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u3a week reminder

u3a Week is an annual event to showcase the activity, learning and fun which takes place across the movement every day. It is a celebration of positive ageing, highlighting our members' lived experience.

In 2023, **u3a Week** is 16–24 September. u3as can choose which day to celebrate. A grant of £150 is available if needed to supplement a u3a's own resources; for further details [CLICK HERE](#). Merchandise & Clothing offers are also available from the brand website; [CLICK HERE](#). Details of the offers are also provided below.

u3a week

Merchandise & Clothing offers for u3a week

T-Shirts



PRICE REDUCED

Now only £6 each!

Caps



BULK SAVING

Buy 5 for £32!

Polo Shirt



PRICE REDUCED

Now only £16.50 each!

Bunting



PRICE REDUCED

10m for only £10

Trolley Coin



BULK SAVING

Buy 10 for £9

Sash



BULK SAVING

Buy 5 for £15

Pens



BULK SAVING

Buy 10 for £8

Cotton Tote Bag



BULK SAVING

Buy 10 for £25

Cotton Tote Bag



BULK SAVING

Buy 5 for £14

What have you got planned? Do let us know for the next Network News.

→ MEMBER WORKSHOPS – SEPT/OCT 2023 ←

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

Thursday 14th September 10:00–12:15

Friday 27th October 10:00–12:15

INTEREST GROUPS MATTER

Wednesday 25th September 10:00–12:15

KEEPING IT LEGAL

Thursday 28th September 10:00–12:30

Monday 30th October 10:00–12:30

RUNNING DISCUSSION GROUPS

Wednesday 4th October 10:00–11:00

u3a MODEL CONSTITUTIONS – AN OVERVIEW

Wednesday 11th September 10:00–11:30

GROWTH MATTERS

Monday 18th September 10:00–12:15

FINANCE MATTERS

Friday 22nd September 10:00–12:30

RECRUITING AND VALUING VOLUNTEERS

Tuesday 10th October 10:00–12:15

PART 1 – INFLUENCING AND SOCIAL CHANGE ONLINE

Monday 23rd October 2:00–4:30

There is a more limited programme during the summer months
For more information about each workshop and how to book [CLICK HERE](#)

THE NEXT L&R NETWORK GROUP MEETING WILL BE ON
THURSDAY 19th OCTOBER 2023 – 10:00am to 1:30pm (ish!)
Glenfield Sports Pavilion, Gynsill Lane, Glenfield, Leicester LE7 7AG

PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY NOW

SUGGESTED GROUP DAYS OUT



HORSE OF THE YEAR SHOW 2023
4-8 OCTOBER
BIRMINGHAM NEC
GROUP DISCOUNT TICKETS AVAILABLE
(NOT SATURDAY EVENING)
DETAILS IN PDF ATTACHED



The Creative Craft Show

NEC BIRMINGHAM | 2ND - 5TH NOVEMBER 2023



Further details can be found in enclosed individual PDFs
and by contacting Kelly Sharman (see below)

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ADVANCE NOTIFICATION

Save the date: 18 to 20 July 2024*

Plans are already underway for u3a Festival '24 which will take place in July 2024 in the beautiful city of York.

The festival will run over 3 days and will be held at the University of York based around their exhibition centre:

<https://yorkconferences.com/venues/exhibition-centre/>

and sports centre:

<https://www.york-sport.com/centre/>

Accommodation will be available in the student halls and more information on this will be available in the coming months.

It's early days, but as the weeks and months go by we will be adding more information to the webpage about all the wonderful activities that members, groups, u3as and subject specialists will bring to Festival '24 in York.



Stay updated by following us on our social media channels (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram) and subscribe to the u3a national newsletter.

For more information now, and to offer your skills and support, contact us on festival@u3a.org.uk

* Please note, this date was previously 17-19 July and has had to be moved by one day.

The next *Network News* will (hopefully) be in late October
Any items for inclusion should be submitted by 24th October please

Documents attached to this *Network News* are:

Horse Of The Year Show
The Creative Craft Show
Christmas Gift Fair

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

We are inviting all Group organisers to make your Group bookings now for:

HORSE OF THE YEAR SHOW

NEC Arena, Birmingham

4th - 8th October 2023



As most of you know it's a great mix of the fun and excitement of the event and some great shopping too. We have great Group discounts available on all dates except Saturday evening which is the most popular performance (no discount applied) – if you would like to book, just let us know as we are taking bookings now.

For further information about the timetable of events go to:

[www.https://hoys.co.uk/](https://hoys.co.uk/)



Group Bookings

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The Creative Craft Show is a haven for knitting, cross stitch, paper crafting, jewellery & dressmaking and stitching enthusiasts, offering all the latest supplies as well as festive ideas and inspiration.

You'll find everything from kits, charts and patterns to fabrics, yarns, threads, and buttons.

You'll find plenty of opportunities to gain advice from industry experts, as well as network with like-minded crafters.

Tickets to the show will also allow you access to the sister shows; Simply Christmas, Cake International AND the all-new Bake International 4 shows for the price of 1!

At the Show

Features – a whole host of exciting features, demonstrations and guilds as part of our Birmingham show.

Below is a small selection of what you will be able to find!



Exhibitors – so far there are over 150 stands booked.

For an up-to-date list [CLICK HERE](#)

Workshops – over 120 practical workshops will be available. These need to be booked in advance and places go very quickly. Costs vary according to the type of workshop chosen (from £17 up to £160 [silverwork masterclass]). [CLICK HERE](#) for details.

Groups 5+ get a £2.00 discount on all tickets for this event.

To book your Group tickets for these shows please call 0800 358 0058 or email groups@theticketfactory.com

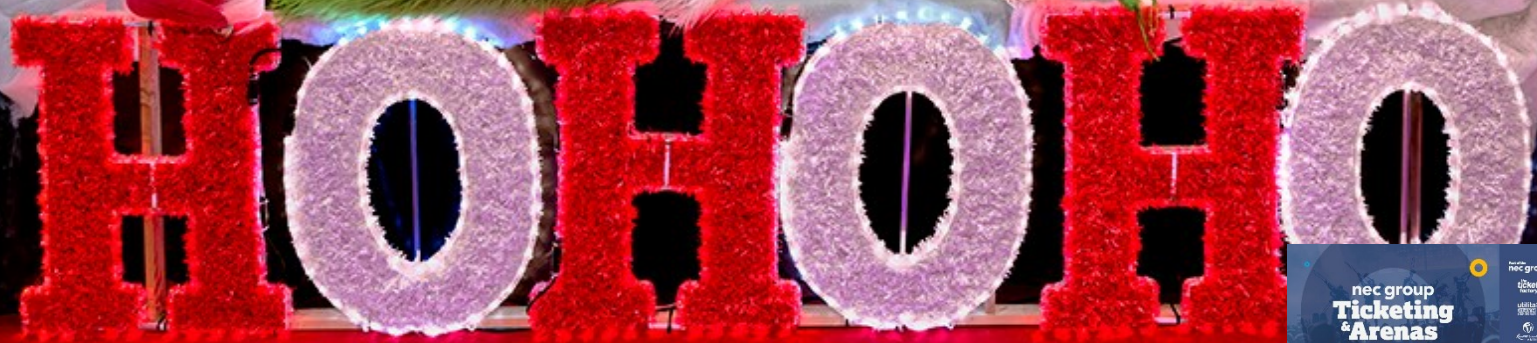
For more information about the event please visit:

<https://www.creativecraftshow.co.uk/birmingham-november-2023/>

Festive Gift Fair 2023

NEC, Birmingham

Thursday 16th – Sunday 19th November 2023



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*Christmas isn't just about buying gifts it's making sure every corner of your home looks fabulous and your table is set for a festive feast!
All of which can be found at this much-loved Christmas Shopping Fair returning to the NEC, 16-19 NOVEMBER 2023.*

The Fair will be bursting at the seams with a colourful, eclectic mix of unusual stocking fillers and presents, festive food and drink and great Christmas decorations for your home and garden. 325+ stalls all in one hall

with clever gift ideas for all ages and tastes ... and lots of Special Show Offers!

The festive atmosphere is always fantastic! While browsing the stalls, let the music get you into that Christmassy mood and enjoy being entertained by the Grinch up to his usual menacing antics (weekend only), Father Christmas with his amazing sleigh, a whole variety of Christmas harmonies by our live musicians and the stilt walking jazz band.

BE INSPIRED AND GET YOUR FESTIVE PREPARATIONS OFF TO A FLYING START AT THE FESTIVE GIFT FAIR!

It's no wonder THE FESTIVE GIFT FAIR is the most popular Christmas shopping event in the heart of the country...

Groups 15+ are welcome and there is a Group discount too! Here are the details.

GROUP tickets (15+ adults)	Thurs 17th/ Fri 18 th Nov Group Rate	Sat 19th / Sun 20 th Group Rate	Standard Ticket price before discount applied
Adult advance	£7	£9	£10/£12
Child (5-16 yrs)	£5	£5	£5
Under 5's	free	free	Free

Just send us an email to groups@theticketfactory.com advising us what date you require, how many tickets and your full name, address and postcode we will do the rest.

For more information call Kelly Sharman on 0800 358 0058.