



## South East Region Trustee Support Group

Report for 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019

### Attendees.

Hilvary Robinson Chair Person HR  
Susie Berry Vice Chair SB  
Sally Ingledew Secretary SI  
Susan Southwell Hampshire SS  
Doreen Raine Surrey DR  
Sue Howard Sussex SH  
Caroline Sawers Hampshire CS  
Michael Hewens Sussex MH  
Ian Funnell Surry IF

### Apologies from

Bob Duckmanton Trustee  
Pam Jones Berkshire  
Caroline Dickenson Kent

HR welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

No matters arising from report for last meeting

### Report on South East Forum DR

The S E Forum is working on the affiliation document and changing the Constitution, with the name being changed to the South East Region U3A Events Network and registering as a charity.

The summer school will be arranged in 2020 as usual, but not the Conference. The plan at present is to make the change in August 2020 if everything is in place.

This SERU Network will look for members across the whole region.

SI suggested making U3As aware of this now in preparation.

It was also suggested that possible candidates should have backing from their U3A.

DR will report back to the S E Forum

### Conferences.

SB suggested at least 2 regional conferences a year, and offered to arrange the next one. It was agreed that these should be called Spring and Autumn Gatherings.

SB offered to do the Spring Gathering in Benson 19<sup>th</sup> May 2020

MH offered to do the Autumn Gathering in Crowborough October 13<sup>rd</sup> 2020 with SH assisting.

More details on both to follow.

Various suggestions were made for the content

Development plan      Presentations on S L Ps done by different U3As      Cybercrime

Report back from U3As on activities from U3A day. Learning (possibly Sal Cooke)  
Bite size work shops  
Information to go out in next news letter.

### **Role of members of the SERTSG**

HR point 7 should be Collect/ Contribute

Point 9 Sam Mauger has said that finding a successor for the Trustee must be removed as it is an elected role.

The Group voted to add Trustee to the title, so it is South East Region Trustee Support Group (SERTSG )

### **Development Plan**

SB gave feedback from the Regional Support Working Group that the SERTSG model is to be recommended as part of the proposed structure for all Regional Support Teams. The role descriptions also been provisionally included in the draft plans.

IF asked that details of the various working parties on the Development Plan at NO should be made available together with contact details on the Trust website. SB said she may be able to circulate one to the Group.

SS asked for a timeline.

DR suggested a ppp of the Development plan /workshop should be available.SB said this was being addressed by planning several short videos/ppp addressing different points.

The Group hoped that these would be available to U3As to show at eg General Meetings.

HR to contact Ian McCannagh to ask for his ppp on Development Plan from the conference as at present it is only on youtube and cannot be downloaded.

HR suggested an article in the Newsletter re Development plan.

### **Group Members**

HR Marie White and Jan Poynter are no longer members of the Group.

### **U3A visits**

MH SH went to SUN and saw Louisa Sewell. They reported that they were well received and there was interest in the SERTSG and the support available.

Oxshot, Hook and Normandy were identified as areas where U3As could be started. HB asked that Start up Volunteers should be identified to help. After discussion it was agreed that two people were needed, but this could be one trained volunteer and one learning.

It was agreed that Group members should look at the list and try to arrange a visit to those nearest to them. It was highlighted that the figures on the list are out of date, so if possible the latest figures should be obtained.

SI will co ordinate this information to prevent U3As being contacted by more than one Group member. Please let SI know which U3A you intend to visit, and she will get back to you if there is a problem. See attachment for the current situation.

HR would like large U3As visited with a view to starting new U3As in their area if it is considered appropriate.

HR Grants are available for start ups. The form is mentioned on the SER website under Interesting Stuff. Prue Amner will be asked to put a link to the form. It was agreed that SI and SS will write a protocol for contacting U3As to be circulated to the Group for comment.

### **SERN**

It was agreed that there would be one more meeting to discuss the future of SERN

### **Next meeting**

The next SERTSG meeting is 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020 from 11.00 to 2.30. The venue to be decided, but it will be in the Farnham area.