

CLIMATE CONVERSATIONS

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PROGRESS REPORT

During these uncertain times, the current opportunity is to 'plough on' until national and local guidance changes. We will, without doubt, follow any new recommendations.

INVITATIONS

Further to 5 invitations announced on 10 Dec, 3 more subjects and conversation leaders have been identified. Approaches & possible invitations will be made in the New Year.

The Agriculture and Land conversation, announced in the last Newsletter, will take place in July.

LEARNERS

In addition to the 5 U3A learners confirmed previously, it is delightful to welcome Barbara Holder to 'Climate Conversations',

Yet to be confirmed, 2 further U3A members have expressed interest in participating.

U3A PARTNERSHIPS.

The investigation to discover if any of the other 14 U3As in Shropshire have climate change included in their 2022 programme has concluded. It transpires that U3As in Ludlow and Oswestry & Borders are two that revealed a positive result. Thanks to Sylvia for the information. In the New Year, approaches will be made to find out if a basis for sharing exists

YEW TREE CONFIRMATION

The Yew Tree has confirmed our booking for the next three conversations on 24 Jan; 21 Feb: 21 March from 2.45 to 4.45 pm.

U3A WEBSITE: CLIMATE CONVERSATIONS

If you have not already done so, please access the website which now includes a section on Climate Conversations. A copy of this Newsletter is also included. Thanks to Sylvia for these arrangements.

COP 26 – GLASGOW

After establishing contacts at this important conference, a particularly hopeful opportunity to learn about the impact of climate change arose from delegates in the Maldives, islands in the Indian Ocean. Email addresses have been exchanged with named contacts who had expressed their interest in sharing.

FACE to FACE or ZOOM

The onset of zoom since the outbreak of Covid19 has been appreciated by many people. Individuals learn in different ways and preferences are many and varied. My own preference is face-to-face whether the circumstances are formal or, better still, informal. Chat + action + review + plan is a cycle of events that is near and dear to me. I would be interested to learn of your preferences. The object is to appeal to all!

YOUNG PEOPLE AND CLIMATE CHANGE

The generation that that is currently in full-time education is more likely to enjoy or suffer from climate change than the U3A members of today. Therefore, conversations with 12 to 20 years old will be critical for change to take place. Given the ages of U3A members, a way to include young people views is to invite different young people groups on several occasions to lead the chat. Watch this space – we are all learners

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