

WU3A Chair Spring Report 2024

Frolicking lambs and golden daffodils are signs of spring to me. Fresh and new, revitalising the spring in my step for surviving the long darkness of short winter days. At last we can consider starting new projects for the immediate future.

The committee has a number of considerations to make. Without a Business Secretary in place Jean and Ann have finalised the grant applications for the year. The rest of the Business Secretary's responsibilities will not be met sadly. As an essential post, according to head office, it could become necessary to close our Wigtown U3A if we are unable to fill this vacancy. One alternative would be to break down the role into smaller bits hoping this may encourage members to volunteer. Unfortunately the message often received is that members 'just want to have fun'. This is not a Cyndy Lauper song and dance act but a necessary post to accomplish committee requirements. Please step up if you could take on a small portion of these tasks. We are also in need of a support IT individual to help Stuart with the requirements of that area.

Risk Assessments are a recommended administrative procedure which the committee is prepared to help facilitators complete. The simple A4 tick sheet head office recommends can be completed in 20 minutes. Should any facilitators like help please contact one of the committee and we'll come to you. This is not a requirement but the committee has learned that any insurance involvement (due to a mishap) begins with a query for risk assessments. Without one, facilitators would find any insurance claim made to be challenging.

Participation in the Newton Stewart Initiative Spring Open Day on May 16th will take place at Vibe75 in Newton Stewart from 10am to 2pm. The committee members are taking turns to host the table and inform individuals about our Wigtownshire u3a. Drop in and say 'hello'.

The summer Wigtown Show takes place on Wednesday 7th August and Fred Kluit has agreed to host it with a team of volunteers. Once again drop in and say 'hello' if you're there.

Fiona Halliburton, as Group Coordinator, is making an effort to meet with each of the facilitators this year. If your venue is your home Fiona is happy to drop by for a brief chat at your convenience. Otherwise she'll probably phone you to arrange a meet-up.

The committee looks forward to an active next few months and hope members participate and contribute according to their interest and ability.

Kind Regards,

Celia Heller