

FAB IN STAFFORD

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Iris Eva Wuethrich CSNU, who is SNUi's National Representative for Switzerland, contacted SNU Today with a report on the Final Assessment Board (FAB) that she attended in July at the Barbanell Centre. She also shares some of her thoughts on the importance to her of Spiritualism online.

Every week two Platform Accreditation Scheme midweek-services are held, open to students who are on PAS. Courses which cover the review sessions are also available. Even discussion groups for the written course SD1 are on SNUi's program. Once someone achieves PAS or PASi [PAS online equivalent], it's possible they may be invited to such online events as the inspirational speaking corner, evenings of mediumship or our Divine Services. For a lot of us, it is OUR

The spirit world does not care about the barrier of distance. As an intelligence, they just know that we all are connected, always. Coming back to the possibilities of education provided on SNUi, it also has online review sessions for CSNUi. The Final Assessment Board can be held online, too. However, some of us have decided to go to the review days in Stafford, this week is called "SNUi". How beautiful it was to see and hug people you already knew online for a long time. To meet in person the ones whose energy you love to work with; the ones you feel happy to share an online-service with; the ones who belong to the SNUi-family; this was such a beautiful moment!

The impression we have gained online from each-other was proven. Even though, feeling the pressure of the Final Assessment Board, we

"Are you a committed Spiritualist but live in a country where no SNU churches are situated or in an area where it has none nearby? To participate and study in our online-branch the SNUi is the key."

any doubt, it is a great privilege and honour being an active part of both the SNU and SNUi. It creates a feeling of gratefulness and bliss within me, as we are given the opportunity to face the different challenges both settings offer. I missed being online with SNUi during this week in Stafford and of course, now I'm back home, miss the mediums' room where nerves arose before the Service through fear of going blank. I miss the gestures and smiles of the ones in the front rows, and I miss coming together after the service and celebrating and joining hands as a collective, having had the honour of being a true messenger for the Spirit World.

One thing is for sure, I will always remember moments that touched my heart, and also the amusing bits of the addresses of the other



Spiritualist church where we love to share our philosophy and spread uplifting thoughts based on the Seven Principles of Spiritualism that is a way of life. Through demonstrations of survival giving evidence, everyone can find proof for themselves.

New this year, in addition to the medium being visible on screen, the congregation can also be seen if they allow their computer to use the video when entering the virtual room. Having something similar to a real-world-congregation is very much appreciated by the online-workers, as it gives a real-life experience. For the Spirit World it does not matter if we are, for example, working in Switzerland and giving a contact to someone sitting in front of his screen in Canada.

were a marvellously supportive group, sitting in the same boat and paddling together towards THE DAY...our FAB! It was a living example of The Brotherhood of Man, both within the class and also in our rare spare time. We gained a lot of exciting experiences and a lot of unforgettable memories which will last forever. And of course, not least because of our teacher, Linda Walker CSNU, who provided a most educational and comfortable environment for us. I might be talking for all of us when I say that we are extremely grateful for the time teachers and assessors offered. They gave us the opportunity to go through the process of a real life board and to show that even though working a lot online, we knew what we were doing when standing in full person in front of a congregation. Without

students. My address for the FAB opened with a quote from Minister Will Ford, a pioneer and known as the father of Welsh Spiritualism, and I ended with his wisdom too: "There is no moment which has no gift for you." And this gift of the SNUi-week in Stafford with all its support, pressure, education, friendship and more will last forever in my memory and in my heart. As Spiritualists we know that memories and love stay for eternity. With that, I thank all who were a part in whatever role of this marvellous week, and for being fellow travellers on my journey. What a gift."

SNUi-class July 2019 from left to right: Yvonne van Bezu CSNU, Netherlands, Jason Goldsworthy, Germany, Jolanda van Kampen CSNU, Netherlands, Linda Walker CSNU, England, Iris Eva Wuethrich CSNU, Switzerland Annemarie Rajmakers Jongen CSNU, Netherlands.