

Network News



News updates from Leicestershire & Rutland Network of U3As – 01/10/2020

Network Meeting by Zoom – 30th October 2020

Here's a reminder about the next Network Meeting together with the timetable. The main topic will be a talk "Where Will the U3A Movement be Post Lockdown" by Third Age Trust National Chairman Ian McCannah, followed by the opportunity to ask questions. Thank you to those who've already nominated their delegates.

Here are the key dates:

30th September	7th October	10th October	30th October
Agenda items to be sent to Network Co-ordinator	Names of delegates (up to 2 per U3A) to be sent to Co-ordinator	Agenda plus key documents to be sent to delegates	Meeting Day – by Zoom – login will open at 10am



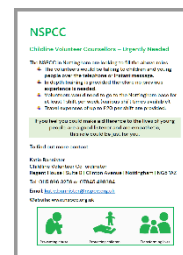
As this meeting will also include our AGM, here are some additional facts:

1. A Secretary is needed for the Network Committee – THIS IS VITAL!
2. We would like nominations for 2-3 more committee members – maximum 1 per U3A
3. The AGM will take place after Ian McCannah's talk and Q&A

We would like additional committee members to help drive the Network forward for the benefit of all U3As in our 2 counties. The key committee post we need to fill is that of Secretary, and we also need a Minute-Taker to support our committee and members' meetings. A Nomination Form is enclosed.

Wanted – Childline Volunteer Counsellors

The NSPCC in Nottingham are looking to recruit volunteers to be trained as Childline Volunteer Counsellors. They have asked for the help of U3A members who may be interested in such a role. A flyer is enclosed with all the details. The NSPCC understand not all U3As will send this information to their members because of travel viability.



Emails from Potential Speakers

Enclosed with this Network News is a PDF with details of 3 organisations that have contacted National Office with details of potential speakers. These have been forwarded via our Regional Trustee, Jean Hogg. If any are of interest please pass them to your Speaker Finder/Programme Organiser and contact them directly.

Find out more about your U3A Network on our website at <https://u3asites.org.uk/landr>
To contact the Network please email: coordinator@landru3a.org.uk

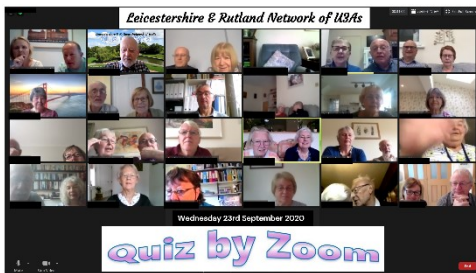
U3A Radio Podcasts



This message comes from Hilary Jones, Vice Chairman of TAT.

The first ever u3a radio officially launched at 2pm 29th September directly after the national AGM. The national office learning team have been working with member volunteers who are skilled in broadcasting and you can keep listening to u3a radio wherever you are as it is delivered as a recorded podcast. This pilot features a series of interviews and features from across the movement – for the launch – all themed around looking forward. We are very excited about this project which we aim to grow and develop over the coming year. There will be another pilot before Christmas. We hope you enjoy our first broadcast. Please tell your members to tune in! If you have an interesting story to tell – get in touch – you can email us at communications@u3a.org.uk. The podcast link is <https://youtu.be/9zGNxpUSUAc>.

Network Quiz By Zoom – The Results!



Many thanks to those U3As that circulated details of the Network Quiz By Zoom to their members. Sadly only 8 U3As were represented on the day, although around 40 members took part. If you are aware of a reason for the low response do please let us know so we can take it into account when arranging any future events. It took a tie-break question to separate 1st from 2nd but the eventual winners were Rick & Jenny from West Leicestershire U3A, with Trish & Nigel from Glenfield U3A as runners-up. Both had scored 70 out of 100 so were only separated by a tie-break question. Our congratulations and thanks go to all who took part.

Those who survived to the end were asked to complete a brief survey using Survey Monkey; more than 50% did so. All but one said they had enjoyed the experience and all said they would take part in a future event, including some first-time Zoomers. The comments provided were positive and will help with planning any future events. Our thanks to all those who provided the feedback.

PDF enclosures with this Network News:

NSPCC A5 Flyer

Details of Potential Speakers

Network Committee Nomination Form

Find out more about your U3A Network on our website at <https://u3asites.org.uk/landr>
To contact the Network please email: coordinator@landru3a.org.uk

NSPCC

Childline Volunteer Counsellors – Urgently Needed

The NSPCC in Nottingham are looking to fill the above roles.

- + The volunteers would be talking to children and young people over the telephone or instant message.
- + In depth training is provided therefore no previous experience is needed.
- + Volunteers would need to go to the Nottingham base for at least 1 shift per week (various shift times available).
- + Travel expenses of up to £20 per shift are provided.

If you feel you could make a difference to the lives of young people, are a good listener and are empathetic, this role could be just for you.

To find out more contact:

Katie Bannister

Childline Volunteer Co-ordinator

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Website: www.nspcc.org.uk



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Emails from Potential Speakers

The following are emails received at National Office from potential speakers offering virtual or face-to-face sessions, some of which may be of interest.

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From: The Guild <guild@blue-badge.org.uk>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 12:23 PM
To: U3A National Office <national.office@u3a.org.uk>
Subject: RE: U3A: Notice in your newsletter - collaboration

Dear Sharon

Apologies for the delay, we were just setting up our website so that clients can search for guides who offer Virtual Tours. Perhaps you could send the following to your members.

"The British Guild of Tourist Guides is the national membership organisation for Blue and Green Badge Tourist Guides throughout the UK. With over 1000 members speaking over 30 different languages in locations from Belfast to Bristol, Cardiff to Cumbria, London to Lancashire and Edinburgh to Ely. Many of you will have used our guides for lectures, walks and talks in the past and we hope long into the future.

As lockdown eases, our members can't wait to welcome you back to show you the best that Britain has to offer but in the meantime many of our guides have set up online tours, talks and walks which can be delivered to your groups in the comfort of their own homes. To give you an idea of the some of the topics that have been devised by our members they include Social Distancing in the 17th Century, Gothic Cathedrals, Agathe Christie, Secrets of Theatreland, a virtual walk along Hadrian's Wall and many more. Our guides can design a bespoke lecture for you, just let us know what you are interested in and let us do the rest. You can search on our website using the Find a Guide facilities and selecting 'Virtual Tours' from the 'Additional Qualifications' drop down. These guides have attending a one-day training course to hone their online presentation skills. If you have any questions please feel free to get in touch guild@blue-badge.org.uk."

Is the above suitable for inclusion in your communications? Let me know if there is anything else you need from us.

Thanks in advance.

Best wishes

Julie



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The professional association for Blue Badge Tourist Guides throughout Britain

Julie Tan <guild@blue-badge.org.uk>

Good afternoon

I am the Manager of the British Guild of Tourist Guides. Representing over 100 Blue and Green Badge Tourist Guides throughout the UK.

A number of your local associations have been in touch with us to find guides to offer virtual talks/walks and lectures for their branch of the U3A. I wondered if there was a way of reaching out to your wider membership letting them know we can help if they would like us to put them in touch with guides?

I am currently working Monday, Wednesday and Friday and would be happy to discuss over the phone or via email. My number is 0207 403 1115.

Thank you in advance and I hope this finds you and yours safe and well.

Kind regards

Julie Tan

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From: nicola parmenter <nikkiparmenterartworks61@gmail.com>

Sent: 31 August 2020 17:49

To: U3A National Office <national.office@u3a.org.uk>

Subject: Zoom Talks

Good evening,

I am a textile artist and ex Art teacher based in Cheshire. I specialise in large scale, heavily embellished artworks which are inspired by symbolism, history, literature, stories, different cultures, mythology and flora and fauna.

I frequently deliver talks, demonstrations and workshops to various groups and societies. As visits to branches are difficult at the moment, I am offering Zoom Talks for societies. These are proving successful as viewers are able to see my work at close quarters. Another advantage is that branches a distance from my home in Cheshire are able to access my work and there are no travel costs involved.

I have a website, www.nikkiparmenterartworks.com and a Facebook page, Nikki Parmenter Artworks.

I talk about the development of my work from paper to wood, then mixed media to textiles. I show lots of examples and explain my approach to developing and realising a piece of work. I describe my influences and the practicalities of making pieces on a large scale. I hope that viewers will be encouraged to ask lots of questions and hopefully be influenced by some of the items I show!

I am emailing to see whether you would be willing to publicise my Zoom Talks on your website. I would be very happy to undertake a practice Zoom call with you.

I look forward to hearing from you. Regards,
Nikki Parmenter

From: Roy Blass <roy.blass@me.com>
Sent: 09 September 2020 16:30
To: U3A National Office <national.office@u3a.org.uk>
Subject: Entertainment /Activities. U3A

Hi there,
with the latest news concerning the Coronavirus, many hitherto social groups will again find it impossible to meet up socially and this is the reason for my Email.

As a guest speaker at Stanmore and district branch last year I entertained almost 100 members with a talk and some music included. Recently they wanted me back again and through the wonder of Zoom (Skype also available) I am able to bring together all the members from the safety of their own homes.

Many had felt isolated and had not been out and yet here they were enjoying themselves and interacting with each other as well as myself.

Over the last few months I have polished up the technical presentation so, no longer restricted to my music room, I can change the background with a touch of a button to any location in the world. A Caribbean beach...the stage of the Festival hall ...its endless.

The sound quality is perfect and as all the members of Stanmore and District will testify.it was a great hour.

If you wish I can send a recording. The titles at the moment are "The classical pianists who became pop stars (Elton John, Billy Joel. etc) or "The secrets behind the Legends of Las Vegas."

My name is Roy Blass and I live in NW London and have been doing this for about 15 years. The fee is £65 and I would be happy to give any technical advice to those who need it and are interested.

I would love you to spread the word and perhaps cheer up the many members who love to learn new facts.



Warmest regards
Roy Blass.

From Michele Hartman. Stanmore and District U3A.

Dear Roy

What a great morning we had on Tuesday. We loved your musical renditions and we so enjoyed your stories and music.

Next time I hope we will see you in the flesh. With best wishes, Michèle Hartman.



LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND NETWORK OF U3As
Committee Nomination Form - AGM Date: 30th October 2020

Committee members serve for a maximum of three years. The "Officer" posts of Chairman, Vice Chairman and Treasurer are currently filled but the post of Secretary is vacant and needs to be filled. It cannot be filled by members of Glenfield, Whitwick, Charnwood, Leicester or West Leicestershire U3As.

The maximum number of committee members (including "Officers") is eight and they should be drawn from different U3As as far as possible.

Nominees, Proposers and Seconders must be members of U3As that are members of the Network.

Please return your completed form to Roger Prescott (Network Co-ordinator) by email to coordinator@landru3a.org.uk as soon as possible. In the event that vacancies remain unfilled, nominations can be accepted at the AGM.

Nomination forms without the signature of the Nominee cannot be considered.

Role (if appropriate)	Nominee Name (Please Print)	Nominee's Signature of Agreement	Proposer Name (Please Print)	Secunder Name (Please Print)
Secretary				
Committee Member				
Name of U3A		Nomination Approved By (Name & Position of Officer of U3A)		Approval Signature