

Sheffield u3a Shared Learning & Research Projects (SLRP)

2020 Annual Report

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Summary: Martin Harvey joined the team, following his successful participation in the Age Better SL "Story Catcher" project. The team made good use of the e-newsletter seeing an increase in numbers participating from the membership as well as responding more quickly to projects with tight deadlines. There is still however a great reliance upon members that the team already "know". The team did not proceed with either of the MOUs from 2019 due to safeguarding policy requirements in one case and the ending of the other due to Covid-19

Covid-19 meant that many projects were moved online, shelved, postponed or cancelled. The team met more frequently online and despite the challenges caused by the pandemic the team maintained and/or improved Su3a presence within the arts and education sectors in Sheffield. Led by MH and with the assistance of Elaine Burtoft and Camilla Jordan, we improved our webpage by introducing a more user friendly format along with much more information. This work is ongoing

Though there was an overall decline in the number of new projects we saw an increase in "partnered" RPs with both Sheffield Universities partnering with other universities both nationally (Manchester) and internationally (Israel and Sweden) around the effects of Covid-19 on older people.

The team agreed in principle that we would support the South Yorkshire Heritage List proposal led by Sheffield City Council on behalf of not only Su3a but also Barnsley and Rotherham u3as (Doncaster did not respond to the request); more details can be found under the Task List

The team continues to log completed projects with National Office. To date no Sheffield U3A money has been spent and the provisional offer of £150 from the EC is intact (note: this is not money we have received but money that we have been allocated for promotions, sponsorship etc.)

Shared Learning Projects:

Total number investigated – 16

Active – 10

Successfully Completed - 3

Not successful (not enough time/ unsuitable/ involved too late) - 3

Research Projects at Drop Ins/ Online:

Total - 6

Active – 5

On Hold - 1

Further details of all projects can be found below

Shared Learning and Research Projects Team Task List: 2020

1. Shared Learning Projects

Task	Progress	Lead
Joined Up Heritage, Sheffield Robin Hughes/ Historic England	Urgent Local Heritage List required on behalf of Sheffield/Barnsley/Rotherham (agreement received in principle from B&R) led by SCC. All three U3As will participate if the bid is successful Dec '20 - Ongoing	Phil/Samina
Making a Documentary Dr McFadden & SU students at Film Studio Dept	What did documentaries mean to people in the 60s? SU students interviewing 11 Su3a members. May be something for Ian Barclay's group to become involved with Dec '20 – ongoing waiting for Unis to contact us	Denise
60's Protest Music Ignite Imagination & DocFest/ Sheffield community	May'20: postponed to February 2021 Jul'20: Venue being sourced by Ignite Imagination Aug'20: Ongoing Sep'20: recordings made at Whirlowbrook Park. Podcasts sent to Ignite Imagination Oct'20 – meeting with Ignite Imagination next week. All SU3A work completed Nov '20 – date set up for face2face or online Saturday 13 th Feb at Abbeydale Cinema Dec '20 – Changed to online event/ has to conclude by end March 2021 due to funding issues/ SU3A video recording involved (Ian Berkley)	Denise
Reading in the 50's & 60's	Jul'20: 21 SU3A members already interviewed via zoom or in gardens. Article to go into newsletter or August <i>Links</i> <i>August '20</i> – on hold Oct '20 – on hold until venue available Dec '20 – on hold	Denise
Healthy Lifespan (Institute (HELSI)) (Was: multi-morbidity (two or more chronic conditions) and how to live better and independently, reducing the cost of care) Led by: Healthy Lifespan Institute (Prof. Alan Walker, also U3A member), Sheffield University/ Ideas Bazaar may come under this	10/05: To be pursued. If and how SU3A can participate 10/07: HELSI have joined the revised funding bid on the role of organised travel in active ageing (Dr Liam Foster) 11/10: Looking to create a panel within the city to inform research. Advert was placed in 12/19 <i>Links</i> for any interested members to join panel. Good response reported by HELSI. Follow up with Gemma Stephens planned 01/20 May'20: approx. 30 members registered interest in joining panel Jul'20: zoom meeting held with SU3A registered "panelists" and HELSI with an introduction to the project. Coordinated approach needed from SU3A July '20 – Internal meeting held with SU3A participants. Ideas gathered and put forward to Gemma. Wait for response Sept/Oct Sep'20: Liam Foster has agreed to be the speaker at the October online lecture Nov '20 – no further info. Attending mtg later in the month/	Phil/ Samina

	Dec '20- Ongoing, initial terms of reference exchanged. Team to provide feedback to proposed references to Phil	
International Partnerships within U3A movement	<p>Ongoing: 23/11: Aims & goals and practicalities to be identified via Ian Jones. Contact made with National Office Follow any guidelines provided by National Office contact as published in TAM Possible contact avenue's through ETG 28/02: will see if there's interest within SU3A for "Exchange Learning" after protocols and ways of working have been defined 10/07: No further development. SA to contact Prof. Yasu at Kyoto to see if 3 year study has been concluded and investigate any further engagement U3A 11/10: Prof. Yasu advised that the study has been extended to 4 years 12/19: Phil drafted proposal for setting up an International Exchange Group (awaiting EC response) Nov '20 – maintain contact with Prof. Yasu</p>	Phil
Heritage Festivals	<p>Information slow in coming. Low priority 11/10: Progress with Heritage Strategy being created. Meetings arranged for: 19/10 – workshop 23/10 26/11 – working group Aug'20 – nothing for SU3A Sep'20: contact being maintained Oct'20 – need more clarification regarding email Nov'20 – see Joined up Heritage Sheffield Project</p>	Denise & Phil
Invisible Cities Sheffield's Archer Project/ SU3A Steel City Wanderers	<p>exploring the potential for training selected homeless people to guide walks for the public (such projects exist in York, Manchester, Edinburgh & London) 28/02: Archer Project still interested but have another project to complete with higher priority 10/05: No further developments 10/07: No further developments. Archer Project has other priorities. Before pushing this to a low priority pursue through Big Issue Publication 11/10: No further developments 01/20: Following up after the feature in the 12/19 Big Issue on the success of Invisible Cities elsewhere May' 20: On hold</p>	Phil
Festival of Debate 2020 Partners – Opus Independents May'20 – now being promoted through Sheffield Culture Hub	<p>11/10: Meeting arranged for 05/11 with Phil and Samina to discuss & review options e.g. MOU, one of event Potential participation publicised 01/20 e-news and in 02/20 <i>Links</i> May'20: On Hold: SU3A, unless approached, will postpone any further involvement until 2021 programme.</p>	Phil
Festival of the Mind	Initial meeting 11/09	Denise

Partners: Sheffield University and others	11/10: Nothing for us yet, currently linking sponsors May'20: On hold Oct'20 – next one is not until 2022 – chase up in 2021	
Stories Gallery Weston Park Museum & Gallery	11/10: A Gallery is being created starting Jan 2020 with the 50's and 60's. Criteria are for participants to be born and raised in Sheffield. Article to put forward for Links Jul '20: all information from SU3A with Weston. Opening ceremony probably delayed until 2021. No interest in Online opening. Sep '20: gallery open/ be no opening ceremony/booklet made with SU3A contributions/ DW will request a copy of booklet an ask for comments from SU3A participants/ project to be logged nationally Nov'20 – 04/11 DW visited, took pictures to be posted on Su3a website Complete	Denise
Intergenerational Architecture project: A proposal by SU Architecture Students /Tutor Carol Latham	Too late to join Dec w/shops, on web and e-letter for Feb w/shops Feb'20: workshops attended by 4 SU3A members and 15 students Enough information gathered by students to proceed with their proposals May'20: Tutor furloughed, to be followed up in September Oct'20 – unable to get in touch in September, try again in October Dec'20 - concluded after phase I. Complete	Samina
60's Experience Sheffield University, 2nd Year History students Chesterfield U3A Ignite Imagination	Ongoing 23/11: Some sub projects now closed new one being created "National Service" from personal anecdotes. Advert required in Links. 60's evening – complete Articles for Links, YAHR & TAM req. Project Team will be meeting to discuss: dissemination/ next stages / publicising within SU3A (Notice Board at NMM, Drop In etc) 17/01: offshoot about National Service, received sufficient interest to continue. 28/02 Article in TAM received 67 responses. Ignite Imagination & SU3A "Road show" in some deprived areas of Sheffield, reaching out into the community. Dates to be confirmed. National Service will continue but not as SLRP, no longer within our remit. 10/07: Website updates ongoing/ Project representatives invited to talk at Rotherham U3A 20 th Anniversary dinner in October '19 11/10: Rotherham U3A presentation a success. No dates yet for "Roadshow". Website updates ongoing Complete	Denise
Sheffield Citizens Advice	Ongoing:	Samina

	<p>Changes in the board come into effect 2018. Approach in 2019 New CEO has stepped down, no approach will be made until matters have settled 10/05: Ongoing 10/07: No further developments 11/10: New CEO appointed Low Priority May'20: On Hold Nov'20 : Withdrawn, SCA has other priorities</p>	
<p>Create Sheffield Formerly led by SCEP (Sheffield Cultural Educational Partnership)/ Learn Sheffield</p> <p>Long term project to bring art to schooling in Sheffield</p> <p>Learn Sheffield owned by Sheffield's schools and colleges (80%) in partnership with Sheffield City Council (20%).</p>	<p>Waiting approval from EC for bronze membership- now received. Mtgs held: Office space offered in S2 – space not suitable 17/01: Meeting with S Betts, all agreed worth following up and working with Learn Sheffield. Agreed that we would wait for S Betts to contact us (Feb/March) with a list of projects. SU3A would review and highlight projects where our members could offer their expertise/ become involved. No cheque would be offered until projects have been agreed 10/05: Phil to chase for progress. 10/07: July meeting cancelled by Steve Betts, meeting rearranged for 26/08. SA to attend 11/10: SB didn't arrive for 26/08 meeting. Rearranged to 30/08 and attended by SA& PL. Summary: Create Sheffield will now take the led (coordinator Sophie Hunter). Check Eat Smart Sheffield website in 2 weeks. SB to come back to us with ideas for Evaluation/review opportunities</p> <p>Create Sheffield has launched and remains interested in identifying inter-generational learning projects with SU3A. MOU and specific requirements on safeguarding policy are key concerns for them</p> <p>No further progress – withdrawn from project</p>	<p>Phil takes lead on All SA to liase with Steve Betts</p>
<p>Fun Palaces (Beverley Nunn, Sheffield Theatres plus 5 public libraries)</p>	<p>11/10: Nothing forthcoming. As and when details emerge, to be reconsidered</p> <p>Annual Event Aug'20- leave until 2021 Dec '20 – personnel change, BN no longer involved, project concluded with no further progress. Complete</p>	<p>Phil/ Samina</p>

2. Research Projects

Project	Student/ Uni	Outcome/progress
The National High Street Project	National High Street Project Team/ Michaela Moody	Advertised in newsletter & Oct Links/ 32 participants, Stocksbridge & East Sheffield not covered yet/ waiting for

		info from NO regarding data to be collected Nov'20 – initial surveys completed, information uploaded Agreed to try and publicise via media/ SA to contact Nancy Fielden
How did people cope with shutdown due to Covid19	Led by Hebrew Uni, Jerusalem and SU (Dr Renee Timmers)	Advertised in Aug newsletter and Links
Effects of Social Distancing due to Covid-19 in the over 70s	Manchester and Sheffield universities, Jenna Littlejohn	Jul'20: an online analysis. Published in August Links
CogLab Project:	SHU, Dr Lynne Barker	May'20: published on website
Effects of Tart Cherry Juice on Gout	SHU, Kirstie Lamb	Feb'20: published on website
Microvascular Study of effects of aquatic exercise on older people	SHU, Beatrice Hunt	Feb'20: website and Links On hold