



U3A East Midlands Trustee

Newsletter

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East Midland Conference

I do not imagine anyone will be surprised to learn that a decision has been made to postpone our Conference once more. The new date is:



Wednesday 5th May 2021

I am sure we all hope that by then we will be able to meet together safely. However, the Regional team and I really want to have an event before that, when members from across the Region can come together. So we are planning a virtual event on

Wednesday 28th October 10.30-12.30

This will be on Zoom and I will send out information about how to join in due course. We hope you will find it interesting so please note the date!

There will be four short presentations.

- Hilary Jones, Vice Chair – update on the Development Plan
- Michaela Moody – update on the work of the Post Lockdown working group
- Paul Martinez – update on the planned recruitment campaign
- Doreen Raine – Raising awareness of diversity and inclusion issues

There will also be time for questions and a short break.

Copyright Advice

The Trust has recently published updated **Copyright Advice**, which I really advise you to look at and inwardly digest, even though it is quite long. Better than falling foul of the rules and being fined, which has happened to some U3As! It is very easy for Interest Groups to be in contravention of these rules and the purchase of a CLA licence is vital. I am grateful to Howard Fisher, Chair of Keyworth U3A, for the time he has spent following up this advice, particularly in relation to Newspapers, which are not covered by CLA. He contacted the National Office for further clarification. Currently, because the newspaper licensing body, the NLA, seems to lack understanding of what the U3A is, the advice is not to contact them, and to avoid the use of newspaper articles. If necessary, include a link but do not copy or circulate an article, however old. N O hopes to come to a better understanding with the NLA.

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Publicity

We are still hoping to find someone in the East Midlands who would be interested in taking on a role which would involve dealing with the media and raising the profile of U3A. If you think this sounds interesting, please let me know and I can let you have further information.

Thank you to all committee members and group conveners for all you continue to do to keep your U3As going under these challenging circumstances. We all know the difference that our activities make to people's lives. Keeping in touch with other U3As and sharing ideas is really beneficial and supportive and I have really enjoyed joining some virtual Network meetings and hearing all that is happening.

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