



July 2017 Trustee Tips

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

Dates for your Diary

29-31st August National Conference – Nottingham

31st August Final date for Short Story competition entries – see below

6th September Table Tennis Competition in Cardiff

19th September Newsletter workshop – Llandrindod Wells

20th September Newsletter workshop – Llandrindod Wells

Short Story Competitions

I hope that all our authors are madly writing – ready to send in their entries for the Short Story Competition. Please encourage your writing groups and your Welsh groups to enter.

Wales Conference 24th May 2017

I was delighted to welcome 110 delegates from 39 different U3As to our conference, plus Sam Mauger our CEO, the principal speaker. The feedback was good and as hoped, members went home with ideas to try. All the Conference responses and Sam Mauger's presentation are on the website for all U3As to access.

Regional Volunteers (RVs)

Do you know who they are? We are lucky enough to have 7 RVs across Wales with 3 more waiting to be trained. They are there for you – to talk to, to help you sort out problems, to start new U3As, to be a friend! They also help me – with the conference – with visits, to deputise for me, to assist in regional events.

They are:

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I would like to thank the RVs for volunteering, the training they receive could help your U3A with any problems, large or small. If you have any queries either contact me or one of them.

National Subject Advisors

Talking of help – how many of your Group Convenors/Co-ordinators use the National Subject Advisors? They are there to help and advise Interest groups on their particular subject. They are listed in TAM and on the National website. Do use them.

Welsh Subject Advisor: Gareth Williams has been appointed as National Welsh Subject Advisor, his details will be in the next TAM and on the National website. Thanks very much Gareth for volunteering. To contact him - bocspostgap@btinternet.com

South Wales Network

There are now joint Chairmen for the South Wales Network – Lloyd Evans of Cynnon Valley U3A erachel@gmail.com and Dafydd Evans of Cowbridge U3A edc.swss@gmail.com . Thank you to them both for coming forward – I am sure that they will ensure that the S Wales U3As continue to meet and support each other in the Network, to share events, ideas and solutions for common problems.

Advice

Do ensure that all National Office mailings are passed to committee, members and relevant groups please.

The new National Communications Officer wants to hear from you! Liz Drury is keen to promote individual U3A events – especially if they are a little out of the ordinary. Contact her on communications@u3a.org.uk She would also like to hear from members whose lives have been affected positively by belonging to U3A. If you have a special story to tell – get in touch with her – she would be delighted to hear from you.

A New Idea from Stuart Murray – for you all to consider.

‘Wales Coastline and Border Celebration

Would you be interested in helping to celebrate the great coastline and border country that is such a national asset for Wales? U3A members probably do this each week: walking stretches

of the national trails; photography, art and craft based sessions; science and nature subjects of interest; local and social history shaped by the landscape, towns, cities and industry.

Whether you are new to the organisation or have been involved for many years, if you would be interested in helping to collect, collate the U3A experiences of the coast and border during 2018 please contact stuart.murray103@googlemail.com (a Flintshire U3A member). If you have any particular interests, skills or ideas which you think might help to develop a good approach to the planning of such a celebration please include them in your response.

We will look to start planning for the project during the second half of September. ‘

Help Wanted, please: A small team are putting together a workshop for new committee members. We need someone who is good with Power Point to put it into an appealing format. If you would be willing to help with this one -off project please contact me, details below.

Finally

Is there any interest in a Treasurer’s workshop? I would be happy to organize one if there were enough delegates. Please register interest with me by the beginning of September.

Enjoy your summer.

Thank you.

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