

## **‘My Street’ NW Region Collaborative Project**

### **Quick summary**

**Take a local photo, be it of a street, a landmark or local feature**, or make a local picture by other means such as sketching or painting, and accompany it with a short piece of text. We aim to feature your pictures and writings on our NW website, on the ‘welcome’ page, and on new pages further inside.

### **What are the aims of this project?**

- to foster both local and regional involvement, pride and awareness, in other words, a sense of place to present to the outside world
- From the NW Region website’s viewpoint, we would like to achieve a ‘winter’ and a ‘spring / summer’ photo collage for our website welcome page as well as having featured work hosted on the website. If there is a large enough response, we may extend the project beyond the proposed finish date (below) to include summer/autumn 2021

### **What’s involved**

- Take a representative photo of your local area, and pen the story behind the photo.
- You can take your first photo during winter 2020 / 2021, and take a second photo (of the same view, or of a different view) when the weather warms up in 2021.
- If you took photos for the U3A national High Street Project in 2020, you are welcome to use those.
- Members can work together and submissions can be by a formal u3a group **or** by individuals acting on their own initiative (must be a u3a member though!)

Writing can be in any form:

- A narrative account
- Calligraphy
- A poem
- The history behind a scene or building
- A fictional or fictionalised account

How extensive the piece of writing is entirely up to you, but if you want us to feature it on the NW website we may edit down longer texts.

### **The details**

- All individual photos must be a maximum of 10mpx in size. If you are unsure about how to gauge the pixel size of a photo, you can ask around in your own U3a or email [u3aslp@gmail.com](mailto:u3aslp@gmail.com)
- We will ask for your permission in advance to use your photo(s) on the website and in limited u3a publicity. Ownership and copyright of the image remains yours.
- The same applies to your written account - we will ask for permission to use your writing in appropriate ways but it remains your intellectual property.

- Only pictures accompanied by a piece of writing will count. Writing can be submitted electronically or by post

### **How to take part**

- You need a camera or a smartphone to take photos - and you will also need to know how you transfer the photos you take. Please ask your own contacts and family about this! There are huge numbers of devices and while some support can be had, we can't do this for everybody
- You need pen and paper, or to be able to type a document, to do your writing.
- If you create 'artwork writing' such as calligraphy, or make a painting or sketch on paper as your contribution, please send a photo of your piece - not your precious original

### **Criteria to guide you**

- Make sure you avoid identifiable faces of people who did not consent to be in your picture
- Also avoid identifiable car number plates
- Be careful about standing on private property if you are pointing a camera, unless you have private landowner permission to take photos. *Perhaps wear a lanyard if you have one!*
- Keep Covid safe and physically safe at all times.

### **Send your photo and text to [nwregionu3a@gmail.com](mailto:nwregionu3a@gmail.com)**

State your name and/ or the names of those in the group, your U3A and a title for your image eg 'Winter Market, Bacup.'

If you need to send in contributions by post, contact the NW Chair Mo Eccles via the NW Region website: <https://u3asites.org.uk/north-west/home>

### **Final closing date for submissions 14th May 2021**