

From: South East Region U3A.

U3A is always working hard to keep you up to date with all the latest advice and guidance during this time. To this end, a new category has been created in the Advice area of the website (<https://www.u3a.org.uk/advice>) called Running your U3A during COVID 19. The new area pulls together the advice which is specific to U3As during the pandemic including advice on AGMs, insurance and risk assessment for outside and remote activities.

You will need to use your member login as you would normally do for any information in the dedicated Advice area. As part of the advice a Guidance document has been created which all U3As should consider before taking up any outdoor activities. The document includes the measures you should take to ensure the safety of your members. For Group Leaders and individual participants a Risk Assessment/Checklist for running outdoor activities, has been created (see below). This should be completed when deciding to take part. The situation is complex with different guidance for individuals dependent upon age, health and household situations.

It is for this reason that the ultimate decision to take part in an activity that is being resumed with additional safety measures in place will lie with the individual considering the question for themselves. Rules for meeting up in England as at 1st June are up to 6 people, anywhere outdoors, 2 metres apart. Changes have been announced which came into force on 12th June so please check the latest government advice.

Insurance

The question many have asked is around insurance cover. Please follow the detailed guidelines prepared in the new Advice section as detailed above and, if you conclude from this that it is sufficiently safe to take part in the activity, then you would be covered by the U3A Public and Products Liability Insurance, details of which are on the website.

You can also find useful links to general COVID 19 advice under Keep Well (<https://www.u3a.org.uk/Covid-advice-links>). If you have further questions, contact any member of the South East Regional Support Team as listed at the end of this bulletin, or National Office by e-mail (<mailto:National.office@u3a.org.uk>) or by 'phoning 020 8466 6139.

Forms for risk assessment can be downloaded from the webpage.

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