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Happy New Year to all

As we enter 2018 the association is buoyed by the work being carried out by the Edinburgh (AOUG) Group which continues to forge a strong relationship with The Open University in Scotland. Throughout the last twelve months there has been a diverse range of events available throughout the central region of the country.

October 2017: AOUG Executive Committee Meeting

It was noted that from the beginning of 2018 there would be no formal support provided by The Open University to the AOUG. More detailed information on this subject has been requested by the Chairman to clarify the situation.

On a personal level I was delighted to be co opted to the position of Executive Representative for Scotland and look forward to being more involved with the Association and its endeavours.

November 2017: Awards Ceremony, Edinburgh.

A Regions and Nations Awards Ceremony was held on the 28th of the month at the Edinburgh OU office, notable attendees included our chairman Margaret Stobirski, Treasurer and Chairman of the Edinburgh Group, Tom Nisbet and Edinburgh Programme Co-ordinator, Lewis McKay. This year the achievement of two Scottish winners was recognised, who had gained their degrees whilst overcoming adversity over and above that of the average student. There were also Ceremonies in Cornwall and Region 05. The event was a great success and marked out how well the AOUG and Open University work together.

AGM 2018

For the thirtieth anniversary the AGM for the AOUG will take place between the 18-20th of May at the lovely **Norton Grange Hotel & Spa, Castleton, Rochdale**. This is a highly inclusive event and is open to all our members and their family with a special invite extended to students, graduates and staff from The Open University. Among the optional events taking place will be visits to the Lowry and Media City as well as tours of the Hat Works and Robinsons Brewery.

Booking information is available from the OMEGA magazine (winter edition) and the association website. www.aoug.org.uk

Future Planning & Fund Raising

The continued success of the Edinburgh group offers a perfect template to replicate. With that in mind the aim would be to establish the viability of organising events for members within the areas of Glasgow, Dundee and Aberdeen. Any feedback from members on this idea or possible fund-raising opportunities would be most welcome

Upcoming Events

13.00 Saturday 27th January: Annual Lunch at the Royal Overseas League, Edinburgh.

12:30 Monday 12th February: Meet at Callendar House, Callendar Park, Falkirk, FK1 1YR to hear a talk by Geoff Bailey, 'The Making of Falkirk 1830-1860'. Ticket £7.50 includes sandwich lunch (or £5.50 including Brunch) and may be purchased at the door or by calling 01324 506850.

11.00 Saturday 10th March: AGM with Speaker to be Confirmed The format of the AGM will continue to be a lunchtime event at the Quaker Meeting House, Victoria Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2JL.

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