

LEARNING IN THE FUTURE WORKSHOP



WEDNESDAY 21ST JUNE 2017 10:30–16:00

The Gateway, 89, Sankey St, Warrington WA1 1SR

Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) are a new way of learning about subjects that interest you.

MOOCs:

- Are easily accessible using the Internet
- Are open to everyone who wants to learn
- Are (mostly) free to use
- Allow you to learn at your own pace.
- Offer a choice of over 5000 courses.



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DESCRIPTION

The Workshop, presented by Ian Hunt of Perth U3A, will cover the surprising origin, and growth, of Massive Open Online Courses (MOOC's) and explain why they have become such an unexpected global force in Education. Initially shunned by Educationalists, they have not only survived but, because of advances in innovative technology, they have become widely accepted as the method of choice for Universities, Colleges, Schools, Governments and Corporations around the world, as part of the solution to the problems facing education, due to scarce resources, widespread increases in population, etc. The Workshop will include two presentations. In the morning, Ian will discuss the origin, and development, of MOOCs explaining how they work and why they are uniquely different to many peoples understanding. In the afternoon, Ian will discuss how MOOCs can provide U3A Interest Groups with an additional tool to enhance their members' knowledge. After the presentations, there will be time for discussion and problem solving.

Programme

- 10.30 - 11.00 Registration & Coffee, Tea, etc.
- 11.00 – 11.10 Welcome to Ian Hunt, Perth U3A, Scotland.
- 11:10 – 13 00 MOOCs – What Makes Them So Special?
- 13:00 – 13:45 Lunch.
- 13:45 – 15:00 MOOCs - Where To Access All You Need to Know.
- 15:00 – 15:30 Question Time.
- 15:30 – 16:00 Review and Close.

There is no charge for this workshop but it is only open to U3A members. Lunch is not provided. The Gateway has catering facilities for hot and cold snacks but members may wish to bring a packed lunch.

Registration is available online at www.u3asites.org.uk/north-west