

u3a East Midlands Trustee

Newsletter



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Covid continues to create uncertainties about how to live our lives safely. I think many of us are continuing to take sensible precautions and some of your members will continue to be anxious, whilst others cannot wait to meet up again. I am sure that you will all continue to do all you can to ensure that all your members can continue to access their group activities and monthly meetings. I know how much hard work has gone on over the last 16 months and it is lovely when members express their appreciation to committee members, as happened recently in Spalding.

Copywrite

I need to remind you again about the need to be extremely careful with the materials you use. There are now apparently companies that digitally trawl websites looking for infringements, on behalf of copywrite holders. At least one u3a has been contacted and a fine demanded. If this happens to you, please contact the u3a office for advice.

National elections

A further reminder about using your vote. All 3 national officer positions are up for election.

Grants

I know that many u3as are planning events later in the year, intended as both a relaunch and publicity event. Open Day grants of £200 are available to top up expenditure from your own funds, that u3as can apply for every two years. Application forms should be available on the website soon but in the meantime, contact me and I can send you one. If any u3a is in dire straits financially and needs additional help, for instance resulting from a major loss of members, please contact me about that also.

East Midlands Conference

I shall shortly be sending out updated information about our planned Conference that may actually be able to take place. I really look forward to seeing many of you. Please do let new Committee members know about it.

Wednesday 29th September, Eastwood Hall Conference Centre.
10.00 – 4.00

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