



January 2018 Trustee Tips

Please print this off, put on your noticeboard and circulate it – especially to your newsletter editor and your website manager. Thank you.

A very Happy New Year to you all!

Dates for your diary

- 5.02.18 N Wales Network meeting
- 9.02.18 W Wales Network Meeting
- 13.02.18 National workshop ‘ Keeping it Legal’ – see details below
- 21.03.18 EGM for all U3As in Birmingham
- 22.03.18 N Wales Network - Murder Mystery and Cultural Day, details on website
- 5.04.18 National Workshop – see details below
- 10.04.18 Regional Meeting – Llandrindod Wells
- 13.04.18 S Wales Network Meeting
- 18 &19th April National Library of Wales – The Hidden Heart of Wales – book through National Office
- 9.5.18 Wales Conference – **Learning Together**. Details coming to your U3A soon.

Things to do – please!

Does your U3A join with a neighbouring U3A for outings, events or an interest group? Does your U3A go into the local community to contribute in any way? Are you involved with a university nearby? Any research topics? I would like to use the information at this year’s Wales Conference, so would appreciate hearing as soon as possible. Thank you for your help.

Visit the Wales website, www.u3asites.org.uk/wales – there are ideas about venues, a speakers list, events across Wales and more. Read other U3As newsletters and put yours on there too.

Catch up with the latest news about the Coastline and Borders Celebration on the Wales website – there is a lot going on!

We need some more volunteers across Wales to help with helping and supporting U3As, new start-ups and delivering workshops. Interested? Do get in touch with me and I will tell you more.

Wales are having a Beacon Information Day – contact Pete Mears prcm60@gmail.com if you would like to attend.

Can ALL your members access and contribute to all the informal learning and activities in your U3A? What about those who have sight or hearing loss? Those who find stairs difficult or those who can no longer drive? Do you have some help or assistance in place for those members? If so, please tell U3APlus – u3aplus@u3a.org.uk. They want to share your good ideas with other U3As so everyone can benefit. The U3APlus website will soon be live, with ideas and advice that should be useful.

Do look at the revised Articles of Association which have been sent to every U3A in the recent National Office Mailings. You have the chance to comment by 26th January.

Please send a rep. to the national Workshops on GDPR, data protection, Safe Guarding, Equality and Insurance. There is one in Leeds on 13th Feb and one in Leatherhead on 5th April. There will be bursaries available if travel costs are too much for your U3A to pay. These workshops will provide really useful training.

Do sign up, on the national website, to receive the National newsletter. All sorts of useful and important information for U3As.

Advice:

There is money in the Welsh Budget to fund open days or workshops – as long as they are to benefit and improve your U3A. Please apply to me for a grant, in advance of the event.

There is now a morning's workshop for New Committee Members, in PowerPoint format for any U3A or Network to use to help inform their committee. Please contact your Network Chairman if you would like to use it.

Do remember I am here to help – if you need advice or want to pass on an idea – get in touch – I will be delighted to hear from you.

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