

Dronfield and District U3A - Policies and Procedures

Policy regarding the support of other charitable organisations or charitable events [Short name: Charity Policy]

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Background and Objectives

1. In 2014 Dronfield and District U3A adopted the 2012 version of the "MODEL CONSTITUTION FOR U3As IN ENGLAND AND WALES" recommended for U3As in England and Wales which includes in Clause 3 a statement regarding Charitable Purposes.
2. The constitution, as adopted by the DDU3A provides powers to co-operate with other charities, voluntary bodies, statutory authorities, universities, other research bodies, and to support any charitable organisation regarding the pursuit of The U3A's charitable purposes.
3. The constitution defines the purposes as: "to advance education and in particular the education of people not in full time gainful employment who are in their Third Age (being the period of time after the first age of childhood dependence and the second age of full time employment and/or parental responsibility) residing in Dronfield Derbyshire and its surrounding locality".
4. Because of previous events, actions and complaints the Executive Committee discussed and agreed that the only way to avoid any unnecessary, unintended distress or pressure being placed on its members was to implement the policy described below.

Policy

1. Co-operation with Other Charities:

a. DDU3A will consider co-operating with and supporting other charities when the purpose of any proposed activity matches its own charitable objectives as defined in the Constitution (see 2 above). Examples might be educational projects that may be of interest to members and medical or academic research projects targeted at people of the Third Age.

b. The Vice-Chair or other Committee member, appointed by the Executive Committee, will consider any such requests for support and, if they are deemed suitable, will decide how they should be made known to members. The Vice-Chair will report back to the Committee regarding such decisions.

2. Charity Collections:

a. There shall be no items sold for charities, no offers of donations to charities, or any collections by members for charities, at any general or group meeting of DDU3A.

b. Individual DDU3A members may wish to mention privately to friends within DDU3A, but public announcements at both General or Group meetings are not allowed for the reasons stated above.

c. Mailing lists used for U3A communications eg the full Members List or individual Group Members Lists must not be used to announce privately supported events.

3. Charity events organised or supported by DDU3A members may be listed on the website by contacting the website editor. See the website 'Events Page' for more information.

4. External organisations and/or speakers: Invitations to present or speak to General meetings will include a copy of this Charity Policy to avoid misunderstandings before any booking is confirmed.