

Summary Minutes SWN Meeting 6th July 2023 at 6.00 pm on Zoom

Welcome Kenneth Syme from Forest of Dean u3a who have joined the SWN

Reports from u3as

- On line banking problems with Barclays
- Open days planned from several u3a.
- Membership up and down
- Some new groups: Folk Music, Gardening, Canasta, Men's Group, Petamque, History Detectives, Bus Pass Group. Some Groups still using Zoom.
- Buddy system for visiting theatre or any other outdoor events.
- Scam awareness session via Age Cymru Gwent
- Debate on the ideal size for a u3a. Should we limit the size? Need an influx of new blood coming into u3a.
- Discussion on lack of u3as in certain areas of South Wales. Demographics.
- Forest of Dean would like help in Site Builder. Dai offered to help.
- Speakers list is on the SWN website (Look in SWN Sharing Activities). Please use it and let us have any you can recommend that can be added to the list.
- Facebook page – Let's Talk Tech – worth looking at.
- Any SWN u3a can advertise special events such as Open Days on the SWN website
- There are plans for the Wales Trustee and the TAT Chair to do a 'tour' of the South Wales region to meet u3as in the autumn. More details at the September meeting

This Month's Topic – Gift Aid

- Have to be a charity – cannot use the TAT charity number

Date and Time of Next Meetings

- Wednesday September 13th at 6.00 pm on Zoom
 - Topic: Discussion of TAT AGM and resolutions
- Thursday November 9th or 16th at 6.00 pm on Zoom
 - Topic: Welcome and Induction of New Members