

Gift Aid for Charities

What is Gift Aid?

You can increase the value of your U3A subscription at no cost at all to you, and perhaps yourself get a tax reduction, if you declare that you wish your subscription to be treated as a charitable donation. Lewes U3A can then claim from Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs 25p on each £1 of the donation.

Who is eligible for Gift Aid?

To be eligible you must pay an annual amount of Income tax and/or Capital Gains tax exceeding the total amount that all the charities to which you give in this way can reclaim. Other taxes such as VAT or Council Tax do not count. If you pay tax at more than the Standard Rate, you can yourself get a tax reduction by declaring your Gift Aid payments on your annual tax return. Thus you may benefit personally, as well as helping Lewes U3A.

Signing up for Gift Aid

You can make and sign the necessary declaration on your initial Membership Form (downloadable from this website) or on your annual Membership Renewal form in August. Lewes U3A then keeps a list of all those who have opted for Gift Aid, and makes a claim annually to HMRC.

Check if we have your wishes recorded correctly

The current Membership Renewal Form shows whether we have recorded you as claiming Gift Aid (Y/N). Please check the record of your Gift Aid status when you renew your subscription, and if you change NO (N) to YES (Y), sign the Gift Aid Declaration on the form. There is no need to sign the Declaration again if you are already signed up for Gift Aid.

Gift Aid really does make a difference

Currently Lewes U3A adds about £1000 a year to its income via Gift Aid, and we look forward to increasing this amount with your help.