

## Overview of the WEA for promotion/publicity

The WEA is the only UK adult education charity and has been in existence since 1903. With its roots in supporting the working classes to access education that would have normally have been impossible for the many, it enabled many ordinary families to work and gain new skills and qualifications.

Since then we have continued to support all adults in education – be it learning for leisure, gaining a new skill or qualification or increasing confidence so that the student feels ready to volunteer or move closer to gaining a job.

We also work closely with partners in Derbyshire – often within the voluntary sector to support their client group. We currently work with local Mental Health services, refugee services and women's groups to empower their clients and move them forward within their lives.

Our courses are short (up to 11 weeks) and usually 2 hours a week. We charge £4.00 per hour and many of our courses are free to those in receipt of certain benefits.

Education at any age can play an important part in developing confidence, keeping the mind active and helping to upskill individuals to be the best they can!

You're never too old to learn – we offer courses throughout the county on a huge range of subjects so come and see if there's something of interest to you.

You can find out more by going to our website [www.wea.org.uk/eastmidlands](http://www.wea.org.uk/eastmidlands) or give us a call at our Derby based office on 01332 291805.

We'd love to hear from you!