

Inverness and Black Isle u3a Newsletter

September 2026

Welcome



*To the
September
Newsletter*

*Are you
ready to
party on
October
15th?*

General Meeting Announcement

Leaders Presentation Day – Monday 7th September at 11.00 in the North Kessock Community Hall, North Kessock.

The first general meeting of the Inverness and Black Isle u3a is going to be all about our wonderful **Group Leaders and their Special Interest Groups.** the group leaders have all been extremely busy preparing posters and pictures of their groups activities and these will all be displayed attractively on our display boards. Some group leaders are to give short presentations to members about their groups activities and will be available during refreshments for informal chats.

Our new membership cards are going to be handed out on the day, these cards will contain names of all our committee members, their roles within the committee and their contact emails; a list of all our special interest groups and their leaders names; and a schedule of all our general meetings – the dates venues and speaker topics – a “one stop shop” for everything that you need to know about your u3a.

We have an interesting and varied program of talks for the general meetings, which we hope that everyone will enjoy, and the usual teas and coffees and biscuits will be available to make this a great start to our 2026/27 season

A word from our Convener

We organise ourselves to mimic school years so September sees the start of a new year for us.

On Monday 7th September our first General meeting will focus on our groups. So do come along to North Kessock Village Hall at 11am and hear first hand just what our groups are planning for next season. If you want to see some different groups then Pauline our Groups co-ordinator will be on hand to help with setting up new groups

Informal Get-togethers

Usually we don't do anything in August, however, this year we had a coffee get together and it did seem that members would like regular informal get togethers over tea or coffee and probably in central Inverness and for them to happen throughout the year. The committee will explore the feasibility of offering this.



Getting together for Coffee and Craic in August

Birthday party

Do remember to buy your tickets for this event on 15th October and come along to celebrate all that we have done over the last 25 years.

Outings

I am planning on having two outings for members

Flow Country on Wednesday 16th September
and

Arctic Convoy Museum on Thursday 24th September.

A number of members have previously expressed their interest but I did not get enough members to make either trip financially viable. If you would like to join either or both please let me know (even if you have previously expressed interest)

Publicity

In the coming year we hope to do more to publicise ourselves. However, we know that word of mouth is how many of our members heard about us. So do spread the word to your friends and neighbours and remember that prospective members are welcome to come to a couple of meetings before committing themselves. Also do remember that we are now open to all of whatever age as long as they are no longer in full-time employment.

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.....and finally

Not a lot of news from the groups this month. Please let me have your items for next month's newsletter by 25th September to ibiu3anewsletter@gmail.com

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the 25th birthday party.