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# NOTTINGHAMSHIRE NETWORK

## NEWS BITES! MARCH 2019

*Sharing ideas across 32 U3As in Nottinghamshire*

### PEER SUPPORT GROUPS

If your U3A would like to host a Peer Group event please contact Paul Martinez [pkmartinez14@gmail.com](mailto:pkmartinez14@gmail.com)

#### Architecture Peer Support Group

Final Reminder that Beeston U3A are holding an Architecture Peer Support Group on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, starting at 1:30pm for 2:00pm with coffee and biscuits on arrival.

The meeting will take place at The Pearson Centre which is in Beeston near the Beeston Library, the address is 2 Nuart Road, Beeston, Nottingham, NG9 2NH. If you are able to attend, then all replies should go to:

[Di Fischer-Harman](mailto:Difischer-Harman) on [difschr@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:difschr@yahoo.co.uk)

#### Classical Music, Notts Network Peer Support Group

Arnold U3A is organising an initial gathering on the afternoon of Saturday 6 April (exact time to be confirmed) at the Royal Concert Hall. Ideally a classical music group convenor/leader (or potential leader) from each U3A would attend - plus a co-ordinator/enabler/money person. The event will be co-hosted by William Ruff from Arnold U3A and Neil Bennison from the Royal Centre. Representatives are offered free tickets for that evening's Hallé concert. We are hoping that this initial gathering will lead on to future collaborations between members.

If you are interested in running a classical music group - or are already doing so - and would like to attend the meeting on Sat 6 April, please let William Ruff know

at [william.u3a@gmail.com](mailto:william.u3a@gmail.com). Alternatively, if you cannot make the meeting but would like to be informed of further developments,

#### U3A National Finance Workshop in Nottingham

Please note that the U3A National Office is organising a Finance Workshop in Nottingham on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. If you would like to attend, you will need to book a place by going to the National U3A website and follow links to Events and then Workshops. Alternatively, click on this link: <https://workshops.u3a.org.uk/>

#### U3A Grouptalk <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/u3a-grouptalk>

As an aid to group leaders and U3A members organising specialist speakers and visits, we have created an online forum. U3A-Grouptalk is designed to make it easier for people to share information and ask questions of similar groups in other U3As. The ability to learn from other similar groups helps all of us to enrich our U3A experience. The forum is built in Google Groups and is very easy to set up and use. Give it a try and see if it works for you. Any problems or suggestions, please post in the forum (preferably) or you can email me on [paul.fileman@btinternet.com](mailto:paul.fileman@btinternet.com)

### NETWORK NEWS

#### Ageing Well Conference

Please put **19th October 2019** in your diary. Planning is now well advanced for the first Nottinghamshire Network Ageing Well Conference. We are planning a packed agenda - details to come later. The conference will be open to all Nottinghamshire U3A members. More details will be published as and when available with **booking opening in June 2019**. In order to ensure that the day runs smoothly, we need some volunteers to marshal on the day. This will involve helping delegates find the right rooms for break-out sessions, meeting and registering delegates and generally helping out on the day. Our volunteers will get the first choice of break-out sessions to reward them for their efforts. To register as a volunteer (you will still need to book a delegate place when booking opens in June), please send an email to Paul Fileman - [paul.fileman@btinternet.com](mailto:paul.fileman@btinternet.com)

#### Beacon Peer Support Event

Carlton & Gedling U3A hosted an event in February—25 U3As (71 people plus the C&G committee) came together to talk about Beacon. Tom Grainger, Chair of Carlton & Gedling opened the meeting, and then the first hour was spent in break-away groups with Webmasters, Membership Secretaries, Treasurers and Group Co-ordinators each looking at Beacon from the perspective of the roles that they have. Whilst 50% of Nottinghamshire U3As are already on Beacon, those that are not were able to sit in on a demonstration of the system to judge the benefits for themselves.

A final feedback and Q&A session highlighted the varied and diverse ways that individual U3As organise themselves but everyone took away some new knowledge, made friends and contacts, and benefited in general from the buzz of the event. Jean Hogg, our Regional Trustee, closed the meeting.

Lynne Jaremczenko



