

SiteWorks Bulletin July 2024

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SiteWorks roll-out

The roll-out of the SiteWorks project got underway with Zoom Introduction to Training & Migration sessions from early February. Since then: -

- **All** u3a sites that are registered with SiteWorks have been sent T&Cs to sign.
- Just under 600 of all invited sites have signed T&Cs and are somewhere between invited to Zoom and migrating/going live
- We are heading towards the 250th live u3a SiteWorks site
- We are making a push to get all remaining Site Builder sites in migration as soon as possible as the plan is to turn Site Builder off in December 2024

There is still plenty of Migrator availability to help you through the process...

Training Workbook correction

On page 137 of V2 (May 2024) of the training workbook I have incorrectly used the word user instead of contact in the second paragraph on that page. This is in the u3a Import/Export section of the training workbook and the phrase states "When you complete the spreadsheets, please remember that every **user** of the system must have a unique email address and that this is a WordPress requirement".

In this section the word 'user' should read 'contact'. Only contacts, not users can be imported. It is true that every user must have a unique email but it is not so for contacts. Every contact must have a unique name (or identity), so as contacts you can give 'Fred Blogs' the same email as 'Secretary', but you cannot set up four contacts all called 'Group Leader' with four different emails.

Pam T

Who do you think you ARE?

People enjoy finding out about their history and their beginnings, even with a hint of mystery of intrigue. We, on the SiteWorks team, are not some of them.

Trying to work out from your email address which u3a you represent is not our idea of a 'break' with my cuppa tea.

Please help us, by ALWAYS including your u3a name in ANY enquiry with anyone on the SiteWorks team and even the TAT.

Our time can then be used to answer your enquiry and progress to resolution, without a return email asking who you are. Go on, you know we're worth it.

Sue Ba

Updates

On the 16th of July, the next update to WordPress (6.6) will be released. This will bring a number of significant updates and new features. From the perspective of a u3a website administrator, the most important are the Grid block and negative margins.

The Grid block allows for content to be better organised on the screen, and easier to view on a range of devices. Setting a negative margin sounds odd, but it gives scope for better merging of text and images. To achieve an optimal display, in both cases, the parameters need to be set correctly, hence it is recommended that the user guide is reviewed, followed by some practice in Local, before implementation on your site.

Shortly after the release of WordPress 6.6, the SiteWorks team will release a number of bug fixes. These will be reviewed in the next bulletin. The next set of SiteWorks enhancements are planned for November 2024.

As with all SiteWorks updates, these will be managed by the system administrators' team, so Website Administrators are not needed to process the updates themselves.

Richard C

Change Board

The Change Board considers and approves all enhancements and bug fixes as part of the continual development process of SiteWorks. The board is looking for a new member to join the team. The board would like the new member to be a web manager, who has perhaps been involving in migration. The board normally meets once a fortnight. If you are interested, please contact the chair at Richard.Crowder@siteworks.u3a.org.uk. The new member must be a Trust Volunteer, if you are interested, but not a Trust Volunteer, you will need to undertake a short training session.

Richard C

The SiteWorks Team

