



UPDATE!

Wales Coastline and Border Celebration

Next Steps!

Attached to this Update are summaries of discussions that took place at the recent U3A Wales Conference - ideas for U3As to be involved, to work with others, and to take things forward

The Facebook Group remains open and further posts will, of course, be uploaded. Other contributions are still being worked on and will be included in any final event or publication.

Ideas like some sort of (creative writing?) baton activity for U3As, sharing four to five mile walk experiences, and encouraging different interest groups (everything from cooking to photography, to history, to geology) would all produce a good fit with U3A values.

We will also try to represent the results of all the collective efforts to date. This will help to frame the overall achievement and sense of celebration.

Comments or further responses: contact us at:

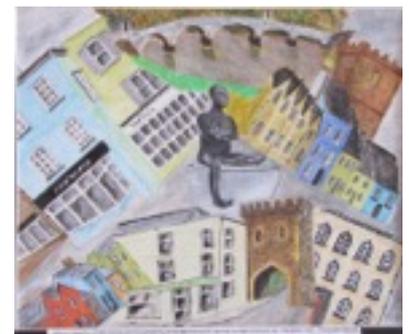
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Ruth Smith (right), Newcastle Elyn U3A Crafty Crafters, with artist Helen Elliott, who painted the picture of Mwnt used for to produce this piece for the Wales U3A Coastline and Border Celebration



Paintings of Chepstow and Chapel Rock from the Chepstow U3A Art Group

Thanks for all the help!

Many thanks to everyone who has so far contributed to the Wales Coastline and Border Celebration.

Thanks to the U3As who displayed material at the Llandrindod Wells Conference: to Barbara Friar and Dyfi (Machynlleth) U3A; to Helen Green and Cardigan U3A, to Hazel Towle and Newcastle Emlyn U3A, and to Chris Hartley and Cefn Sidan U3A.

Thanks to Roy Ball and Chepstow U3A Art Group and to Chris Winner from Flintshire U3A for the projected images at the Conference, And thanks to all those from across Wales who agreed to let images, stories and other work be used at the event.

Thanks for the suggestions that came forward from delegates during the discussion.

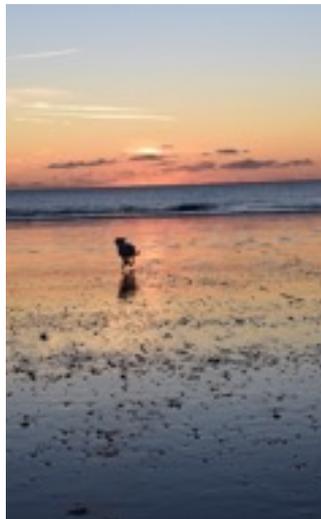
We are looking forward to the results of other work which is still under way, including the short story competitions.



Contrasting images (clockwise from top):

Photography trip to Barry Island; An Airbus barge carrying A380 wings down the Dee to Mostyn Dock for onward shipping to France; beach scene from Llanelli; Bella at sunset on the beach at Dinas Dinlle; knitted cover for Wales Coast Path fingerpost at Solva.

All available on the Facebook Group page.



Coastline and Border Celebration feedback received from discussions groups at the Wales U3A Conference in Llandrindod Wells.

There were three questions which produced a lot of suggestions and ideas. Take from it what you can, let us know if you want to take any of it further!

Suggested ways in which U3As could contribute to the Coastline and Border Celebration.

Walk(s) along the coast and border
Share walk information with other groups
Creative writing and story telling
Art, needle craft, textile and marquetry work
History and heritage of the area
Photography around the coast and border
Flora and fauna around the coast and border
Beach cleaning challenge
Unique features in your locality
Shared Learning Partnerships with local schools
Myths and legends around the coast and border
Local collections of, for example, shells
Historic pubs around the coast and border
Railway travel around the coast and border
Philosophy related topics.

Opportunities for shared learning and the involvement of other U3As

Walking festival(s) and joining up with the areas that others have walked
Coast and border baton - walking and/or creative writing and/or request for other Coastline and Border contributions.
How heavy goods have been/are moved to the coast
Geographical focus for activities, such as the Glamorgan Jurassic Coast
Links to other (cross) border U3As
Alphabet of Welsh coast and border places
An A to Z of Welsh castles
Combine photography and creative writing group contributions
Celebration and the generation of publicity., leading up to a 2019 conference.
Development and use of social media including promotion of U3A events around the coast and border
Invite other U3As to join with interest groups in, for example, research, history, industry, geology and archaeology.

Suggested outputs and what to do with the Coastline and Border Celebration contributions.

Exhibition of material and contributions and internal distribution to U3As.
All Wales conference and Senedd/travelling exhibition to promote U3A
Visual and mapped representation of contributions and materials and achievements around Wales
Creative writing baton based on coastal and border experiences around the country.
Share coast and border walks and look to produce a guide in 4 or 5 mile sections.
Produce booklets covering each area/event and, for example, regional cookbooks
Establish link and work with, for example, the National Library of Wales, St Fagan's, Welsh Government
Production of Coastline and Border Celebration in a paper or electronic book(s), through utube video(s), or using usb, dvd, and/or cd based formats
Retain and further develop Facebook Group and other outlets, for example, Dropbox
Involve media outlets including BBC Wales, S4C, Radio Cymru and local press - 'Wales - the movie!'
Publish on National U3A and Wales U3A websites and upload to resource library
Develop and maintain a separate website running, to include a range of contributions including, for example, poetry
Produce material in Welsh and in other appropriate formats, such as e-books, or as a style gazetteer.
Explore opportunities to link with Eisteddfodau, Arts Centres, Arts Councils, and schools.

