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NORTH WEST REGION NEWSLETTER MAY/JUNE 2022



HERE'S HOPING YOUR u3A IS GETTING BACK TO NORMAL. PLEASE STAY IN TOUCH AND SEND PHOTOS OF WHAT YOUR u3A IS DOING, AS THEY GAIN/REGAIN IMPETUS, TO YOUR REGIONAL SUPPORT VOLUNTEER OR A CONTACT ON THE NW WEBSITE.

NATIONAL NEWS

Neil Stevenson, Trustee, North West of England



Do you know how your u3a is planning celebrate our 40th year? If so, please let me know and we will do our best to help promote your activities. My email address is neil.stevenson@beacon.u3a.org.uk

Online Workshops

As reported in our Spring edition, five of our u3as in the North West have winning entries for our 40th Anniversary Quilt. The quilt has now been completed and will be revealed for the first time at the Whitworth in Manchester on Friday 17th June.



(Not actual, similar)

Tickets are available to attend and maybe booked at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/40th-anniversary-the-great-reveal-of-the-anniversary-quilt-tickets-305674098457>



A range of online national workshops, to help you run your u3a, are available for booking.

JUNE

- **Insurance** Wednesday 15th 10:00-11:30 [REGISTER HERE](#)
- **Keeping it Legal** Monday 20th 10:00-12:30 [REGISTER HERE](#)
- **Running your u3a - Information for Trustees** Wednesday 22nd 14:00-16:15 [REGISTER HERE](#)
- **Interest Groups Matter** Monday 27th 10:00-12:15 [REGISTER HERE](#)

JULY

- **Running your u3a - Information for Trustees** Wednesday 7th 10:00-12:15 [REGISTER HERE](#)
- **Keeping it Legal** Wednesday 20th 10:00-12:30 [REGISTER HERE](#)
- **Growth Matters** Tuesday 26th 14:00-16:15 [REGISTER HERE](#)
- **NEW **Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Awareness** Thursday 28th 10:00-12:00 [REGISTER HERE](#)

For further details see [u3a - Workshops to support your u3a](#)

REGIONAL NEWS - Mo Eccles, Chair, North West Region of u3as



North West Region of u3as – Conference and AGM 15th June 2022

This event which is being held at The Exchange, County Hall, Fishergate, Preston from 10.00.a.m until 3.45 pm is open to all u3a members in the North West. Liz Thackray, the Chair of the Third Age Trust, will be sharing her thoughts about the u3a and the future. There will be a presentation about Cyber Security and a light hearted workshop about meetings. We are having a display of news from u3as around the region with a focus about activities that have taken place during the past 2 years. There will be information about the u3a and opportunities to meet other members from around the region. The programme and booking form

can be found on the NW u3a website, in the Events section. www.u3asites.org.uk/north-west Please book your place before the 2nd June as we will not be able to accept bookings after that date. We do hope that you can join us.

NWR of u3as Summer School 16th – 19th August



Our residential Summer School will take place this year at the University of Cumbria, Carlisle. There are seven courses to choose from and include archaeology, art, art challenges, colourful knitting, geology, literature and a course playing the ukulele. Full details about the courses and the accommodation can be found on our website. There are still a few places available so if you are interested, please book as soon as soon as possible.

Research & Shared Learning National Conference 3rd August 2022

'She smuggled home her father's severed head, wrapped in her apron....'

A family story, handed down over generations, was a starting point members of for Glasgow West End Local History group. Working with local archives and museums, they uncovered the true, tragic story behind the family tale: the death of James 'Purlie' Wilson. You can share in the findings from Glasgow West End's projects, and more

besides at our day conference on 3rd August in Preston, Lancashire



From archaeology to urban sketching, there will be displays of members' work to to inspire, handouts to take away, presentations by project leaders and opportunities to ask questions. The full programme will be circulated later in May.

The conference is open to those already involved in u3a research / shared learning projects, and also to any u3a member who wants to know more. Here is the link to more details and the booking form
<https://forms.gle/gUxvQcEecF7KJTW46>

Lunch will be provided. The venue is directly opposite Preston mainline station. If driving to the venue, Fishergate Shopping Centre Carpark offers 24-hour parking for £8.50 walk from and is a short walk from the venue. If you have any queries please contact Maggy Simms on slp@u3a.org.uk

Southport u3a plans for the Southport Flower Show, 18th – 19th August



Congratulations to Southport u3a Gardening Group who have now submitted their plans to the judges for their Show Garden at the Southport Flower Show. The aim is to create a typical cottage garden style, celebrating all the many activities that our u3a is involved in – not just gardening. This has involved many volunteers who will not only be growing plants at home through the summer, but who will be helping on site to dig holes, build fences and the summerhouse, paint things, lay slabbing, and turf, plant trees and flowers – and all the myriad of jobs that will need to be done to create the finished effect. Members will also be on hand to show visitors around the garden.

To date, seventeen u3a's have contacted Southport u3a to let them know they are bringing a group. If you are not one of these seventeen groups, you still have time to get your tickets booked – Southport u3a would love to see you!

All u3a members will be entitled to a special reduced rate ticket of £18 instead of the normal £27 entry price. All you need to do is go to www.southportflowershow.co.uk and type in u3a in the promo box - and the price will magically change to £18.

We wish Southport u3a all the best in this exciting venture.