

NOTES FROM NOTTS NETWORK ZOOM MEETING AUGUST 26TH, 2020

23 U3AS were represented and 30 people attended.

1. Many U3As are using Zoom to varying degrees. Some felt that it is a highly effective method of involving members but no substitute for the 'real thing' One member felt that people are tiring of it. The Third Age Trust has produced a document to demystify Zoom. This is available on TAT website. **The host can be changed once the meeting has started.**
2. There have been successful Open meetings and AGMs using Zoom. One U3A held a postal AGM. Some groups used Survey Monkey and votes by proxy. Members with no internet access received documents etc by post.
3. Walking groups with risk assessments and social distancing have started in some groups.
4. The use of indoor venues depends very much on their risk assessments and the size of the rooms. The increased cost is also a consideration and committees may need to subsidise.
5. Futurelearn is being used by some U3As where they study a subject together remotely, discuss and share. Looking to the future this could be used effectively to set up new interest groups.
The link to futurelearn is: <https://www.futurelearn.com/>
the link to open university free courses is here:
<https://www.open.edu/openlearn/free-courses/full-catalogue>
6. With current restrictions on numbers it is possible to run a group with half the members on Zoom and half in the venue.
7. A coffee morning is a possibility if a venue can be found that is big enough and other necessary procedures are in place.
8. One U3A is having a committee in a garden with six people at a time attending.
9. In current situation some groups are finding it hard to recruit new committee members SEE ATTACHED DOCUMENT PRODUCED BY WORKING PARTY

10. Some long-standing group convenors are using this opportunity to step down. Difficult to keep these groups going. We need to be attracting younger members new to retirement.23
11. If an AGM is delayed can members extend their time on the committee??
12. There was a warning about copyright rules when using newspaper articles.