

# CLIMATE CONVERSATIONS

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## U3A NATIONAL CLIMATE SURGERY

### YESTERDAY'S SURGERY ON CLIMATE CHANGE

About 50 members from across the UK attended and participated. Most of the time was spent discussing specific subjects in small groups & reporting back on main points.

### CHURCH STRETTON INVOLVEMENT

Our group consisted of members from U3As in Edinburgh; White Cliffs (Dover); Lymington (Hampshire); Belfast; Harrogate; Wyre Forest (Worcestershire); Teesdale; Sheffield. Short inputs were made from Ruthin & East Suffolk

### SUMMARY OF INPUTS

Significant issues were:

- Toolkit needed, start made, help welcome
- Projects started but difficult to organise.
- Early days, we have just got started.
- Talks by experts have been too technical

My input focussed upon Inter-Generational activity with scouts and school.

### U3A TOOLKIT

Nick Ward, U3A Ruthin reported that a start had been made to put a kit together on behalf of U3A nationally that would assist climate change. Further volunteers were welcome to help. Contact details for Nick are being sought to learn more of his team's approach.

### CLIMATE CHANGE PROJECTS

Trevor Ponman, U3A Wyre Forest, is developing a project-based activity on climate initiatives. Trevor said that it was early days, and the group was quite small. He mentioned that it was hard work in building a team.

### APPROACHES TO CONTACTS

Through Frances Halliday, U3A Subject Adviser for Climate Change, contact made with Nick Ward & Trevor Ponman from Ruthin and Wyre Forest respectively with an offer to share learning on toolkits and project activity

### "THIRD AGE MATTERS" – U3A MAGAZINE

UK wide publication due to be out in the **middle of June** to 450,000 members in 1057 branches. See article with pictures., featuring Scouts and Church Stretton School students.

### U3A NATIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE NETWORK

The Inter-Generational Developments sub-group has invited me to their meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> June (Zoom). Reason -because of meetings with scouts and Church Stretton School. IGD wishes to learn how they came about.

### SOUTH SHROPSHIRE CLIMATE ACTION

SSCA has appointed Nick Read and Fiona Morgan as Project Co-ordinators – job shares on a full-time basis. SSCA has asked if our work on IGD can become part of Nick and Fiona's induction programme in June and July.

### THE MIDDLE GENERATION

Delighted to receive this week the first contribution on climate change from young adults. (Over 21's). David Crowhurst's wider family of grandchildren has delivered with considerable thought given to the subject.

### STRETTON FOCUS – OUT TOMORROW!

See Christine Williams feature article – "Climate Care – Children lead the Way"

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