

## Greater Manchester U3A Network

### Report to Glossop U3A Committee on the meeting held Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>

July 2019

Brigette and I were unable to attend this meeting.

1. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted and a query was made regarding the Twitter address - whether in upper or lower case - it would be checked.
2. There were no chair or secretary reports.
3. The treasurer reported GMU3A holds £668.05 in the account.
4. The North-West Trustee, Gillian Russell, explained that the email list she had is defunct as she should have asked for permission to keep each person's name. To be included she requested that we sign in again on the original news page where permission will be asked. I shall enquire where to access this news page at the next meeting.

She also reported that there had been a NW Committee Forum of July 16<sup>th</sup> which was very useful.

5. Discussion was held on constitutions and she explained that this document is our one legal requirement because each U3A is a charity and if anyone has difficulties with the constitution to contact her or Sam Mauer, who is knowledgeable on what the Charity Commission will accept.
6. A query was made as to whether membership secretaries should be committee members and Gillian replied that all committee members are covered by Trustee Indemnity Insurance and therefore, as they handle members' contact details they should be committee members.

7. A discussion was held on allowing people from other U3As to join interest groups. The NW Trustee stressed that it is important to document any agreement made. It was suggested that it should be for a limited period and then be reviewed. Warning was given on people abusing it, attending more than one interest group. A person coming to another U3A should be asked to pay a reduced membership fee as the full fee had been paid at their original U3A. Whatever is decided, each U3A needs to document it as policy.
8. Rivera Travel have been offering a donation to the U3A if members booked holidays with them. Some U3As have refunded this amount to the members. This is not legal under Charity Law.
9. Shared Learning - National Office has granted a small fund to support costs involved in finishing/presenting any remaining Cottonopolis projects.
10. There is a Regional Egyptology study day. "Tutankhamun, treasures of the golden pharaoh" - starting in November, the Saatchi Gallery in London is hosting the last tour of key artefacts from Tutankhamun's treasures before they are installed in a new museum in Cairo. In the North West Region a study day aimed at those who intend to visit the exhibition or are just interested will be hosted on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at Wigan Museum, lead by Dr Joanne Backhouse. Cost is £12.00 including tea/coffee. Further details on the north west website.
11. The next National network Link meeting is on 23<sup>rd</sup> October at the Britannia Hotel, Manchester.

Next GMU3A Network meeting is Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at Cross Street Chapel at 10.30am