

Minutes from Network Meeting 19th May 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). Wales Trustee will bring to TAT Board's attention on 20th May.
- Wales is now at Alert Level 2 so the following allowed:
 - Regulated indoor gatherings of upto 30 people
 - Regulated outdoor gatherings of upto 50 people in public spaces.
 - Upto 6 people in private gardens
 - Community Centres etc can open

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

Next Government review is on 3rd June

Summary of activities of u3as since the last meeting.

- **Zoom meetings.** Are still continuing for committee meetings, general meetings, coffee mornings, AGMs and activity group meetings. Expected to continue in some form for foreseeable future. Reminder that free Zoom speakers are available for your meetings. See the SWN website.
- **Surveys of members/Conveners.** Opinions, ideas, when to restart etc. Reluctance of some (older?) members to re-start in face-to-face.
- **Outdoor meetings.** To encourage members to get used to being back together again ready for starting indoors again.
- **Walking, Cycling, Natural History/Bird Watching Groups.** Many already restarted, others planned soon.
- **Indoor groups.** Some restarted, others planned for June/July. Many will not start until the autumn. Inability to use private homes will be a problem.
- **Venues.** Big issue for a lot of u3as: availability, capacity, cost etc. Written agreements required with venues?

- **Hybrid meetings.** Planned by several u3as. Possible topic for future Network meeting? A link to a Pathfinders meeting video on Hybrid meetings has been added to the SWN website.
- **U3a Day June 2nd.** Monmouth, Caldicot, and Maesteg planning events.
- **Open Days.** Planned by several u3as. Topic for July Network meeting?
- **Websites.** Being updated. Site Builder replacement being investigated.

Peer Support Groups, Seminars and Training

- Facebook seminar on 5th May. PowerPoint slides are on SWN website. Zoom recording available on request.
- Beacon Peer Support Users Group.
 - Beacon 2 is no longer being developed.
 - So all manual and financial resources are concentrated on Beacon 1.
 - Beacon demo system now available for use by SWN.
 - Basic Users training/demo – June 17th and June 21st
 - Beacon Administrators meeting – June 28th
 - Beacon Finance users meeting - June 29th
- Site Builder Peer Support Users Group meeting - June 16th
- Treasurer's Peer Support Users Group meeting - June 22nd.
- Zoom training available on request. Contact the Chairman.

Administration

- Affiliation to the Third Age Trust. It was unanimously agreed that we should affiliate to the Trust as soon as possible. (Note: Our affiliation was approved by the Trust on 21st May)
- Agreed to progress Bank Account with either Lloyds or Nat West and update draft Financial Policies and Procedures for next meeting. **Action Treasurer.**
- Data Protection policies were agreed subject to minor wording changes. These are now on the website.
- Netfest organised by u3a Office to take place from June 14th to 18th. Details now on the SWN website.

Details of all the above underlined events can be found in Dates for your Diary on the SWN Website. Please bring these to the attention of your committee.

Next Meeting Wednesday 9th June 1.45 pm for 2.00 pm on Zoom.