

Spanish Groups' News



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SUMMER IS HEATING UP



Welcome to the Spanish newsletter for June.

Recent months have been very busy and many u3a groups have been in touch with me to ask about starting a new group. It's really exciting to see how much interest there is in learning a new language and the reasons for doing this can be varied. If you want to start a brand new group it's really quite easy and there's always support at local level and across the wider u3a family to get you started. Your own u3a Groups' Convenor is always able to help and there are lots of Subject Advisers on the national u3a website who will also be able to help. Other local u3a's may also have group leaders who will be able to give you some tips to get started.

For Spanish, take a look at my Spanish Adviser page under the [learn](#) tab on the website <https://www.u3a.org.uk/> There's plenty of help to get you started including support for groups or for starting a new group.

If you have a question or need any further help why not contact me directly by email at sandrawwu3a@gmail.com for more help. I always respond to emails as quickly as I can.

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New Groups Underway

No matter whether there's a local group in your area or not it's always possible to find a group to join. Below you'll find some different initiatives that have launched this summer.

Southport u3a has launched two new groups in April for Absolute Beginners. Ably supported by John, the new leader, the groups have proved to be very popular and there is already a waiting list for places. There are plans to start two further groups very soon. The groups get plenty of support as John has a good level of Spanish gained while working in Spain. He is able to share some novel ways to familiarise learning Spanish numbers by using car number plates which can be a little tricky for those who are new to the language.



I recently had the privilege to join a group of Beginners who met for the very first time through Interest Groups Online (IGO). IGO is a popular way to access groups if you cannot find a group in your own local u3a or if you find that groups are full. This group will be starting in June.

<https://www.u3a.org.uk/learning/interest-groups-online/how-to-join-igo>

**U3a
Festival
York
Spanish
Conversation
and Board
Games**

**July 18th
2.30pm - 3.30pm**



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Discover Spain

Spain is a diverse country full of culture, languages and opportunities to explore the tremendous scenery and variety of towns and villages in the 17 autonomous regions and 52 provinces.

Five Interesting Places to Visit This Summer

We begin on the north coast of Spain, often overlooked by British travellers in their haste to rush to the Mediterranean coast.

The small village of Cudillero in the Asturias is known for its unique landscape and cultural legacy. It combines the Mariñana (fishermen and farmers), the Xalda (villagers from the inner valleys), and the Vaqueira (shepherds in the highlands). The village features colorful homes built on hilly slopes and is close to the stunning Playa del Silencio, one of Spain's best beaches.

Beget, Girona Beget, located in Catalonia, dates back to the Middle Ages (at least 1168). Its original essence and rural aspects remain intact, making it a perfect destination for unwinding. The Church of Sant Cristofol, a Romanesque-style temple, is a major attraction here. Molinaseca, León was declared a Historic Artistic Site in 1975. This charming Spanish town is worth a visit for its historical significance and picturesque setting.

Rupit, Catalonia is another gem in Catalonia. Its cobbled streets, medieval architecture, and stunning natural surroundings make it a delightful place to wander. Don't miss the Rupit Hanging Bridge for breathtaking views.

Ronda, Andalusia:

Ronda is famous for its dramatic location atop the El Tajo Gorge. The views of the Serranía de Ronda mountains are truly breathtaking. Explore the historic bullring, the old town, and the stunning Puente Nuevo bridge.

Why not choose a place to find out a little more about in your group. Find out which region and province it belongs to. Locate it on a map. How would you travel there? Share what you find in Spanish with your group.



Cudillero, Asturias



Rupit, Catalonia



Ronda and the El Tajo Gorge

Looking for a Spanish group to Join?

Can't find a group in your area?

Why not take a look at Interest Groups Online, or

Speak to your Groups Leader/Convenor to start a group.

Check out the Spanish Adviser page for more information



Descubre España

España es un país diverso lleno de cultura, idiomas y oportunidades para explorar el tremendo paisaje y la variedad de ciudades y pueblos en las 17 regiones autónomas y 52 provincias.

Cinco lugares interesantes para visitar este verano

Comenzamos en la costa norte de España, a menudo pasada por alto por los viajeros británicos en su prisa por llegar a la costa mediterránea.

El pequeño pueblo de Cudillero en Asturias es conocido por su paisaje y legado cultural únicos. Combina a los Mariñana (pescadores y agricultores), los Xalda (pobladores de los valles interiores) y los Vaqueira (pastores de las tierras altas). El pueblo cuenta con casas coloridas construidas en laderas montañosas y está cerca de la impresionante Playa del Silencio, una de las mejores playas de España.

Beget, Girona Beget, situada en Cataluña, se remonta a la Edad Media (al menos 1168). Su esencia original y su aspecto rural se mantienen intactos, lo que lo convierte en un destino perfecto para desconectar. La Iglesia de Sant Cristofol, un templo de estilo románico, es un gran atractivo aquí.

Molinaseca, León fue declarada Conjunto Histórico Artístico en 1975. Esta encantadora ciudad española merece una visita por su importancia histórica y su entorno pintoresco.

Rupit, Cataluña es otra joya de Cataluña. Sus calles adoquinadas, su arquitectura medieval y su impresionante entorno natural lo convierten en un lugar encantador para pasear. No te pierdas el Puente Colgante Rupit para disfrutar de unas vistas impresionantes.

Ronda, Andalucía:

Ronda es famosa por su espectacular ubicación en lo alto del desfiladero de El Tajo. Las vistas de la Serranía de Ronda son realmente impresionantes. Explora la histórica plaza de toros, el casco antiguo y el impresionante Puente Nuevo.

¿Por qué no elegir un lugar para conocer un poco más en tu grupo? Encuentre nuestra región y provincia a la que pertenece. Ubícalo en un mapa. ¿Cómo viajarías allí? Comparte lo que encuentres en español con tu grupo.



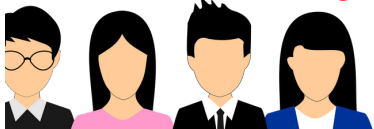
Cudillero, Asturias



Rupit, Cataluña



Ronda y El Tajo



¿Buscas un grupo de español al que unirte?

¿No encuentras un grupo en tu área?

¿Por qué no echar un vistazo a Grupos de interés en línea o Hable con el líder/coordinador de su grupo para iniciar un grupo.

Más información—Consulta la página de Spanish Advisor