

Milton-Ulladulla U3A – AGM 24 April 2024

Courses' Co-ordinator's Report for 2023

This report summarises our U3A course activities between January and December 2023.

Four of our tutors either left the area or retired from tutoring during the year, but happily 5 new tutors joined our ranks. As always, I ask are there any others who would like to volunteer their services? If you feel you - or if you know of people who feel they - can impart knowledge or skill to others, please speak up; tutoring is enjoyable, social and appreciated.

During the year, 35 tutors ran 113 courses covering 36 subjects; 4 of them were new to our curriculum. This equates to running an average of just over 28 courses per week.

We continue to purchase educational DVDs. We now have over 116 covering Philosophy and Religion, Science and Engineering, Literature and Language, and Human Behaviour and Achievement; a list is on our website. We are showing 2 to 3 of these courses per term, and participants are finding they are satisfying to watch, and appreciate the depth of content that they contain. If any member has an interest in a subject in our DVD library [list on the web], or wishes us to obtain a DVD on a subject of their choosing, or has an educational DVD, and would like to present a course using them, their contact with me would be most welcomed. We also continue to purchase film DVDs for our appreciation course – after showing they are placed in our library for borrowing.

Regrettably, as is usual, 2023's return of class attendance records remains low at 32%. It is therefore difficult to extract any meaningful information concerning our performance from them. Of those returned, I can say that class sizes ranged from 4 to 27 at an average of 12.2 attenders. Over the years I have been presenting this report, this average has changed very little. So, based on the dubious strength of that statement, 113 courses could have attracted 1375 participants, which is a slight increase over previous calculations. I believe we can say that this figure continues to show that our courses are still being appreciated by members. This also reflects the vibrant contribution that our tutors bring to our campus. We should all remain aware that a considerable amount of work goes into presenting most courses, and an enormous amount of work into some; let us always recognise that it is the dedication that exists in our tutor's ranks that makes our campus what it is.

I remain confident that our performance through the reporting year is a fine basis on which to continue to foster and to develop a diverse and rewarding U3A for our members.

May I propose a vote of thanks to, and a show of appreciation for, our tutors?

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