

September 2017 Trustee Tips



I do hope you have all had a good summer, despite the rain!

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:

6 th September	Table Tennis Championship in Cardiff.
19 th September	Mid Wales Network meeting
19 th and 20 th September	Newsletter workshops.
25 th September	N Wales Network meeting
28 th September	As Trustee, I will be talking to Cardigan U3A, all local members invited.
29 th September	W Wales Network meeting
6 th October	S Wales Network meeting
11 th October	Regional Meeting for all Network chairmen, Secretaries to the Network and RVs.
12 th October	Rose Maling Lecture Day at Brecon
25 th October	N Wales Theme Day at Bangor
23 rd May 2018	All Wales Conference – Llandrindod Wells. Advanced Notification.

All these dates should be on the website. I am happy to promote any of your activities – just let me know – and copy in the webmanager nick@trosnant.net . Please also send him your newsletters to go on the website – it is up to you all to make our website useful and interesting.

Great to see all the Networks meeting – these meetings are so useful – for support, exchange of ideas, sharing events and problem solving. If your U3A does not attend – change your habits – send someone along – you will find it beneficial.

There has been a gentle response to Stuart's idea of celebrating our wonderful coastline in art, words, walking and music – in fact anyway you want. Do support the idea – it's a great one and a good focus for your next year's activities. Check out the website for details or contact Stuart at stuart.murray103@googlemail.com

THANK YOU: To all of you attended the Wales Conference on 24th May. It was a great day – 110 delegates from 39 different U3As enjoyed discussion, new ideas and meeting each other. Thank you to all those who helped to make it a success. If you missed it, that is a shame – but you can come next year – it will be worth it.

It's good to say 'Thank You' to your group co-ordinators or convenors, and to your committee, and to your teamakers. In fact – to anyone who helps run your U3A. Because they are worth it.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Llanelli U3A, 25 this month

To Rod Evans, Newtown U3A , who has completed training as an RV

To Leonard Calvert of Porthcawl U3A, who is a member of one of their 3 writing groups. He entered Bridgend Writers Circle competition for a radio play script and won 3rd prize. Brilliant. The Porthcawl play reading groups are going to try out the script as well. Well done Leonard.

I am delighted to celebrate special occasions and achievements within our Welsh U3As. Just let me know and I will mention them.

Short Story Competitions: I have been delighted by the considerable number of entries in the English competition – well done to those who have entered, the results will be announced by 1st Nov. Thank you to the judges for their time and effort in reading and marking the stories and a special thanks to Joyce Owen of Swansea U3A who has collated, organised and dispatched all the entries to each of the judges. She has had a big job to do this year – and has been brilliant.

Please Note: The S Wales joint chairmen can be contacted on chairswalesu3a@gmail.com. Great idea these generic emails!

It was good to see 10 Welsh U3As represented at the National Conference at the end of August, including our 2 newest ones, EbbwVale and Gilwern. It was an excellent 3 days with good speakers, useful workshops and lots of U3A 'noise' - exchanging ideas and information.

Please 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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