

NEWS UPDATES – 13th SEPTEMBER 2021

Network News is for u3a committee members – please pass relevant details to your membership when appropriate.

Colour-coded Headings

Topic headings are colour- and symbol-coded as follows:



For Committee



For Members



Diary Dates



Special Events



Support for holding Hybrid Monthly & Group Meetings

I've brought forward the date of this edition of Network News because of an email I've received from Jean Hogg yesterday at 4.39pm. The contents are provided below:

Dear all,

Apologies for not sending this before. I have been away. I think many u3as will find these sessions helpful.

See below!

From: Jane Bailey <jane.bailey@u3a.org.uk>

Sent: 03 September 2021 17:27

Subject: Resources and Support for u3as on Hybrid Meetings – Drop-In sessions
Wednesday 8th September 13.00–14.00

Re: Help to run Hybrid Meetings – please share this information.

Many of you may be aware that we have been working with a group of Tech skilled u3a members who have been collating and developing resources and information for u3as to run Hybrid Meetings.

This will culminate in a website covering information for running hybrid meetings of different sizes and complexity, How To Guides and short videos, and details of different technology and devices to consider.

We are aware that as most u3as are getting ready to restart activities in September the need for this information is now and the team will therefore be running drop-in sessions that members can come along to via Zoom, to learn about the support that is available and to raise questions and request advice on alternative ways of running u3a meetings.

These sessions will be held every Wednesday lunch time between 13.00–14.00 the link and dates are below. Please can you cascade this information to the committees in your regions.

London Region U3A is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Alternative Meeting Methods

Time: Sep 8, 2021 13:00 London

Every week on Wed, until Jan 26, 2022, 21 occurrence(s)

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Sep 8, 2021 13:00	Oct 27, 2021 13:00	Dec 15, 2021 13:00
Sep 15, 2021 13:00	Nov 3, 2021 13:00	Dec 22, 2021 13:00
Sep 22, 2021 13:00	Nov 10, 2021 13:00	Dec 29, 2021 13:00
Sep 29, 2021 13:00	Nov 17, 2021 13:00	Jan 5, 2022 13:00
Oct 6, 2021 13:00	Nov 24, 2021 13:00	Jan 12, 2022 13:00
Oct 13, 2021 13:00	Dec 1, 2021 13:00	Jan 19, 2022 13:00
Oct 20, 2021 13:00	Dec 8, 2021 13:00	Jan 26, 2022 13:00

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Weekly:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZUkfuqpqzguE93m57siJj8alJGwx49YALZO/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGppzlpG9GWtBCORpwcHYr4b-vwmHZbj_oOkUqyECI5aFv3H8hlJaorSeHx

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81993153499?pwd=OHM5eTICS2YxaUdyRIZMcjFLU2tKQT09>

Meeting ID: 819 9315 3499

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/k7ocOR2qA>

As you'll see the information was sent out on 3rd September for a meeting on 8th September, an absurdly short period of notice. It was compounded by Jean being on holiday so only arrived with me yesterday. I know how much this lack of planning and consideration annoys network members and have made our views known to Jean with a request that they be passed on to the relevant people. I'll let you know what response I receive at our Group meeting on November 11th.

u3a Online Training Opportunities in September/October



How To Stay Safe Online
Wed 6th October
10:00am by Zoom
Free



u3a Cycle Network Meeting
Wed 6th October
2:00pm by Zoom
Free

Just 2 examples of the learning events currently available through the national u3a website. For further information go to: www.u3a.org.uk/events/educational-events.

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Dates for your Diaries – Reminder

The next Network Group Meeting will be held on Thursday 11th November and is planned to be a face-to-face meeting at: Sports Pavilion, Gynsill Lane, Glenfield. Further details soon.

Thursday 18th November will be the next Network Quiz by Zoom and will be open to teams of up to 4 as well as couples and individual members. More details in September.

u3a 40th Anniversary – Update



In case you haven't yet seen the latest update from Michaela Moody, it is reproduced below. There's a lot more information on the national website. Go to: www.u3a.org.uk/events/40th-anniversary.

In 2022, u3a will be celebrating its 40th anniversary and on u3a Day 2022, all u3as will be encouraged to celebrate the national anniversary in their own inimitable fashion. In addition, we hope they'll all promote the anniversary through their own local events. So we expect to see some exciting events taking place, outstripping the successful events which took place on u3a Day 2021.

The Anniversary Working Group is currently planning four potential national events:

- *A competition has been launched for members to create blocks for a 40th Anniversary quilt on the topic of Positive Ageing. Any individual member, interest group or u3a is eligible to enter now. The completed quilt will be launched on u3a Day 2022.*
- *A round table discussion between Eric Midwinter (our remaining Founding Father), a member of a very new u3a, the new national chairman who'll be elected at the 2021 AGM and a well-known national figure with an interest in Positive Ageing will be recorded and made available in February 2022 when Eric reaches the age of 90.*
- *An intergenerational debate is being discussed as part of the AGM 2022 when, hopefully, u3as from the 4 countries of the UK will debate the topic Making a Contribution.*
- *The database which is being created as part of the u3a High Street project will be formally launched at the AGM, together with a project report.*

Next Network News

The next edition of *Network News* will be around 28th September.
Closing date for submitting articles/information is 24th September.

PDFs included with this Network News are:
None