

CLIMATE CONVERSATIONS

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A massive opportunity for all learners! In times of great change, that could be all of us.

U3A LEARNING FROM STUDENTS

Church Stretton School students led the conversation for members and guests on the 4th April in their school. 9 students from Years 7 to 11 expressed, with passion, their personal views for addressing climate change. U3A were hosted in school by Mr Martyn Longhurst, Assistant Headteacher, Personal Development, Behaviour, and Attitudes.

STUDENTS TEACH – U3A MEMBERS LEARN

The older generation listened, subsequently asked questions, and sought clarification of student views. Students were most impressive and deserve huge credit. At the end of conversation, 74 student ideas were recorded and spread over 8 features of climate change.

U3A MEMBERS LEARN AGAIN

U3A contingent present at the school were invited to share their reaction and capture what had been learned in one of two ways. Either in conversation at The Yew Tree immediately after leaving the school or sending comments by email. Both methods were used. A further 29 learning points were recorded, stimulated by what we learned from students. **103 in total for the afternoon!**

74 LEARNING POINTS FROM STUDENTS

What we learned has been assembled into 8 broad features:

1. Compelling need for change
2. People acting **
3. Education syllabus
4. Litter waste
5. Technical solutions
6. Food and diet
7. Travel
8. Government legislation

** Greatest number of learning points – 15

Details on request – see foot of this column.

STRETTON FOCUS ARTICLE

Church Stretton School students views on climate change will feature in the June edition due for publication on Friday, 29th May. Focus reporter, Christine Williams, I am delighted to say, was present at this Climate Conversation.

U3A: THIRD AGE MATTERS ARTICLE

Church Stretton School students and the 2nd Longmynd Scout Group scouts' views on climate change will feature in the June edition of the UK wide magazine. The magazine will be received by 450,000 members in 1057 UK branches in June – including Church Stretton.

STUDENTS AND SCOUTS WOULD APPROVE

This month's U3A National Newsletter from CEO Sam Mauger said, "The fantastic achievement of planting 8,200 trees in only 6 months, demonstrates how when members mobilise, they can change the world – or at least make a huge impact on the world's wellbeing".

NEXT U3A CLIMATE CONVERSATION

Monday, 16th May at 2.45 pm. Sylvia has kindly agreed to lead. Details to follow.

Wednesday, 18th May – National Climate Emergency – zoom meeting.

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