

5W Getting Back Together - Local Groups and members around the world taking small but positive steps forward, proving the strength of friendship.



Four 5W members of the Duesseldorf-Niederrhein-Group met for a coffee and a chat. We had a lovely get together after weeks we had not seen each other.

In Germany small meetings are possible in Covid-19-times, accepting the rules of distancing and wearing masks. You are

allowed to take off the masks when sitting in a cafe or restaurant. With temperatures near 38 degrees and rising infection-numbers we preferred to sit outside. The four of us agreed that the virus is going to be part of our lives in future for quite a long time. It will not have a negative influence on our 5W friendship though. **Claudia, Germany**



Lynne with Helen and Sheila in Eastbourne, East Sussex.

Sussex news - 6 of us met for coffee and cake and chat today at my home. Nice to welcome 2 recently new members.

Jan, Sue and Adrienne met up at the River Kitchen Cafe in Nelson, New Zealand to celebrate our regional members meet-up during the Covid-19 lockdown.



At this time (May 2020) New Zealand was at level 2 which allowed for meeting up to 10 friends at a social location as long as we signed in for contact tracing. We shared travel stories, memories of visitors from all over the world and our vision of the future of 5W travel.



Greetings from sunny Helsinki, Finland! See you again sometime, someday, somewhere!

In the picture from left: Marjatta-Liisa, Outi, Liisa, Helena and Saara



Weekend travels with Alison from Townsville to Charters Towers, Ravenswood, Burdekin Dam, Clare and back. Elspeth, Queensland



5W East Anglia Bury St. Edmunds 29th July 2020

Wednesday 29th July saw Bury at its best, with the sun smiling down on us and people making the most of their new found freedom enjoying shopping or being tourists once again. There were three of us on this inaugural meet up, Camilla from Suffolk, Tina from Norfolk and Janet from Suffolk. Three others couldn't make it this time, but hope to make our next get-together. Parking was easy and convenient by the way.

There was a getting-to-know-you, followed by a walk around the pretty Abbey Gardens. As their cafe is still not open we made our way to Pilgrims Cafe in the grounds of the Cathedral, where we enjoyed a decent lunch in their sunny, spacious garden. Never having visited Bury as a tourist before I appreciated a tour of the town and seeing some of its landmarks. It was good to see an open air market too. There were one or two other places we might have visited but they were still closed unfortunately.

You will see from the photo we enjoyed our day - arriving as strangers and leaving as friends - and we are looking forward to the next time which looks as if it will be the beautiful City of Ely on Saturday 26th September. Perhaps there are other 5W ladies who would like to join in the future.



5W Membership in South Surrey/White Rock is growing. Daphne, Dawn, Chris and Ulrike all joined recently. I'm the old timer at 4 years! Dawn invited us over for socially distanced wine and appies. What a treat to get some of us together. Note the two bikes in background- great weather here in Vancouver for combining wine and exercise.
Carol, British Columbia



5W locals Chris, Dawn, Carol, Daphne (official photographer) and Lesley (not in photo) and me enjoying "Kaffee und Kuchen, mit Schlag", traditional German apple cake with whip cream at my home in White Rock, BC, Canada. We are enjoying getting to know each other and look forward to meeting other 5Ws in the area; unfortunately due to Covid had to restrict numbers.
Ulrike, British Columbia, Canada



Finally we, our local 5W group of Munich, Bavaria, Germany, had our first get-together after the lockdown, this time in my garden. Such a great afternoon with delicious food and good conversations! One member brought us hand made Lucky Bags, for a small donation to Mediciens Sans Frontieres. I chose Frida Kahlo and there was wonderful paper work in it, made with so much love! I feel so blessed by this wonderful afternoon!
Regine, Germany



Our Maryborough Queensland group enjoying our monthly get together.



A meeting in Paris

Times are so crazy now. Nevertheless Margot and I decided to go to Paris by the TGV for one weekend. We had an appointment with Dominique in the 16e arrondissement. She took us to spectacular 19th and early 20th century architecture. By accident we were invited by a charming lady to visit the court of her house (of course we made advertisement for 5W). One hour later again: a young lady invited us to visit an atelier of a famous artist. We enjoyed open doors and open hearts wherever we travelled through this marvellous city. Spending time together is so nice – enjoy!

Dominique + Margot + Barbara



Vancouver Mural Festival 2020

A huge and heartfelt thank you to Jenni for organizing a tour for six local 5W members. We wandered up and down roads and alleyways of the Mount Pleasant area listening and reading about a multitude of murals and the artists. Perfect weather for the socially distanced event. We ended the day having drinks and dinner outside on a patio- spread out over two tables. So enjoyable and a treat to still be able to connect and share.
Carol, Canada

