

## GUIDANCE FOR U3A GROUPS ON THE RECEIPT OF GRATUITIES

A discussion was held at our annual AGM with regards to the legal position of our groups raising money for other charities.

Eg Cards from our Card Making group being sold at our AGM with all proceeds going to a chosen charity

Ukelele groups entertaining out in the community and receiving a small gratuity as a thank you which they then donate to a chosen charity.

Both groups have identified a charity that they wish to benefit from their efforts.

As a consequence an approach was made to OSCR (Scottish Charity Regulator) for clarification.

This is the response:

While the groups may raise funds for other charities they would need to:

- Make very clear to potential donors from the start that any donation will be going to the other named charity, not the U3A.
- Not put any of the funds raised through the U3A's bank account (all funds in that account must be used to further U3A purposes)
- Not incur U3A expenditure in raising the funds.
- Hand over the funds at the earliest opportunity to the recipient charity.
- As a matter of Good Practice, contact in advance the charity for which they intend to raise funds to let them know that they will be fundraising for it (that charity may have leaflets or other material they would like the group to use to show they have authorised the fundraising)

As you can see from OSCR's response there is nothing to stop any of our groups raising money from the provision of entertainment, articles or services.

I hope this clarifies the situation but should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Ruth Rose at [du3amemsec@gmail.com](mailto:du3amemsec@gmail.com)