



## November 2017 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

- 7.11.17 Newcastle Emlyn Philosophy Day, details on the website
- 7.11.17 Inclusivity Day Warrington – Welsh U3As invited, contact me if interested.
- 14.11.17 N Wales Network Theme Day – ‘Reformation and Revolution’
- 21.11.17 Network Link meeting in London, invitation has been sent to all Networks
- 24.11.17 Inter U3A Quiz Porthcawl Rugby Club
- 8.12.17 S Wales Network meeting
- 5.2.18 N Wales Network meeting
- 9.5.18 Wales Conference – **please note revised date.**

Please let me know if you have any events you would like promoting, in my Trustee Tips and on the Wales website. Please also let our national communications officer Liz Drury know too – [elizabeth.drury@u3a.org.uk](mailto:elizabeth.drury@u3a.org.uk)

Is your U3A interested in finding out more about the Beacon Management System? Let me know and I will organise an information session for you. There is another newsletter workshop planned – get in touch with me if you are interested.

Visit the Wales website, [www.u3asites.org.uk/wales](http://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. Find more information about the exciting Coastline Project. Lots of ideas your interest groups to be involved in.

Thanks to a great idea from W Wales Network – a Welsh language poster in pdf format is on the website for U3As to download and print off – as many as they need. These Welsh language posters are also available to order from the U3A online shop.

The Table Tennis Championship held in Cardiff in September was a great success, well done Pembrokeshire, who sent the winning team. The competition will be held again next year – so you have time to practise or even start a Table Tennis group! The whole day was great fun especially the interaction between the U3As so watch the Wales website for next year's competition.

There was a fantastic response for the English Short Story Competition this year with 90 entries. Thanks to all who entered, to Joyce Owen of Swansea U3A for collating and dispatching the stories and to the 5 judges: Beth Butler, Anthony Hughes, Tina Lukey, Margaret Mason and Bob Vidler. A special thanks to Marcia Humphries, Creative Writing Advisor for picking the winner : Charles Griffin of Carmarthen U3A with 'Freida'.

Thanks to those who entered the Welsh competition, all of a high standard. Thanks to the 5 judges: Eira Davies, Gwen Evans, Julia Greenhaf, Carol Loughlin and Mary Burdett-Jones. Special thanks to Jane Owen who picked the winners: Marlene Clarke Flintshire U3A in the Learners category and Marlis Jones Newtown U3A in the First Language category. All the results are on the Wales website and so are the stories.

### **Congratulations to all the winners.**

Advice:

When organising trips away – do remember that no single member can use any free place that might be offered – it must be used to benefit all those on the outing. New advice concerning this will be with U3As shortly.

Please back up all your U3A's important information, especially membership data. If something happened to your membership secretary or administrator – your committee must be able to access your members details etc.

Did you know that if a U3A member books a holiday with the travel company Riviera, they will give 10% of the final cost to that person's U3A. Sounds good – check out their website.

This is my last year as Wales Trustee. I have loved being Trustee and have met so many great people. I have had wonderful support from all over Wales and learned so much about the U3A as a whole. As a result of the Consultation Process, there is a possibility that I could continue for another year but I would have to receive your approval. However, if you would be interested in finding out more or even stepping forward to take on the role, please get in touch with me.

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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