the past and the development of places. Local examples will be used where possible. We will be exploring industrial heritage, transport, religion and education, trade and commerce, and leisure. Everyone welcome.

Square Chapel, 10 Square Road, Halifax HX1 1QG

Transcribing the Past

Tutor: Alan Petford C3650348
Monday from 10:15 am to 12:15 pm for 10 weeks
Starting: 28 September 2009
Fees: Full Fee £60.00 Claimant Fee £3.00

The aim of this course is to transcribe a selection of the surviving local wills and inventories dating from 1690-1705. This term, we will be focusing on the townships of Warley and Southowram. New participants are welcome.

Unity House, Coleridge Street, Halifax HX1 2JF

Great Composers and their Influence

Tutor: Richard Baines C3650371
Tuesday from 10:15 am to 12:15 pm for 10 weeks
Starting: 22 September 2009
Fees: Full Fee £60.00 Claimant Fee £3.00

On this course we shall consider a varied selection of famous composers examining their influence on other, sometimes less well known composers. We shall also look at ways in which they reflect and possibly influence the philosophical and cultural outlook of humankind. Variety of musical style and content is assured.

Upper Calder Valley Branch Hebden Bridge

For more details go to www.wea.org.uk/yh

Enquiries: Linda Croft 01422 382952

Hope Chapel, Cheetham Street, Hebden Bridge HX7 8EW

Mendelssohn's Bi-Centenary 1809 - 2009
Tutor: John Pettitt C3650374
Wednesday from 10:15 am to 12:15 pm for 10 weeks
Starting: 23 September 2009
Fees: Full Fee £60.00 Claimant Fee £3.00

A chronological survey of the great composer's life and music. Come and hear some famous and some less well-known pieces, fully illustrated on CD.

Writing Poetry

Tutor: Sally Baker C3650377
Friday from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm for 10 weeks
Starting: 25 September 2009
Fees: Full Fee £60.00 Claimant Fee £3.00

A friendly group using games and exercises to write new poems as well as looking at the work of contemporary poets. Constructive, supportive feedback. Some knowledge of contemporary poetry useful but not essential.

National Trust Hardcastle Crags, Hebden Bridge HX7 7AP

Dry Stone Walling

Tutor: Peter Walker C3650654
Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 am each day
Weekend of 17-18 October 2009
Fees: Full Fee £42.00 Claimant Fee £3.00

Learn to build a basic dry stone wall safely. No experience required. You must be reasonably fit as lifting is involved. ALL PLACES MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE by 9 October 2009. Phone (01422) 382952 for Information/Booking pack.

Nutclough Tavern Studio, 6 - 8 Nutclough, Hebden Bridge HX7 8HA

Creative Journaling

Tutor: Karen Alderson C3650367
Monday from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm for 10 weeks
Starting: 28 September 2009
Fees: Full Fee £60.00 Claimant Fee £3.00

Ever wanted to make a visual diary, combining creative word play with exciting art mediums? Come, be inspired to make books, colour pages, collage, alter photographs, use textiles to document your daily life and more.

Beginning Geology

Tutor: William Paley C3650366
Wednesday from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm for 10 weeks
Starting: 30 September 2009
Fees: Full Fee £60.00 Claimant Fee £3.00

An introduction to geology for those with an interest in their local landscape. The course will touch on the Earth's age, origin, mineralogy, structure, surface processes and various rock types. In particular, we will look at the fossil record and the geological history of the British Isles.

Creative Writing: Saturday Workshops

Tutor: Char March C3650653
Saturday from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm for 4 weeks
Starting: 17 October 2009
Fees: Full Fee £60.00 Claimant Fee £3.00

A series of four vibrant Saturday workshops to help writers in any genre develop their practice: 'Writing on Location', 'Making your Characters Come Alive', 'Helping your Characters Speak' and 'How not to Hate Editing'. ADVANCE BOOKING ESSENTIAL by 9 October 2009: Phone (01422) 382952 for Information/Booking pack.

Riverside Junior School, Holme Street, Hebden Bridge HX7 8EE

Circle Dance for All: Autumn into Winter

Tutor: Sophia Hatch C3650378
Tuesday from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm for 10 weeks
Starting: 22 September 2009
Fees: Full Fee £60.00 Claimant Fee £3.00

Open to all - NO PARTNERS NEEDED! Try the first session with no obligation. Dances with an autumnal, and wintery flavour from Eastern Europe, and beyond. Come, get fitter, de-stress, meet others, enjoy world music finding the dancer within.

Upper Calder Valley Branch Todmorden

For more details go to www.wea.org.uk/yh

Enquiries: Linda Croft 01422 382952

New Oddfellows Hall, Oxford Street, Todmorden OL14 5PU

Circle Dance for Women: Autumn into Winter

Tutor: Sophia Hatch C3650380

Thursday from 10:15 am to 12:15 pm for 10 weeks

Starting: 24 September 2009

Fees: Full Fee £60.00 Claimant Fee £3.00

Open to all - NO PARTNERS NEEDED! Try the first session with no obligation. Dances both lively and quiet, recent and traditional with some principles of Alexander Technique included. Come, get fitter, de stress, meet others, enjoy world music finding the dancer within.

Gomersal

For more details go to www.wea.org.uk/yh

Enquiries: Linda Croft 01422 382952

Red House Museum, 281 Oxford Rd, Gomersal, Cleckheaton BD19 4JP

The Luddites

Tutor: John Hargreaves C3650355

Wednesday from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm for 10 weeks

Starting: 30 September 2009

Fees: Full Fee £60.00 Claimant Fee £3.00

This course will explore the development of Luddism in this area, drawing on the rich store of local documents relating to the area. We will discuss whether the right men were hanged for the Horsfall murders, and consider the historical significance of Yorkshire Luddism: were the Luddites rebels or merely rioters?

After the Slums

Tutor: John Brooke C3650358

Thursday from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm for 3 weeks plus one full Thursday

Starting: 15 October 2009

Fees: Full Fee £60.00 Claimant Fee £3.00

Did the 20th century housing provision that followed slum clearance result in improved health and a better quality of life for the people? We look at workers' and social housing, and new developments in Yorkshire and beyond. There will be a full day visit to New Earswick, York on 29 October (car sharing to be arranged).

Northern Dissent

Tutor: Alan Petford C3650652

Monday from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm for 10 weeks

Starting: 18 January 2010

Fees: Full Fee £60.00 Claimant Fee £3.00

Through documentary extracts and visual imagery we shall explore the origins, ideas and impact of religious dissent in the northern counties of England from the Civil War to the middle of the Twentieth Century. Advance booking advised.

Huddersfield

For more details go to www.wea.org.uk/yh

Enquiries: Linda Croft 01422 382952

Huddersfield Art Gallery, Princess Alexandra Walk, Huddersfield

Explorations in Art

Tutor: Anna Gibson C3650382

Tuesday from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm for 10 weeks

Starting: 22 September 2009

Fees: Full Fee £60.00 Claimant Fee £3.00

Join us to explore art in Huddersfield Art Gallery. Create your own response to the works exhibited, using the media of your own choice under the guidance of an experienced tutor. No artistic ability or experience required! There may be a small charge for some materials - or bring your own.

Paddock Village Hall, West View, Paddock, Huddersfield HD1 4TX

Introduction to Counselling Skills

Tutor: Gillian Whalley C3650369

Tuesday from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm for 10 weeks plus a Saturday day-school

Starting: 29 September 2009

Fees: Full Fee £60.00 Claimant Fee £3.00

An introductory course for anyone interested in developing and using counselling skills that can be usefully applied at work, as a volunteer or in your personal life. You will learn more about yourself, and could lay the foundations for more advanced training as a counsellor, if that is your objective. Includes a Saturday day-school on 12 December.

Tolson Memorial Museum, Ravensknowle Park, Wakefield Road, Huddersfield HD5 8DJ

Fossils and their Uses

Tutor: William Paley C3650364

Monday from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm for 10 weeks

Starting: 28 September 2009

Fees: Full Fee £60.00 Claimant Fee £3.00

For everyone with an interest in the animal and plant life of the past. We will consider how fossils are formed, where they can be found and how they are used. Examples from the Tolson Museum's extensive collection will be examined, and you will be encouraged to bring in your own specimens for identification/discussion.

Meltham

For more details go to www.wea.org.uk/yh

Enquiries: Linda Croft 01422 382952

Meltham Civic Hall, Huddersfield Rd, Meltham, Huddersfield HD9 4AG

Early Societies of the Near East

Tutor: Edgar Holroyd-Doveton C3650361

Tuesday from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm for 10 weeks

Starting: 22 September 2009

Fees: Full Fee £60.00 Claimant Fee £3.00

The earliest urban societies known to history comprised the 'civilisations' of the near east: Sumer, the Babylonians, the Hittites, the Assyrians and the Median and Achaemenid Persian Empires. What was life like during these early years? In this course we explore the religion, art, economy, personal lives and history of these societies.

Mendelssohn's Bi-Centenary 1809 - 2009

Tutor: John Pettitt C3650375

Thursday from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm for 10 weeks

Starting: 24 September 2009

Fees: Full Fee £60.00 Claimant Fee £3.00

A chronological survey of the great composer's life and music. Come and hear some famous and some less well-known pieces, fully illustrated on CD.

Halifax WEA Branch ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday 9 October 2009 10.30am - 12.00noon

WEA Office, 6 Park Road,
Halifax HX1 2TS

All WEA students and tutors invited

Upper Calder Valley WEA Branch (Hebden Bridge, Sowerby Bridge & Todmorden) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 1 October 2009 7.30pm - 8.30pm
White Lion Hotel, Bridge Gate, Hebden Bridge
HX7 8EX

All WEA students and tutors invited

Kirklees Community Courses "Helping in Schools"

"Helping in Schools" - our accredited course for voluntary helpers in primary schools - has been running in Kirklees since 1995. Since then, over 1200 helpers from more than 120 different schools have completed the course in Kirklees. The course runs in various locations in Kirklees in each of the three school terms. We also offer a follow-on course "Helping with Special Educational Needs". There is also an optional short, non-accredited preparatory course "Practical Parent Helpers".

In delivering this programme, we work closely with Kirklees Council's Post 16 and Adult Learning Service, with Calderdale and Kirklees Careers' Service and, increasingly, with Children's Centres across Kirklees.

Community Courses

The WEA has long experience of delivering courses in the community in Kirklees, with subjects on offer including First Aid, Arts and Crafts, Sewing, ICT, Yoga, Family Health and Parenting Skills.

We are currently developing new work in this area, with the primary geographical focus being North Kirklees.

The main subject areas we can offer are Holistic Health and Relaxation, Promoting Healthy Life-styles, Arts and Crafts, Positive Parenting, Skills for Life and "Practical Parent Helpers".

Schools and Community Organisations interested in further exploring the WEA's offer should contact Rose Farrar on 07880 565 459.

For further information about "Helping in Schools" and "Helping with Special Educational Needs" please contact Linda Croft on 01422 382952, email: lcroft@wea.org.uk.

Calderdale Community Courses

The WEA has long experience of delivering courses in the community in Calderdale. These courses are arranged in partnership with local organisations such as schools and community centres.

"Helping in Schools" - our accredited course for voluntary helpers in primary schools - has been running in Calderdale since 1994, with great success. The course runs in various locations across Calderdale, with courses starting in October and in February.

We also offer a follow-on course "Helping with Special Educational Needs" and there is also an optional short, non-accredited preparatory course, "Practical Parent Helpers".

We deliver English as a Second Language at a number of venues in Halifax, with many of our students on these courses achieving accreditation.

Other subjects that we can offer to schools and communities include Literacy, Numeracy, Paediatric First Aid, Arts and Crafts, Sewing, ICT, Yoga, Family Health, Parenting Skills and Confidence Building.

For further information about the WEA's offer to schools and communities in Calderdale, please contact Linda Croft on 01422 382952 or email lcroft@wea.org.uk.

Booking Form

Booking Form for Calderdale & Kirklees

(Please use separate form and send separate cheque for each branch)
Enquiries about classes: please contact the Branch directly or
Linda Croft Tel: 01422 382952

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Tel No: _____

Please reserve me a place on the following course(s):

1 Course _____

Venue _____

Fee _____

2 Course _____

Venue _____

Fee _____

3 Course _____

Venue _____

Fee _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: £

- Cheques should be made payable to "WEA"
- If you require a receipt, please enclose an SAE
- You will have a place on the course unless you hear otherwise
- All enrolments will be "first come, first served"
- All postal enrolments to be received at least a week before the course starts

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH THE APPROPRIATE FEE TO:

Halifax Courses

Halifax Branch Treasurer Elaine Beadl, Wood Cottage, Beestonley Lane, Stahland,
Halifax HX4 9PS

Kirklees Courses

Linda Croft, WEA Office, 4 Park Road, Halifax HX1 2TS Tel: 01422 382952

Hebden Bridge, Sowerby Bridge and Todmorden Courses:

Upper Golder Valley Branch Treasurer, Kenneth Wilson, Old House Farm, Ellard Road,
Barkisland, HX4 0DJ

Calderdale & Kirklees

Do you have additional learning needs?

If this answer is yes, we have funds to help - you may be eligible.

Contact Gill Dean on 0113 200 1164 for more information

Are you on a low income?

Would you be interested in tutoring for the WEA in the Yorkshire & Humber region?

If so, then please visit our website or contact your local Organisers:

Linda Croft

Linda Croft 01422 382952

lcroft@wea.org.uk

Rose Farrar

Tel: 07880 565 459

Email: rfarrar@wea.org.uk

We would be interested in hearing from tutors across a wide range of subject areas.

Could you be a volunteer for the WEA?

The WEA has a proud tradition of voluntary and democratic practice. At Branch, Regional and National levels, voluntary members are involved in the planning and provision of courses. If you would like to become involved in your local Branch or help set up a new Branch, then please contact us.

Tel: 0113 245 3304

For all WEA Learners: Your Entitlement. If you are studying on a WEA course, you can have:

- an initial assessment of your English or Maths skills
- information about classes in English or Maths
- opportunities to improve your communication or number skills
- extra help with English or Maths to help you make the most of your WEA course
- information about the new National Certificates in English and Maths
- advice about what course would suit you

If you would like to brush up your English or Maths, there are **FREE SKILLS for LIFE** courses offered by the WEA and other local providers.

You could gain national qualifications in English or Maths...It's **FREE!**

For more information, speak to your WEA tutor or contact:

Dory Glynn, Skills for Life Co-ordinator 01422 884018

Skills for Life



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Why not have a look at our other courses

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