

Dear members

With the easing of some of the COVID-19 restrictions, it is time for us to start thinking about the

longer-term impact on HAGSOC. We would also like to **invite you to participate in a survey** (details below) to help us understand how better to shape our organisation in the post-COVID world.

For the moment, the **HAGSOC Library and Education room will remain closed** and our regular SIG/SUG and monthly meetings will continue to be held via Zoom.

We have made this decision because:

- The **physical distancing regulations** mean the Education room can only cater for between 8-10 people at a time. The Council has applied for grant funding to install video conferencing facilities in the education room. If successful, we would be able to have a small number of people in the education room while others continue to attend via Zoom.
- **Reopening the library** presents different problems. Not only do we need to think about the health of our library volunteers and cleaning the library, Companion House is continuing to use the corridor as a waiting room for their patients, making it a less than ideal space for members. Rosemary and I will be working with the Library and Admin teams over the next couple of weeks to develop plans to reopen the library and/or provide some of the services we all use.
- To help us determine **where we should focus our attention**, and which services and facilities you would like to have restored, the Epidemic Engagement Committee has created a short 10 question survey.
(You must be logged on to the "Members area" then click here to access the survey. Or access through the menu options on the website.)
To complete the survey you need to be logged on to HAGSOC "Members area" and use the menu option under "Member area" to access the survey, or [click here to access the survey](#).

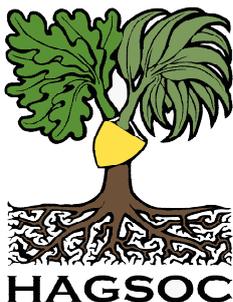
If you would like any more information, please don't hesitate to contact Rosemary or myself.

Thank you to everyone for for your help and support during this difficult time.

Cheers

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