

AGENDA for AGM 23rd May 2018 2.00-4.00pm

Herne Hill Baptist Church, Half Moon Lane.

U3A Film: Life in the Third Age

Presentations from D&D U3A Interest groups.

AGM Agenda:

1. Introduce Current Committee, with apologies for absence.
2. Approve AGM 2017 AGM Minutes (Propose & Second)
3. Chair's Report (LD)
4. Treasurer's Report & Adoption of Accounts (MF) (Propose & Second) Q&A.
5. Motions received - none
6. Election of Officers Chair Liz Day
 Treasurer Verity Mosenthal
 Secretary Roman Bednarz

7. Election of Committee Members.

Neil Abrahams
Graham Ashton
Angela Brown
Susan Elias
Helen Graham
Joy Harris
Chris Henry
Diana McInnes
Melinda Tenant Flowers
Pam Ruben

Have Your Say - Small Group Discussions

Key questions explained, followed by discussion.

Feedback: some suggestions from the floor.

Collect up each group's notes.

Refreshments and informal discussion

Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Dulwich and District U3A

Wednesday May 24th 2017 2.00-4.00 at All Saints Church, Lovelace Road, West Dulwich, SE21 8JY.

1. **Introduction of current committee** and presentation of 500 member certificate to Louise Cattle, accepted by her husband in her absence. Celebratory cake presented with candles and photos.
2. **Apologies for absence:** received from committee members Sue Elias and Roman Bednarz
3. **Approval of minutes of AGM May 18th 2016.** These were accepted- proposed by Pat Verity, seconded by Ursula Allen
4. **Chair's Report** by Liz Day. See attached.
5. **Treasurer's Report and Adoption of Accounts** by Mary Fyfe. See attached. Report accepted- proposed by Judith Salter, seconded by Martin Goffe.
6. **Motions from Members.** Motion proposed by member Mike Colvin, seconder Ruth Colvin ,

“D&D U3A should be much more transparent, and routinely and promptly publish all minutes and reports on the web so that they are available to members at all times. Specifically they should include minutes of all AGMs and SGMs, minutes of committee meetings, and all reports from the chair, treasurer and secretary. The Treasurer's Report should be printed and made available to the members at the beginning of the AGM”.

Following speakers for and against the motion and contributions from the floor the Chair put the motion to the vote. The motion was carried, with the majority in favour of making the Executive Committee minutes and other relevant reports available to all members on password protected section of the D&D U3A website.

7. **Election of Officers and Executive Committee.** The following were elected unopposed.

Chair - Liz Day

Secretary - Roman Bednarz

Treasurer - Mary Fyfe

Committee members: Neil Abrahams

Lore Arthur

Rona Black

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Susan Elias

Helen Graham

Caroline Knapp

Diana McInnes

Pamela Ruben

Angela Brown stood down from the committee and was thanked for her invaluable contributions in supporting the special interest groups. She explained there were more groups than last year, and more duplicate 2nd groups when a first group had reached maximum size.

8. The AGM was concluded and members moved onto the main part of the afternoon with the “Interest Group Fair” and tea. This gave members an opportunity to find out more about the wide range of groups on offer.

Minutes of deferred Special General Meeting held on Wed May 25 April 2017

Clause 3i of Dulwich & District U3A constitution was changed (Nem. Con.) This now reads;-
“The advancement of education and, in particular, the education of older people and those who are retired from full time work, by all means including associated activities conducive to learning and personal development, in Dulwich and surrounding locality.

Also the Quorum requirements in clause 16 iv are now :- ***10 % or 50 whichever is less.***

Summary of Receipts and Payments for Dulwich & District U3A - Year ending 31 March 2018

	2017/2018		2016/2017	
<u>Receipts</u>	£	£	£	£
Subscriptions	12,758.50		11,094.25	
Diary sales	0.00		31.00	
Gift voucher sales	25.00		25.00	
Xmas lunch deposits	1,580.00		2,008.50	
National theatre trip	113.75		0.00	
Gift Aid	2,174.07		0.00	
Miscellaneous	854.35		298.57	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	17,505.67		13,457.32	
<u>Payments</u>				
Room Hire		621.00		1,006.00
Postage & Stationery		604.40		986.72
Catering		742.97		664.96
Capitation		1,750.00		1,403.50
Magazines		1,083.00		831.10
Gifts & Prizes		240.49		233.55
Equipment		303.02		513.30
Publicity		442.00		467.97
Printing		2,718.44		1,564.58
Diaries		0.00		48.00
National Conference		510.60		468.95
Xmas Lunch		1,721.80		2,275.30
National theatre trip		113.75		0.00
Seed Funding		147.96		65.94
Open Meeting Expenses		120.00		0.00
Sundries		777.73		262.93
TOTAL PAYMENTS		11,897.16		10,792.80
Net of Receipts/Payments	£5,608.51		£2,664.52	
BANK RECONCILIATION				
Opening bank balance as at 01/04/2017	£7,597.57			
add Net of Receipts/Payments	£5,608.51			
add Network balance	£219.36			
Closing bank balance as at 31/03/2018	£13,425.44			

Chair's Report for 2017/18

DULWICH & DISTRICT U3A has now reached its 4th AGM. We have maintained a degree of continuity each year with a small turnover of committee members, providing sustained leadership, but also some new blood. We are no longer a 'new' organisation, but with nearly 600 members, and 80 Interest Groups, have developed our own way of doing things. D&D U3A is affiliated to The Third Age Trust which celebrated the formation of its 1,000th U3A group last November.

The organisation is led by a dedicated committee which meets monthly to monitor our membership and finances, plan our monthly meetings and events; develop our Interest Groups; plan our newsletters and programme and keep in touch with our local U3A network and London Region U3A.

The range of Interest Groups continues to grow and we are very grateful to all our Convenors who so generously give their time and expertise, organising and hosting our groups. Our Group Coordinators arrange regular Convenors' meetings in order to share good practices, introduce new Convenors and brain-storm ideas for running their groups.

For the first time, all the Convenors were able to meet together in March, thanks to the Trustees of Bell House, in College Road providing us with a location large enough to enable so many of our Convenors to attend. Our Politics Group has also moved its meetings to Bell House, having outgrown Rosebery Lodge, the use of which is kindly donated to us by the Dulwich Society. Bell House will be the location for our Summer Garden Party in July. Watch out for details.

Our Monthly Meetings have attracted good audiences of nearly 100 members on each occasion and we have been able to invite excellent speakers who have held our attention and provoked interesting questions and discussion on a wide variety of topics. This year we also ran two well attended information days on Financial Planning and Hearing Loss, with guest speakers. We are grateful to the Tea Team on each occasion for providing refreshments over which we can socialise. Most of our monthly meetings have taken place in Herne Hill Baptist Church due to its suitable location and size but we continue to look for additional local venues to host our events. We welcome suggestions from members of engaging speakers whom they know.

We mainly keep in touch with members by email, and a Newsletter advertising future events and opportunities is also sent out monthly.

Our D&D U3A Website and Facebook sites are updated regularly and provide essential information about Interest Groups, monthly meetings and other events. Our Programme Booklet which we produced in the Autumn and late Spring this year gives members details of all the Interest Groups on offer. This is always well received, particularly by new members. New members are invited to a Tea Party shortly after they have joined. They have an opportunity to meet members of the Committee and Convenors and to discuss their interests and which groups they might like to join, or even convene.

We encourage our members to become involved in a variety of events coordinated by our S.E Network of U3As and the London Region. Committee members attend these forums and help to organise Study Days, Shared Learning Projects and the London Summer School, where several of our members have been asked to speak. Members who have been involved in these appreciate the value of extended learning opportunities beyond D&D U3A. Training, organised by the London Region has sought to raise awareness of Active Learning.

As well as reporting on the progress we have made I would like to make some suggestions which we might try out in the future.

- Introduce short or taster courses a few weeks in length.
- Encourage groups to re-start themselves after a given period to bring in new members.
- Develop stronger links with the SE London Network and the London Region in order to broaden our appeal.
- Organise more one-off workshops and information events.

D&D U3A is a member led organisation. Do let us know if you have any other suggestions or ideas for improving what we do, or how we do it.

Liz Day

Chair D&D U3A