



## March 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.

### Dates for your diary

- 17.03.18 Llandudno U3A Dinner Dance
- 21.03.18 EGM for all U3As in Birmingham
- 22.03.18 N Wales Network - Murder Mystery and Cultural Day, details on website
- 10.04.18 Regional Meeting – Llandrindod Wells
- 13.04.18 S Wales Network Meeting
- 18 & 19<sup>th</sup> April National Library of Wales – The Hidden Heart of Wales – book through National Office
- 1.05.18 Network Link meeting – London
- 9.5.18 Wales Conference – **Learning Together**
- 17.05.18 Theatre Clwyd Workshop – book through National Office

### Information:

Booking is now open for the Wales Conference – please look on the Wales website. There will be plenty of ideas and suggestions about how to broaden your informal learning.

National Treasurers workshops are being organised across the UK with a special request for at least one in Wales. Watch this space.

Thanks for being so patient with all the paperwork coming out of National Office – all essential but lots of it!

**Don't forget:** Please complete the U3APlus questionnaire that was sent out recently and have a look at the U3APlus website – under the Resources button on the national website. Ideas and advice on inclusivity. Thanks to those who have completed it.

If your U3A is celebrating a special anniversary – please tell me and I can order a special Congratulations card to mark the occasion.

## **For all U3A Members!**

### **Shared Learning and Research**

I am a Shared Learning Project Co-ordinator based in Swansea. We are looking for a co-ordinator based in N Wales & for Research Ambassadors in both areas.

A Shared Learning Project (SLP) is any activity where the project is shared between different organisations – either other U3As or institutions like museums, universities, schools and colleges. It is not necessarily research and is usually time limited. The co-ordinator liaises with the National SLP co-ordinator and logs it on the National Database. I have a more detailed role description I can let you have.

Research Ambassadors have a similar role but are more closely involved with encouraging research with universities and other institutions. They ensure our members engage only with relevant research, likely to benefit U3A members and the wider community. Again, I have a more detailed role description I can send you.

Much of the work can be done by e-mail or Skype. There is an annual meeting for each role, usually in London.

For further information please contact me. Sue Shannon-Jones [chair@u3aswansea.org.uk](mailto:chair@u3aswansea.org.uk)

## **Things to do – please!**

**Please double check that your U3A contact details at National Office are correct and up to date. This will help to ensure you get all relevant information. Don't forget to tell me of any changes too, please.**

Visit the Wales website, [www.u3asites.org.uk/wales](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/wales) and catch up with the latest news about the **Coastline and Borders Celebration** on the Wales website – there is a lot going on! Look at the special Facebook page too – some great photos and information.

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.

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

### **Advice:**

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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