



Course details

Course title

History: English canals- An Introduction

Course code

Q00016930

Course date

Start: 05/11/24

End: 10/12/24

Number of classes

6 sessions

Timetable

Tue 5th Nov, 14:00 to 15:30

Tue 12th Nov, 14:00 to 15:30

Tue 19th Nov, 14:00 to 15:30

Tue 26th Nov, 14:00 to 15:30

Tue 3rd Dec, 14:00 to 15:30

Tue 10th Dec, 14:00 to 15:30

Tutor

Michael Turner

Fee range

Free to £33.30

How you'll learn

You'll join a small group of fellow learners for classes online in video meetings and materials will be provided in our virtual learning environment.

Got it!

Online

Venue

Online

Level of study

Beginners

Course overview

As built, canals linked towns and cities with the remote corners of the English countryside. Built largely to carry coal to fuel the Industrial Revolution, they are used today for pleasure purposes. Canals offer the opportunity to improve health and wellbeing, whether walking along the towpath or travelling along in a barge. Come and join this illustrated course where you will discover how the canal system was built and its contribution to our industrial and social history, by tracing its expansion, slow decline and renaissance. During this course you will discover that there are different types of canals, various methods used to raise and lower barges to different levels and review the role of James Brindley who was a canal pioneer. This course is suitable for learners with little or some knowledge of the subject.

Course description

This course is ideal for those who want to spend time learning something new from the comfort of their own home.

There will be a range of different teaching and learning methods to encourage you to be actively involved in your learning.

You will be invited to undertake work to support your course outside the class and in particular there will be an assignment that will involve producing a description of your local canal. If you are content, you will have the opportunity to report back your findings to the rest of the class. You may use photographs if you have any, otherwise the tutor will draw examples from his extensive collection.

You will be encouraged to be actively involved in supporting your local canal, either through the Canal and River Trust or through a local group if your local canal is being restored. This will strengthen connections to the wider community.

Sessions will be delivered through PowerPoint presentation, discussion and debate, with students encouraged to contribute and enjoy the course. A range of handouts will be provided on Canvas.

There will be opportunity to attend a more advanced course in the next Term, building on what you learn on this course.

What financial support is available?

We don't want anything to stand in your way when it comes to bringing Adult learning within reach so if you need anything to support you to achieve your goals then speak to one of our education experts during your enrolment journey. Most of our courses are government funded but if you don't qualify or need alternative financial help to access them then let us know.

What other support is available?

All of our digital content, teaching and learning activities and assessments are designed to be accessible so if you need any additional support you can discuss this with the education experts during your enrolment journey and we will do all we can to make sure you have optimal access.

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