

# WEA Course Information Sheet 2017-18



<b>Course title:</b> Russians and the Russian Culture through the Witness' Eyes. The Cold War		<b>Course ID:</b> C2224312
<b>Start date:</b> 19/09/2017	<b>End date:</b> 28/11/2017	<b>Day(s)/time(s):</b> Tue 10:15
<b>Number of sessions:</b> 10	<b>Hours per session:</b> 1.5	<b>Tutor</b> Marina Burrell
<b>Additional hours:</b>	<b>Specific funder/partner requirements:</b>	
<b>Awarding body (if any):</b> <b>Title of qualification to be gained:</b>		<b>Level:</b> Level 2
<b>Fee:</b> £54.00 or <b>Free</b> if you are in receipt of an income related benefit (only SFA funded) <b>Accreditation Fee</b> (if applicable):		
<b>Venue:</b> Cottenham Royal British Legion, 121 High Street, Cottenham, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, CB24 8SD		
<b>Theme(s):</b> The WEA has four themes it uses for planning its provision. <b>Employability</b> – helping students to get a job or to make progress in their employment <b>Health and Wellbeing</b> – making a positive contribution to their own or others health and wellbeing <b>Community Engagement</b> – encouraging students to be positively involved in their communities <b>Culture</b> – learning about diverse cultures, identities and environments  The Theme(s) used in planning your course is/ are:  1. <b>Culture Education</b> 2.		

### Course Aim

Share experience of living in the USSR during the Cold War.  
 Compare life in the UK with the life in the USSR.  
 Develop a better understanding of current events.  
 Introduce Basic Russian.

### Course Description

Part 1 of the course, "Russians and the Russian Culture in the USSR through the Witness' Eyes" is based on the tutor's experience of living, studying and working in the USSR during the Cold War. This is an interactive course illustrated with audio and video materials and period artefacts, such as propaganda posters, newspapers, photographs, badges, family photos, documents, etc. It explores the economic, political and cultural policies of the Soviet state and the ways they affected the life of ordinary people. The course includes some elements of basic Russian and is supplemented by colourful hand-outs with interactive tasks, e.g. virtual travelling by the Trans-Siberian Express.

### Do I need any particular skills or experience?

- This course is suitable for beginners and improvers
- Anyone interested in the Russian history, culture or language or willing to travel to Russia.

### **What will I achieve?**

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

1. Compare life in the UK with the life in the USSR during the corresponding period.
2. Relate the recent past of Russia to her present for better understanding of current events.
3. Use some basic Russian words and phrases.

### **What teaching methods will be used and will there be work outside of the class?**

- 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?**

- 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
- Every session is followed by an optional short quiz to check students' comprehension. Students are encouraged to conduct their own research on one of the course topics and deliver a presentation at the end.

### **What else do I need to know? Is there anything I need to bring?**

- All materials will be provided
- A selection of materials and basic equipment will be provided but you are welcome to bring additional materials with you
- It would be helpful if you had access to the internet (Mobile phone, tablet or computer at home or through a library etc.)
- Students are welcome to share their experience of travelling to Russia, watching films or reading books about Russia and to bring any related objects.

### **Pre-course work, reading and information sources**

- No pre reading is required but research on the subject on the internet or in the library may be helpful

### **Possible next steps after this course including career opportunities if appropriate**

- Progress to another WEA course
- Become involved with the WEA in a range of voluntary work and other activities including campaigning as a WEA member
- Part 1 could be followed by Part 2 – “The Collapse of the USSR: its causes and aftermath.” Students might also want to start an Elementary Russian 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 first course you accept a learning agreement (the tear-off portion of your enrolment form). This applies to all courses you take in this academic year.

You can enrol online for some 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  
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