

Minutes from Network Meeting 21st July 2021

No Secretary so only summary minutes.

- Insurance excess query (£250) still outstanding. Wales Trustee will progress.
- Wales Trustee. Sue Shannon-Jones thanked the outgoing Trustee Chris Winner for her hard work over the last three years and Chris welcomed Sue who will be our new Trustee.
- Hugh Hutton outlined current Welsh regulations as they apply to u3as.
- From 19th July
 - Meetings in private houses limited to 6 people
 - Regulated indoor gatherings: 200 standing, 1000 seated
 - Regulated outdoor gatherings: no limit
 - **Face-to-face u3a activities remain subject to risk assessments, social distancing, and face coverings in public indoor spaces.**
- Planned changes from 7th August
 - Legal limits on numbers meeting in private homes, public spaces or at events will be removed
 - COVID risk assessments will remain a legal requirement.
 - Reasonable measures to manage the risk of coronavirus will be for each organisation to determine based on the outcome of their risk assessment, including in relation to physical distancing.
 - Face coverings will remain a legal requirement in all indoor public spaces although these requirement will be gradually eased
- Current TAT advice on proof of vaccination: 'At present, there is no mandate from the Government that people must have the vaccine therefore the Trust will not be issuing any requirements that members must have the vaccine or that they can't take part in activities without having had their vaccines.'
- Reports from SWN u3as
 - Some u3as have started their walking groups, indoor face-to-face groups, and outdoor face-to-face groups, outdoor visits, participation in local events. Summer picnics planned.

- Some u3as not starting until September. Some will be pilots and tentative.
- Numbers down in most u3as and their groups.
- One u3a reviewing membership structure.
- Venues still a problem. Some not opening until September. Many increasing charges.
- Most u3as still using Zoom and will continue to do so well into the future
- Hybrid meetings are being trialled by two u3as.
- Future. Promote cross u3a groups. One Open Day in October,
- Newsletters. Abacusuk.com will print Newsletters and mail for very low cost. Look at their website for more details.
- Peer Support Group reports – see our website under SWN Peer Support Groups
 - Site Builder Peer Support Group. Video on website.
 - Treasurer’s Peer Support Group. Notes on website. Future meetings planned.
 - Beacon Peer Support Group. Beacon for Administrators. Video on website. Beacon Finance. PowerPoint presentation on website. Further meetings will be held as and when required.
- The Network treasurer presented his proposed draft proposals for Financial Policies and Procedures. See our website under Next SWN Meeting.
- Link to NetFest videos and report and the u3a Chess Network are on our website under u3a Office website.
- The link to the Wales Short Story Competition, deadline end of August, is on our website under Wales u3a website.

Next meeting: Wednesday 8th September – 1.45 pm for 2.00 pm on Zoom

- Reports from u3as
- Review of first 6 months since the last SWN AGM