

Islington U3A – Outings Survey Results

Introduction

The returns from the Members Survey of 2017 reflected an interest for outings to be available for iU3A Members. To explore this further a survey form was set up to elicit more understanding regarding the potential of setting up more 'Outings' for all of iU3A. A total of 67 people replied to the invitation to all iU3a members to complete the survey. A reasonable response rate reflected the level of interest for outings.

There were 12 questions in the survey form. Some were open questions seeking descriptive responses and some were multiple choices.

Summary

With regard to the questions asked, in summary the responses indicated:

- Good level of interest in wanting iU3A to offer Outings
- Most saw these Outings as being outside of London
- Good range of ideas on where to go provided
- Most said they would attend – if they were available qualified by time of Outing
- 16 had concerns on cost of Outings
- Most suggested they be held quarterly
- 25 were prepared to help in arranging an Outing (with help from others)
- 11 potential organisers/co-organisers left their email addresses

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Details

The following are the questions posed and the summary of responses received.

1. Would you be interested in participating in iU3A Outings?

Select only one.

No	Yes possibly	Yes definitely
15	48	4
22.4%	71.6%	6.0%

2. If you ticked one of the 'yes' answers above, what sort of thing would make you go (or not go) on a iU3A outing?

Select multi option.

Cost of Outing (if not too high)	Your availability	Type of Outing offered	Other
18	59	59	5
12.8%	41.8%	41.8%	3.5%

3. If you ticked 'Other' above please specify here

- could I come with my wife, a non member for example?
- whether the outing duplicated one I'd been on with the Exploring London group
- the weather if it were an outdoor event
- distance from Islington duration of outing e.g. half day, all day, overnight etc.
- if I can bring my wife.

4. If you ticked 'cost' above please indicate the maximum you would be willing to pay for an Outing.

Select only one.

£100	£50	£45	£35-40	£30	£25	£20	£15	Depends on the visit.
2	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	5

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5. What type of Outing would you participate in?

Select multi option.

Coach trips to UK based places	Visits outside London	Other types
44	44	18
41.5%	41.5%	17.0%

6. Do you have any ideas for Outings? Please suggest them here.

- Brighton, Margate
- any towns with either historic buildings or art galleries
- Museums, Art galleries, Architectural designs
- Bletchley Park
- To events
- Great Dixter, Hastings, Folkestone
- Any stately home
- a trip Racing in the Spring
- A shopping trip to Boulogne with a good lunch
- A trip to wine producers in Kent and Hampshire
- Trips to Micro Breweries in London with Lunch could be popular
- trips to Hatfield House and similar English Heritage/National Trust properties
- The RHS at Wisley is fun in the summer
- buildings with historical connotations eg Hatfield House
- gardens eg Highgrove or Nymans
- galleries eg Stanley Spencer Museum
- sports events (soccer, rugby, cricket etc)
- Henry Moore sculpture museum
- Watts Gallery
- visits to one off exhibitions or matinee performances in Chichester (by train)?
- Castles, palaces, gardens, stately homes, wildlife parks, etc.
- Racing
- venues which are only open to booked groups
- Coastal visits with cultural connection eg Aldburgh, Chichester
- Roman sites eg Silchester
- Factory visits eg Bournville, breweries
- Backstage visits
- Highgrove
- London parks

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- listed buildings
- behind the scenes at museums
- special events
- galleries
- cultural events
- William Morris Red House
- Batemans
- Rye
- Hampton Court
- Monks House (Rodmell)
- Charleston
- Waddeston Manor (Bucks)
- Christ’s Hospital, Horsham
- Seaside
- Kennel club, London
- Kew Gardens
- Ightham Mote, Kent,(NT)
- London venues not covered by groups, or perhaps only groups might visit but others would also be interested, eg Dulwich Art Gallery, Eltham Palace, Garden Museum, Strawberry Hill House (close to Marble Hill House and the newly renovated Turner's House in St Margarets)
- Castle Howard
- gardens outside London
- historic sites connected with painters and literary figures

7. Regarding frequency, how often would you like to see Outings being available?

Select only one.

Once a year	Quarterly	Monthly
2	49	11
3.2%	79.0%	17.7%

8. Would you be prepared to help in organising an Outing?

Select only one.

No	Yes, but with help from others	Yes, would take the lead for a one-off Outing
31	24	1
55.4%	42.9%	1.8%

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9. What type of help?

Select only one.

Organise particular type of Outing	Would be willing to help generally
6	23

10. Re Q8 if you ticked yes, what type of Outing would you like to organise?

- It would depend on time of year etc
- how far ahead things may need booking
- It would be useful to be part of a group of organisers!! (Probably essential)
- Places difficult to get to without a car, eg Henry Moore's and Watt's sculpture
- I have not as yet managed to make any of the events for the groups I have joined and therefore think it would be better to wait a while before I help with the organisation of any events
- Something easy and straightforward
- Somewhere I would like to go myself
- Could give travel guidance (yes, a bit vague but am not sure what I could do!)
- Somewhere I would like to go myself

11. Have you any comments or suggestions about possible iU3A outings?

- I'd prefer trips by train rather than coach trips
- Apologies for not volunteering to help organise outings
- Prefer at first to do it by public transport, day returns, Senior passes being used
- Excellent model to rise profile of U3A
- Many other London U3As organise outings and it might be an idea to consult them about logistics and popular outings
- See question 6
- Vary them!
- Some outings for info with a guide; others for fun, a walk by the sea or whatever
- I would like to visit the Queen's House in Greenwich, the William Morris Museum in Walthamstow, the new design museum in Kensington High Street
- Boat group outings

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- Art galleries/museums on the coast - such as Turner in Margate, Towner Eastbourne, Jerwood Hastings. Gardens/Houses. Towns, villages of interest. Costs would have to be a factor - NT and admission can be expensive, rail / coach travel?
- Options to take packed lunch or cafe/pub etc type.
- As an existing group coordinator I feel that it's important that (1) the role & remit of the coordinator of this new venture is clarified (2) it is essential that any additional visits do not duplicate events already offered by various groups as this is confusing - liaison between groups is essential (3) these events are limited in number, and to locations outside London and/or not easily accessible by public transport (4) the committee seriously & realistically considers the additional work this venture could lead to for committee members such as the Treasurer. Sorry I'm not able to help at this stage - see 8 above - as I have a full programme to arrange for my group!
- NT places, gardens eg Wisley
- I would be willing to take part in group discussion on possible outings
- I was only thinking of days out but perhaps there might be chance or the occasional overnight stay to somewhere further afield. Takes more organising though.
- museum or exhibition outings in London would also be interesting
- my help would depend on my availability as not always in UK
- I would be most interested in visits to places that are not generally open to the public

12. If you want us to take up your offer or want specific feedback, please leave your email address here:

Number leaving their email address = 11