



THE CITY OF  
**LEICESTER**  
COLLEGE

**PTFA First AGM**  
**20<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

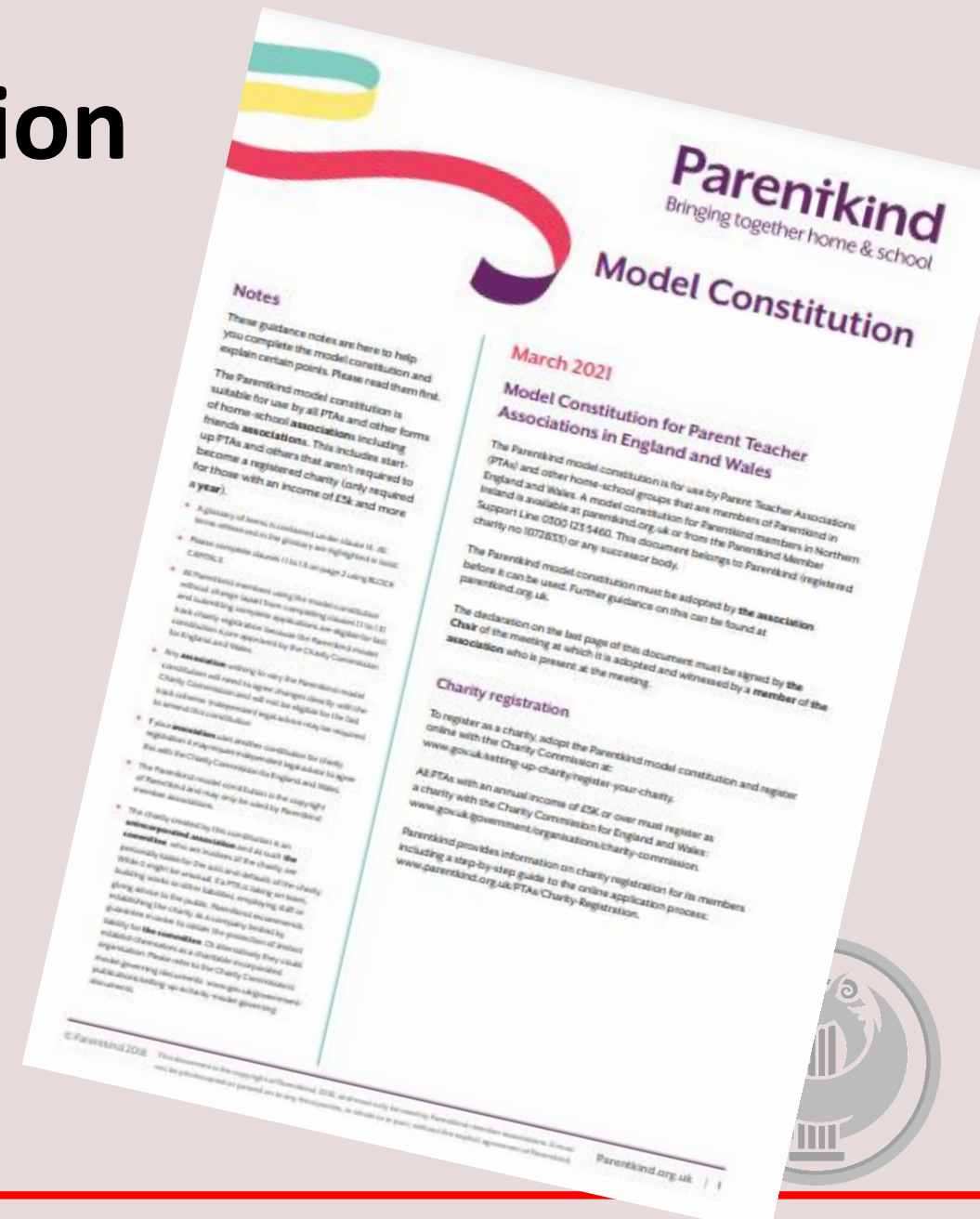
# Agenda

- Creation of our PTFA
  - Creation of officers: Chair, treasurer, secretary, signatories for the bank account
  - Adoption of constitution
  - Name of PTFA
  - Aims
- Parental support: the WEA
- Fund raising plans
- What we want to spend funds on
- AOB
- Date for our next meeting and ideas for focus



# Administration

- Allocation of roles
- Adopting the constitution
- Our name: 'Friends of TCOLC'



# Aims

What do we want our PTFA to be about?



# Welcome to the WEA

**WEA**

Adult Learning  
Within Reach



## Our mission and approach

The WEA is a leading education charity.

We empower adults by bringing great teaching to local communities across England and Scotland.

Our mission is to bring adult education within reach of everyone who needs it, fighting inequality and promoting social justice.

We do this by working closely with communities to understand and respond to their needs.

# Our learner experience

## Face-to-face



- ▶ Community venues
- ▶ Small groups
- ▶ Inspiring tutors
- ▶ Informative learning materials
- ▶ Great learner support

## Online



- ▶ Zoom meetings and online learning centre
- ▶ Small groups
- ▶ Inspiring tutors
- ▶ Informative learning materials
- ▶ Great learner support

# WEA in numbers

**39,175**

Number of students

**5,033**

Number of members

**1,893**

Number of volunteers

**6,676**

Number of courses

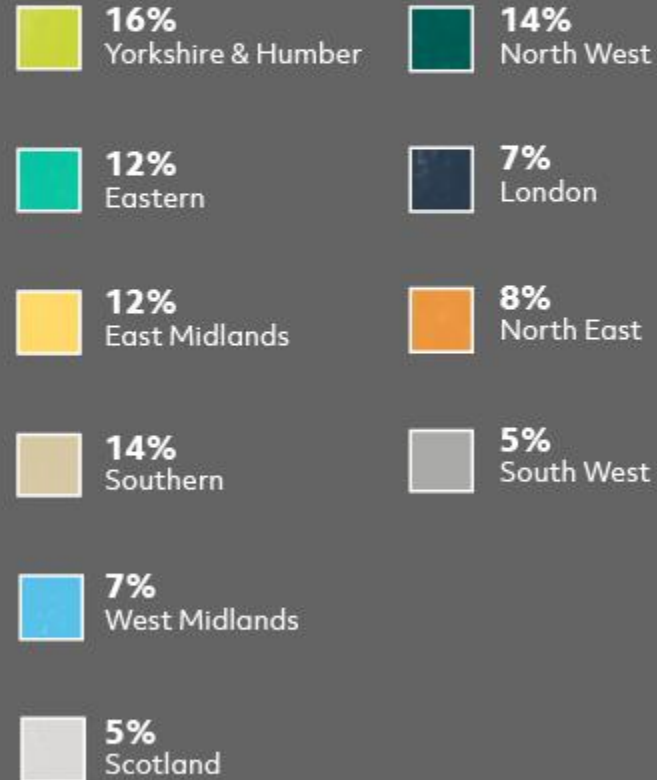
**1,445**

Number of partner  
community organisations

**3,396**

Number of tutors

## Where are we teaching?





## Our curriculum

- ▶ Career tasters and sector skills
- ▶ Digital confidence & job hunting
- ▶ Literacy & numeracy
- ▶ Communication
- ▶ Humanities
- ▶ Arts
- ▶ Crafts



# Levelling up opportunity

## Key adult employment challenges

- ▶ Illiteracy
- ▶ Poor numeracy
- ▶ Lack of digital skills
- ▶ Poor communication skills
- ▶ Barriers to digital recruitment

## WEA solution seeking investment

- ▶ Employment connections programme
- ▶ Modular progression pathway to resolve gaps
- ▶ Intensive tutor support
- ▶ Sector specific training
- ▶ Introduction to digital recruitment & employers



# Our impact

## The need

**2.6 million**

will be unemployed in 2021  
(double the number from 2019)

**9**

in ten workers will  
need some form of  
reskilling by 2030

There are

**1.4m**

chronically lonely  
older people in  
England, and  
many more  
across the  
rest of the UK,  
making this a  
major issue that  
is now widely  
recognised in  
society today

**9**

million adults  
lack functional  
literacy,  
numeracy or  
both

**9.5**

million  
adults lack  
basic digital  
skills

ONE IN  
**SIX**

adults will  
have a  
mental health  
problem at  
any one time

Mental illness  
costs UK a  
year

**£94b**

## Our difference

**40%**

of students stopped  
claiming benefits within  
six months of course  
completion

**24%**

of unemployed students  
found work after their  
course ended

**79%**

of students felt their digital course increased  
their motivation to find employment

More than **80%** of BAMER and  
learners on benefits improved job-  
relevant skills

Over **74%** of ESOL students  
improved skills in communication,  
language, reading and writing

**94%** of  
WEA student  
said their  
course helped  
to keep their  
minds active

**70%** of  
WEA students  
said their  
course helped  
them to make  
new friends

# Enhancing Employability

Six months after their WEA course ended, 40% of students claiming benefits at enrolment had stopped claiming benefits.



**24%**

of students who were unemployed when they began their WEA course found work after their course ended



**71%**

of students who were unemployed and looking for work before the course said that the course helped them improve skills or knowledge that might be used in a job



**63%**

reported that they knew better what to do to get a job as a result of their course



**57%**

said that their course had increased their motivation to find work in the future



**64%**

felt the course provided them with a better understanding of job opportunities suited to their skills, experience and future aspirations



**66%**

reported that their course helped them do things more independently



**67%**

of unemployed students looking for work felt they know how to find things out



**70%**

found their course helped them to develop perseverance and motivation

# Protecting physical and mental health

	All	On benefits	Mental health condition
The course helped to reduce stress	38%	55%	64%
The course helped to manage stress better	33%	51%	60%
The course helped with mental health issues	32%	47%	74%
The course helped with physical health issues	15%	28%	29%
The course helped students to feel more resilient	40%	59%	59%

# About WEA in Leicester

- Teaching and Learning Centre at 101 Hinckley Road, Leicester, LE3 9SH
- Ability to deliver where there is need: e.g. community organisations, places of worship and at employer premises.
- Presence in Fosse, North Evington, Highfields, Wycliffe, Belgrave
- Over 20 referral partnerships including in-venue delivery: Wesley Hall Community Centre, Shama Women's Centre, St. Matthews Library
- Multi-lingual tutors – Hindi, Gujarati, Punjabi, French, Urdu

The logo for WEA (Workers' Educational Association) consists of the letters 'WEA' in a bold, green, sans-serif font. The 'W' and 'E' are connected, and the 'A' is slightly larger and positioned to the right.

Adult Learning  
Within Reach

21/06/2024

# Curriculum Intent and Individualisation

Ability to design curriculum and deliver courses to suit the needs of communities and learners to develop confidence for life and work.

Most in-demand courses are:

Foundations for English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) learning programme and Employability Skills

- Pre-entry Digital Skills Pathway (Digital Skills for ESOL Learners)
- Living and Working in the UK (Citizenship for ESOL learners)
- Health and Safety at the workplace (for ESOL learners)
- Driving Theory Test Practice (for ESOL learners)
- Effective Communication Skills, CV Writing, Interview Techniques (ESOL for Employability)



# Curriculum Intent and Individualisation

## Get Ready for Textiles, Step into Textiles Learning Programmes

- Level 1 Award in Creative Crafts (Textiles), Level 2 Award in Creative Crafts (Textiles),

## Helping in Schools, Early Years Learning Programmes

- Introduction to Helping in Schools/Introduction to Caring for a Child in Early Years, Safeguarding Children and Young Adults, Functional Skills English and Maths, Digital Skills and How to register as a childminder





## Learner stories



It was exactly what I needed to change career and I am excited about what the future holds

**Kimberley**



I was worried about coming as a refugee to Glasgow, but the WEA course helped me learn English for work. I landed a job and I have no regrets

**Parisa**



The change since getting involved with the WEA has been extraordinary. At the start, I couldn't go to the classes alone. Now, I'm doing part-time work

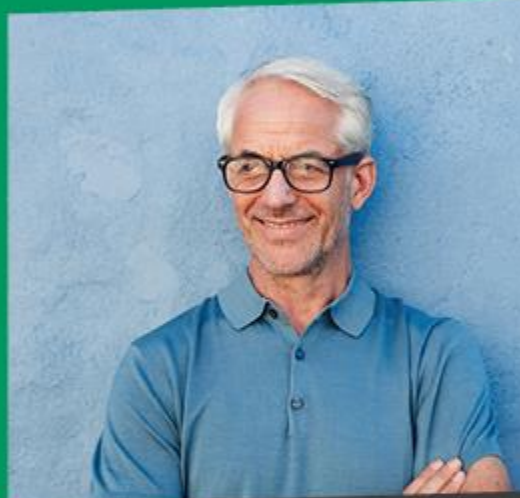
**Sara**



# Learner feedback from our latest research



WEA study lifted me up and gave me focus and a positive outlook during my recovery from a life threatening-illness. I gained the confidence and the subject knowledge to go back to work in a new job



I am so happy the WEA is offering online courses. For someone like me with limited energy due to ill health (and funds) these are truly a godsend



I have learned so many new things, genuinely - it was a very, very interesting course



The WEA has actually saved my life. It has greatly improved my mental wellbeing and helped me to cope with my PTSD, anxiety and depression



I have met new people of all ages from varied backgrounds and have made some lovely friends. The atmosphere at the workshops was always friendly and relaxing. The tutor was delightful and encouraging



## Building culture and community



**22%**

of students took part in activities to improve their local community as a result of their course, which was higher among BAMER students (41%) and ESOL students (41%)



**13%**

of students said the courses made them more likely to vote in the next elections



**24%**

students took more interest in local or national political affairs as a result of the course



**43%**

claimed that their course gave them skills or knowledge that could help in voluntary work



**67%**

of parents improved their confidence in helping their children with reading, writing or maths as a result of the course



**47%**

just under half (47%) helped their children with schoolwork more often as a result of WEA courses



**39%**

of parents went on to notice improvements in their child's educational achievement

# Get involved



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with us



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# Raising funds - Your PTFA

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- **How** do we want to raise money?



# Fundraising opportunities



**Malabar**  
FOOD FESTIVAL  
2024

**EUROPE'S  
BIGGEST  
SOUTH  
INDIAN  
FOOD  
FESTIVAL**

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**WELCOME TO THE  
MALABAR FOOD FESTIVAL**

Experience the vibrant and rich culinary and cultural heritage of Kerala's Malabar region at Europe's largest South Indian food festival. The Malabar Food Festival 2024 invites you to embark on an unforgettable journey into the heart of Kerala. Delight your senses with diverse flavours, immerse yourself in traditional arts, and enjoy engaging activities for all ages. This festival is perfect for food lovers, cultural enthusiasts, and families, offering a celebration of South India's unique traditions and warm hospitality. From tantalising dishes that burst with authentic spices to captivating cultural performances that tell timeless stories, the Malabar Food Festival provides a rare opportunity to experience the true essence of Kerala.

Discover the magic of Kerala's culinary excellence, with live cooking demonstrations by renowned chefs, and indulge in the aromatic and flavourful dishes that have made Malabar cuisine famous worldwide. Whether you're savouring the intricate flavours of traditional recipes or participating in interactive workshops, every moment at the festival is designed to enchant and educate, leaving you with cherished memories and a deeper appreciation for this vibrant culture.

**PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS**

- Culinary Delights**  
Taste authentic Malabar dishes from home cook stalls and live cooking stations.
- Cultural Performances**  
Enjoy traditional Mappila pattu concerts and vibrant dance performances like Chippala and Outtrattu.
- Interactive Workshop**  
Participate in hands-on sessions ranging from cooking to crafts, offering a deep dive into Kerala's culture.
- Ethnic Marketplace**  
Explore the Spice Souk and browse through an array of spices, textiles, jewellery, and wellness products.
- Kid's Pavilion**  
A dedicated zone for young guests featuring fun rides, cooking classes, storytelling, and interactive games.
- Refreshment Hubs**  
Indulge in a variety of beverages and desserts at specialised pavilions for tea, coffee, juices, and sweet treats.

**Date**  
JULY 6

**Venue**  
THE CITY OF LEICESTER COLLEGE

**Time**  
11AM - 8PM

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# Distributing funds - Your PTFA

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- What things do we want to spend the raised money on?





# AOB



# Our next meeting

Suggested date: 26<sup>th</sup> September

Focus area?

