

CLIMATE CONVERSATIONS

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'2023 Delivery'

Influencing & Social Change

LEARNING THROUGH SPORT

Sporting teams, specially at all levels in association football, have a huge role to play in climate change. Successful clubs invest heavily in climate change and sustainable development. Five examples are in today's Premiership League. They are Arsenal, Liverpool, Tottenham, Southampton, and Manchester City. Watch this space!

Please Google 'City Football Leadership Institute' for a splendid example.

WHO ARE POTENTIAL PARTNERS?

Amongst the 54 local organisations with climate change potential, local football and cricket clubs have been approached to find out their views. Church Stretton Town FC wondered what it has to do with them. Church Stretton Cricket Club have yet to be approached. However, there are other clubs!

U3A HQ REQUEST

Frances Halliday, U3A Subject Adviser on climate change asked if Church Stretton branch could send her a list of initiatives we have taken in the last 12 months. Fourteen examples were provided, and Frances's response to the list was, I quote, "amazing"! Frances, asked for, and was given, permission to share the list with others.

U3A 'INFLUENCING & SOCIAL CHANGE'

A national learning – Part 1 programme took place on 27th Feb through Zoom. Part 2 is on the 24th April. Part 1 was brilliant, and I was fortunate enough to be accepted as a participant. The content endorses our approach and gives a range of new ideas for further consideration.

The content has been shared with Stretton Climate Care and U3A Market Drayton after being encouraged to do so.

UNA SHROPSHIRE EXPLORATION

An informal chat on climate change, amongst other things, with UNA Shropshire will take place on Thursday, 16th March.

LOCAL CONNECTIONS

Further contacts have been established on climate change with the Arts Festival and Civic Society. Most productive outcomes.

Stretton Climate Care has provided two references for new information on influencing and social change from Harvard USA.

U3A PARTNERS: CLIMATE CHANGE

Sheila McKechnie Foundation, in London, has been engaged by U3A HQ to serve as consultants and facilitate learning programmes on influencing and social change. In my view, that is a positive move based on existing experience.

Susannah Hodge is the main point of contact.

NEXT U3A CLIMATE CONVERSATION

Next Thursday afternoon, 16th March at 2.45 pm, coffee available from 2.15 pm. In the Yew Tree lounge. A follow-up on all the above items will feature, plus any current issues that members wish to raise. Notification beforehand would allow issues to be thought about and researched accordingly.

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