

Feedback to South West Region

There are 135 u3as in South West region. The purpose of this report is to improve communication between u3as so that we may learn from each other, celebrate successes and collaborate when help is needed. You will be asked to complete it once a quarter.

Try to be specific when completing this form so that your comments are meaningful to everyone reading it. You'll see that there are 3 questions related to "Help needed" and 3 to share a successful initiative. Don't worry if you've nothing to report - just leave the answer blank. There's space at the bottom to add anything else that's on your mind.

"Help Needed" example: If you are thinking about trying to build a more diverse membership and don't know where to begin, it's more helpful to write "How have other u3as successfully recruited more men (or whatever group you are targeting)?" than writing "Diversity".

"Successful initiative" example: If several new members have joined your u3a as a result of a recruitment drive, please explain what you did e.g., "Usually, we place leaflets in libraries, doctor's surgeries etc, but we decided to try handing out leaflets to people at the local market. This resulted in 15 new members". Clearly, writing this is more helpful to other u3as than simply writing "15 new members in April".

Network:

TWO MOORS NETWORK

Help needed:

Launceston & District u3a

When our AGM comes around in October, we will need a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Membership Secretary and 2 Committee members.

Help needed:

Tavy District u3a

1. Getting committee members (currently short of a secretary)
2. Persuading members to lead a group

Help needed:

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Successful initiative:

Tavy District u3a

1. Zoom presentations
2. Using local library for some interest groups

Successful initiative:

West Dartmoor u3a

1. Use of Zoom for speakers at monthly meetings, approx. 40-50 members attend regularly compared with 70-80 at live meetings pre-covid.
2. Also used for committee meetings and by a few interest groups.

Successful initiative:

Anything else you would like to share:

Moor's Edge u3a

1. Only certain groups have run throughout the pandemic using Zoom.
2. We have sent newsletters to all members to keep them informed of what is happening.

East Dartmoor u3a

We are presently beginning to put together ideas for our monthly meetings which we hope to start in September.

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