

MEMBERSHIP

Joining Dunstable U3A is easy - all you need to do is complete an application form and pay your annual subscription. Different rates apply for single membership, or as members of another U3A.

To find out more about the Dunstable group, you are most welcome to attend a monthly meeting as a visitor before deciding to join.

At each monthly meeting the New Members Co-ordinator is there to meet and introduce you to Dunstable U3A. She will be able to answer questions, tell you what is going on at the meeting and help you to find the information you require. New members' meetings are held quarterly and you will receive an invitation to attend.

The Dunstable Group Newsletter is published three times a year and informs members of current activities.

We hope you will join Dunstable U3A - it provides the opportunity for people to share their wealth of knowledge and experience, to acquire new interests and skills and to do so in a friendly, informal atmosphere.

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RETIRED "SOMETHING OR OTHER" BECOME A MEMBER OF DUNSTABLE U3A

CONTACTS: Please see contacts page.

Membership secretary	New members co-ordinator	Group Liaison Officers
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INFORMATION FOR NEW MEMBERS



Learning through interest groups
Leisure and recreational activities



WELCOME TO DUNSTABLE U3A

THE ORGANIZATION FOR RETIRED PEOPLE SEEKING A FULL AND ACTIVE THIRD AGE

There are many aspects to U3A and we hope this booklet will help you to understand what U3A is all about and what it can mean for you.

Its objectives are:

- a) to advance education and further learning for all persons who are retired or not in full-time employment.
- b) to provide facilities for leisure and recreational activities.

Anyone in the third age is welcome to join the Dunstable group - all you need is interest and enthusiasm. We are a democratic, self-funded and self-managed organization providing daytime educational and leisure activities at minimal cost.

INTEREST GROUPS

A wide-ranging program of study and recreation is available through our Interest Groups which draw on the knowledge, skills and experience of members. The groups are led or coordinated by a group member, or sometimes a small committee, and meet to suit the wishes of members, often in a member's home or in a hired local hall. The success of groups is entirely dependent on the contribution, participation and support of members and their willingness to share their experience and skills in order to learn together.

You are invited to join a group which interests you by approaching the Group Liaison Officer and you are welcome to go along for a "taster" session before deciding to join. If the subject is in great demand you might find the group is full and that there is a waiting list.

If the group is full, or your need is not met, or you have an interest which is not catered for, contact the Group Liaison Officers who will enter your name on a waiting list or attempt to start a new group.

GLOs can be contacted by email. Please see contacts page.

It is a good idea to consider the commitment you are making before joining a group - if you cannot attend regularly you may be depriving someone else of a place. On the odd occasion when you cannot attend please inform the leader/coordinator.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

A general meeting is held on the third Monday of each month at the Methodist Church, The Square, Dunstable, or a notified alternative, from 1.15 pm to 3.15 pm at which there is an invited speaker. By attending the monthly meeting you will have the opportunity to meet other members and find out what is going on in the group. Refreshments are available. Please bring your membership card with you as we scan members into the meeting.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Another aspect of U3A is the opportunity to take part in visits arranged through the year by the Social Committee. Visits are open to ALL Dunstable U3A members and are advertised at monthly meetings when bookings and payments can be made.

THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION.

It is important that you know that Dunstable U3A is part of a national organization. The Third Age Trust is the national representative body for the U3A movement in the UK. It is a registered charity and provides support services and public liability insurance for local groups. Currently there are over 1030 groups in the UK and nearly 400,000 individual members. The national magazine – Third Age Matters - is available regularly to all members who wish to receive it.