

Minutes from Network Meeting 14th April 2021

No Secretary so only summary minutes. Please ask if anyone in your u3a would like to volunteer as Network Secretary – or maybe just as the Minutes Secretary.

- Insurance excess (£250). Waiting for response from Wales Trustee.
- Restart dates for u3as – ‘subject to public health conditions remaining favourable’.
 - 26th April – Organiser group activities for upto 30 people
 - 17th May – Community Centres open. Organised indoor activities for upto 15 people.

All face-to-face u3a activities will remain subject to risk assessments, numbers limits, social distancing, and face coverings indoors.

Waiting confirmation of all the above from Welsh Government.

- Preparation for u3as to return to normal activities. Summary of comments.
 - **Zoom meetings** - continuing for committee meetings, general meetings and groups. Expected to continue in some form for foreseeable future.
 - **Conveners meetings** - being organised or planned.
 - **Consultation with members** – finding out what members want to do, when they want to restart etc. by phone, letter, email. Reluctance of some members to re-join groups and car share. Some u3as not planning to restart until September.
 - **Planned outdoor summer meetings** - to encourage members to get used to being back together again.
 - **Risk assessments** - required before all Groups can restart. Outdoor groups getting ready for possible April restart. Indoor groups for possible May restart.
 - **Venues** - numbers an issue if social distancing required. Venues must provide risk assessments and insurance. Could result in increased costs for groups. One u3a not going to put couples together so as to not alienate singles.

- **Hybrid meetings** – planned by several u3as. Possible topic for future Network meeting?
- **Joint meetings of groups with other u3as?** - Cardiff already doing this with Zoom groups.
- **U3a Day June 2nd** - not many u3as participating
- **Open Days** – planned by some u3as for later in year if allowed. Possible topic for future Network meeting?

Start preparing now so that your groups are ready to restart.

- Facebook seminar arranged for 5th May at 2.00 pm for those u3as interested in developing their FB page.
- Three Peer Support Groups agreed. Treasurer's, Site Builder Users (meeting arranged for June 16th at 10.00 am), and Beacon Users (meeting arranged for 5th May at 10.00 am).
- Zoom training is available for individuals or u3as. Contact the Chairman.
- **Free Zoom speakers. These are available on the SWN website.**
- Data Protection policy is being updated. We are reviewing how we handle Network Contacts.
- Downloads or links on Facebook, Site Builder, and Network Link added to Website.
- Agreed to start future Network meetings at 2.00 pm and to alternate between 2nd and 3rd Wednesdays of the month.

Details of the Facebook, Beacon and Site Builder meetings are on the Website.

Next Meeting Wednesday 19th May. 1.45 pm for 2.00 pm on Zoom.

Next Agenda Main Item

- Anything to report? What has your u3a been doing since last meeting?