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## IT'S REMINDER TIME

### → NETWORK GENERAL MEETING & AGM ←

This is on Thursday 16th February starting at the earlier time of 9:30am and finishing at 1:30pm after a light lunch (provided).

Required ASAP are:

- \* Details of Delegates attending
- \* Nominations for Secretary & Treasurer

### → SPEAKER FINDER SPECIAL ←

In the Network News on 23rd November we started a 2-stage process to support our speaker finder/programme organisers by asking each u3a to send details of recent speakers, whether good, poor or in-between. So far only 4 have responded, so come on the rest, we want this to succeed so submit your details now.

We can then progress to arranging the Peer Support Group.

**YOUR HELP WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED**

HAPPY YEAR OF THE RABBIT



## Potential New Speakers

### BB History Revisited



David Bardell

Mick Byrne

David Bardell and Mick Byrne became friends in 2015. Having discovered they shared a passion for military history, particularly WW1, they have enthusiastically pursued the common interest. They now offer a range of 9 talks, 4 based on The Great War through to a new one for 2023 – A Right Royal Couple. Look at their website at [www.bbhistoryrevisited.uk](http://www.bbhistoryrevisited.uk) for a synopsis of each talk, and you can email Mick at [mdbdct@btinternet.com](mailto:mdbdct@btinternet.com) or via the website.

## New Rules for Voting



Are you and your members fully aware that when they come to vote at the Spring 2023 elections will need to have proof of who they are? Photo ID has been introduced for all forthcoming elections – national, county and parish – as a standard requirement. For many it will not be an issue as they already have passports and/or photo-card driving licences. But suppose that you don't have those forms of ID; what can you show to prove who you are?

The attached document has the answers for most people – please feel free to include it with your own newsletters or have copies available at monthly meetings.

Now is the time to take this on-board rather than wait until the elections are imminent.

## TIME FOR AN EXTRA REMINDER

→ u3a NATIONAL NEWSLETTER ←

Please remind your members via newsletters, websites and meetings, that they can sign-up to receive the u3a national monthly newsletter. Simply go to the [www.u3a.org.uk](http://www.u3a.org.uk), scroll down to the green and blue section, fill in details, select East Midlands as Region and submit. Job done!

### MEMBER WORKSHOPS

The Third Age Trust has developed workshops in partnership with u3a members to provide support, information and advice for all u3a members. The workshops are delivered online using Zoom by Trust volunteers who bring their experience as Trustees, u3a Chairs and Committee members. The workshops are informal and informative and provide a great opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with u3a members, share best practice and experiences and learn with others from across the UK.

#### RUNNING YOUR u3a – INFORMATION FOR TRUSTEES

Wednesday 1st February 10:00–12:15

#### FINANCE MATTERS

Wednesday 1st February 14:00–16:30 & Wednesday 22nd March 10:00–12:30

#### RECRUITING & VALUING VOLUNTEERS

Friday 3rd February 10:00–12:15 & Monday 6th March 10:00–12:15

#### GROWTH MATTERS

Monday 6th February 10:00–12:15 & Monday 27th March 10:00–12:15

#### INTEREST GROUPS MATTER

Wednesday 8th February 10:00–12:15 & Tuesday 14th March 10:00–12:15

#### u3a MODEL CONSTITUTIONS – AN OVERVIEW

Wednesday 15th February – Time TBA

#### RUNNING DISCUSSION GROUPS

Monday 20th February 10:00–11:00

#### KEEPING IT LEGAL

Tuesday 28th February 10:00–12:30

#### PART 1 – INFLUENCING & SOCIAL CHANGE

Monday 27th February 10:00–12:00

#### EQUALITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION AWARENESS

Thursday 23rd March 10:00–12:30

For more information about each workshop and how to book [CLICK HERE](#)

The next *Network News* will be around 18th February.  
Any items for inclusion should be submitted by 15th February please..

Documents attached to this *Network News* are:

**Network Committee Nomination Form**

**Acceptable Forms of ID for Voting**

**Speakers Working Sheet (PDF and Word versions)**

*Note: Chinese New Year graphic on page 1 courtesy of GoGraph.com*

Find out more about your u3a Network at <https://u3asites.org.uk/landr>  
To contact your Network email [coordinator@landru3a.org.uk](mailto:coordinator@landru3a.org.uk)

# New Rules on Voting ID

## Have You Got A Photo ID For Voting?

Due to changes in UK government legislation, you will now need to show photo ID at polling stations in our local elections on Thursday 4 May 2023.

Suitable photo ID will include your passport or driving licence (this includes provisional), as well as blue badges, certain concessionary travel cards, identity cards with PASS marks, biometric immigration documents, defence identity cards and certain nation identity cards.

If you don't currently have an acceptable form of photo ID, or if your current photo ID does not look like you, then you can apply for a free voter ID document, known as a Voter Authority Certificate. You can [apply for this here](#).

Alternatively, you can complete a paper application and send it to our electoral services team. For more information, [please click here](#).

## When Will You Need Your Photo ID?

From 4 May 2023 you'll need to show photo ID when voting in person in some UK elections or referendums.

You'll need it to vote in:

- UK Parliament by-elections
- local elections in England (including councils, mayors, the Greater London Authority and parishes)
- recall of MP petitions in England, Scotland and Wales
- Police and Crime Commissioner elections in England and Wales
- neighbourhood planning referendums and Business Improvement District referendums in England
- local authority referendums in England (including Council Tax increase referendums)

## Check If You Have Acceptable Photo ID

You'll need one of the following types of photo ID to vote:

- a UK or Northern Ireland photocard driving licence (full or provisional)
- a driving licence issued by the EU, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, the Isle of Man or any of the Channel Islands
- a UK passport
- a passport issued by the EU, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein or a Commonwealth country

- a PASS card (National Proof of Age Standards Scheme)
- a Blue Badge
- a biometric residence permit (BRP)
- a Defence Identity Card (MOD form 90)
- a national identity card issued by the EU, Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein
- a Northern Ireland Electoral Identity Card
- a Voter Authority Certificate
- an Anonymous Elector's Document

You can also use one of the following travel passes as photo ID when you vote:

- [an older person's bus pass](#)
- [a disabled person's bus pass](#)
- an Oyster 60+ card
- a Freedom Pass
- a Scottish National Entitlement Card (NEC)
- a 60 and Over Welsh Concessionary Travel Card
- a Disabled Person's Welsh Concessionary Travel Card
- [a Northern Ireland concessionary travel pass](#)

The photo on your ID must look like you. You can still use your ID even if it has expired.

The rules are different in Northern Ireland; for further information go to:

<https://www.eoni.org.uk/Vote/Voting-at-a-polling-place>

For further information go to

<https://www.gov.uk/how-to-vote/photo-id-youll-need>

The above guidance has been taken directly from the [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) website.



## Committee Nomination Form – AGM Date: 16th February 2023

Committee members serve for a normal term of 3 years. The “Officer” posts of Treasurer and Secretary must be filled to comply with our constitution. The current Treasurer will complete 4 years at the AGM and must therefore retire. The Secretary role is currently vacant. The Minutes Secretary is standing down at the AGM.

The maximum number of committee members (including “Officers”) is eight and they should be drawn from different u3as as far as possible, although this can be varied to ensure the Network can continue to function. Nominees and Nomination Approvers must be members of u3as that are members of the Leicestershire & Rutland Network of u3as.

Please return your completed form to Roger Prescott (Network Co-ordinator) by email to [coordinator@landru3a.org.uk](mailto: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 and Approver cannot be considered.

Role	Nominee Name (Please Print)	Nominee’s Signature of Agreement
Secretary		
Treasurer		
Minutes Secretary		
Committee Member		
Name of u3a	Nomination Approved By (Please Print) (Name & Position of Officer of u3a)	Approval Signature

