



## NETWORK CONSTITUTION

### 1 NAME

The name of the organisation is Leicestershire and Rutland Network of u3as.

### 2 ADMINISTRATION

Subject to the matters set out below the organisation and its property shall be administered and managed in accordance with this structure by the members of the Committee.

### 3 OBJECTS

The Objects of Leicestershire and Rutland Network of u3as are to advance the education of members of u3as by all means including associated activities conducive to learning and personal development, in Leicestershire and Rutland and its surrounding locality by facilitating cooperation between u3as in the network.

### 4 POWERS

In furtherance of the Objects but not otherwise, the Committee may exercise the following powers to:

- (i) raise funds e.g. payment for events and to invite and receive contributions e.g. membership fees;
- (ii) buy, take on lease or exchange any property necessary;
- (iii) organise and run conferences, lectures, seminars, courses;
- (iv) publish books, pamphlets, reports, leaflets, journals, instructional matter and to produce films and videos;
- (v) participate in and assist in the development of neighbourhood and area groupings of u3as; and
- (vi) do all such other lawful things as are necessary for the achievement of the Objects.

### 5 MEMBERSHIP

- (i) Membership of Leicestershire and Rutland Network of u3as shall be open to all u3as in Leicestershire and Rutland and nearby on payment of the annual membership fee. It is a matter for the individual u3a as to whether they join the said Network.
- (ii) Each member u3a shall be represented by up to two members of that u3a, appointed from time to time by their u3a Committee. Each member u3a shall have one vote.
- (iii) A u3a's membership of the Network will be deemed to have terminated when the annual membership fee to the Network remains unpaid two months after the due date.

### 6 MANAGEMENT OF THE LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND NETWORK OF u3as

- (i) There will be a minimum of two meetings per year with each member u3a being represented by not more than two representatives.

- (ii) The management of **The Leicestershire and Rutland Network of u3as** shall be vested in a Committee, comprising a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer who are drawn from different u3as plus not more than four additional Committee Members. All Committee Members shall be drawn from different u3as as far as possible. The Committee will report to the meetings on all matters.
- (iii) The Committee may in addition appoint not more than two co-opted members who shall have full voting rights and have tenure until the next committee election. Vacancies on the Committee which arise through resignation or termination during the year can be filled from the membership and any such appointee shall have tenure until the next committee election.
- (iv) The election of members of the Committee shall be held at the AGM at the time of the Spring meeting.
- (v) Committee members shall serve for a maximum period of 3 years. Retiring members, except Chairman, may stand for re-election for one further year. The Chairman may stand for re-election as Chairman or any other committee position providing there is an intervening period of at least one year after retirement.
- (vi) The Committee shall keep minutes of the proceedings at meetings of the Committee and any sub-committees and these minutes shall be available for inspection should a member request it.
- (vii) No Committee member shall be chargeable or responsible for loss caused by any act done or omitted to be done by him/her or by any other Committee member or by reason of any mistake or omission made in good faith by any Committee member or by reason of any other matter other than wilful and individual fraud or wrongdoing or actions knowingly beyond the scope of a specific authority or limit thereon on the part of the Committee member in question.

## 7 FINANCE

- (i) The funds of **The Leicestershire and Rutland Network of u3as** shall be paid into an account operated by the Committee in the name **L & R u3a Network** at such bank as the Committee shall from time to time decide. All cheques drawn on the account must be signed by two Committee members.
- (ii) The funds belonging to **The Leicestershire and Rutland Network of u3as** shall be applied only in furthering the objects.
- (iii) No funds shall be transferred in any way to Committee members, provided that nothing herein shall prevent the payment in good faith of reasonable and proper out of pocket expenses incurred in the course of **The Leicestershire and Rutland Network of u3as** work.
- (iv) All proper costs, charges and expenses incidental to the management of **The Leicestershire and Rutland Network of u3as** and membership of the Third Age Trust may be defrayed from the funds of **The Leicestershire and Rutland Network of u3as**.
- (v) In the case of the winding up of **The Leicestershire and Rutland Network of u3as** any funds remaining shall be returned to The Third Age Trust.

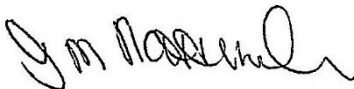

*Network Constitution  
as agreed at the  
Network Representatives Meeting  
on Friday 29th March 2019*

The following paragraphs have been added to the Constitution:

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- (viii) The holding of an AGM may be by a meeting with representatives of member u3as present in person and/or by utilising video-meeting techniques (e.g. Zoom and Microsoft Teams) both having equal status.
- (ix) Leicestershire & Rutland Network of u3as is formally affiliated to the u3a National Organising Body, The Third Age Trust and is a charitable organisation by virtue of its stated objects, but not a Registered Charity as the annual turnover is likely to remain below the level requiring registration with the Charity Commission.

*Amendments to the Network Constitution  
approved at the  
Network Representatives Meeting  
Friday 30th October 2020*

We confirm the above amendments were approved as stated above.	
	
Judith Harriman – Chairman	Lynne Cox – Vice Chairman