

History of 'London Region'

You may be interested in our history so here is what we know so far:
Chairs:

- Peter Sinclair (Harrow u3a) first Chairman of 'Greater London Regional Forum' (1994 Constitution). (500 Beacons p.194; The u3a Story p.29)
- Keith Richards (North London u3a) /Jill Moore (Merton) – dates?
- Gwen Wright (Harrow) 2011-2014 Chair of 'Greater London Forum' and London Region Trustee. Confusingly, GLF dropped Forum from the title, and became known as 'The London Region' (2011 Constitution)
- Chris Feldman (Barnet) Chair of 'London Region' 2014-2017
- Catherine Ware (Merton) 2017-2020 Chair of London Region which became 'London Region of U3As' (Constitution 2018 updated 2019. Registered Charity status granted 2019; Network Affiliation Agreement with Third Age Trust signed 2019)

LR Summer School:

Gwen Wright started the LR Summer School in 2012, a year after she became Chair of 'London Region'

Chris Feldman first became involved in 2012 along with Jo Livingston and Phyllis Rosenberg, and took over as Chair of the Summer School Sub-Committee in 2014-2017

Catherine Ware became involved in 2015 and became Coordinator of Summer School Committee 2017.

500 BEACONS : THE u3a STORY By Eric Midwinter. This definitive history of u3a is worth a read - it includes the history of u3a from the beginning to 2014. Includes the early development of networks/regions/ Shared Learning Projects and a lot more. The original edition of this book (published in 2004) is now out of print but an updated version is available for Kindle and any tablet using a Kindle App. The publisher is Third Age Press.

Copy of the book (complete with update to 2014) also available in the form of a 265 page PDF available for £5.00 at : **Third Age Press**. Contact: Diane Norton (member of Merton u3a) dianne@thirdagepress.co.uk