

# Berwyn and District U3A Privacy Policy

Berwyn and District U3A (hereafter 'the U3A') treats your privacy rights seriously. This privacy policy sets out how we will deal with your 'personal information', that is, information that could identify, or is related to the identity of, an individual.

## **WHAT PERSONAL INFORMATION DO WE COLLECT?**

When you express an interest in becoming a member of the U3A you will be asked to provide certain information. This includes:

- Names.
- Home address.
- Email address.
- Telephone number, fixed and mobile.
- Emergency contact details
- Subscription preferences

## **HOW DO WE COLLECT THIS PERSONAL INFORMATION?**

All the information collected is obtained directly from you. This is usually at the point of your initial registration. The information will be collected via membership forms or online contact forms. At the point that you provide your personal information for membership purposes, we will consider that you consent for us to store and share your data where necessary. Your consent is requested only where we will share your data with a third party.

## **HOW DO WE USE YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION?**

We use your personal information:

- To provide our U3A activities and services to you.
- For administration, planning and management of our U3A.
- To communicate with you about your group activities.
- To monitor, develop and improve the provision of our U3A activities.

We may send you messages by email, other digital methods, telephone or post to advise you of U3A activities.

## **WHO DO WE SHARE YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION WITH?**

We may disclose information about you, including your personal information:

- Internally - to committee members and group leaders/facilitators – as required to facilitate your participation in our U3A activities.
- Externally – with your consent for additional products or services. Where such systems are used, the committee has scrutinised the Terms and Conditions of each supplier and judged that their digital and physical systems and procedures are secure.
- If we have a statutory duty to disclose it for other legal and regulatory reasons.

Where we need to share your information outside of the U3A we will seek your permission and inform you as to whom the information will be shared with and for what purpose.

## **HOW LONG DO WE KEEP YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION?**

We need to keep your information so that we can provide our services to you. In most instances information about your membership will not be stored for longer than 12 months following cessation of your membership. The exceptions to this are instances where there may be legal or insurance circumstances that require information to be held for longer whilst this is investigated or resolved. Where this is the case then the member/s will be informed as to how long the information will be held for and when it is deleted.

#### **HOW YOUR INFORMATION CAN BE UPDATED OR CORRECTED**

To ensure the information we hold is accurate and up to date, members need to inform the U3A as to any changes to their personal information. You can do this by contacting the membership secretary at any time:  
Email: iammo@btinternet.com  
Telephone: 01490 430216

Should you wish to view the information that the U3A holds on you, you can view a copy of your record held in our Beacon Membership database by logging in to the secure system with your personal details. You can also make this request by contacting the membership secretary – as detailed above. There may be certain circumstances where we are not able to comply with this request. This would include where the information may contain references to another individuals or for legal, investigative or security reasons. Otherwise we will usually respond within 14 days of the request being made.

#### **HOW DO WE STORE YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION?**

We have in place a range of security safeguards to protect your personal information against loss or theft, as well as unauthorised access, disclosure, copying, use, or modification. Security measures include technological measures such as Secure Socket Layer (SSL) encryption, which creates a secure connection with your browser when you register and login into our online services.

Your membership information is held on a secure database system and accessed by committee members and group leaders/facilitators – as appropriate.

#### **AVAILABILITY AND CHANGES TO THIS POLICY**

This policy is available on our website under the “Welcome” tab or from our Membership Secretary as detailed above. This policy may change from time to time. If we make any material changes we will make members aware of this by email and at the monthly members' meetings.

#### **CONTACT**

If you have any queries about this policy, need it in an alternative format, or have any complaints about our privacy practices, please contact us:  
Email: iammo@btinternet.com  
Telephone: 01490 430216

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