

SUPPORT PACKAGE FOR PEER GROUP NETWORKS Rev 00-3

1. Introduction

It seems clear that online meetings go a long way to solving the problem of sustainability of Peer Group Networks by cutting away travel time and venue hire cost. This therefore minimises the need for financial support from LRU3A or the Regional Trustee (except for start-up costs).

The LRU3A Executive Committee might therefore consider offering a standard support package to each network following the launch and establishment of their Steering Group, as follows.

2. Zoom Account

LRU3A Zoom Pro account and technical support will be available to the Peer Group Networks for online meetings free of charge, thus avoiding the need for venue hire costs or purchase of an additional Zoom account. Bookings Calendar accessible via public link on Sharing page of LRU3A website.

3. Website

LRU3A website is available as a regional reference point for enquiries and information about Peer Group Network activities. The 'Sharing' webpage is there for Peer Groups to use to share materials (including Shared Practice Guides) beyond their group across the region.

4. Mailchimp

LRU3A Mailchimp [or Beacon] facility is available for disseminating bulk messages to members of Peer Group Networks and also across the London Region if required.

5. Delegate Meetings

LRU3A quarterly Delegate meetings provide a regional forum for all London U3As and the Regional Trustee. The Coordinator of each Peer Group Network is regularly invited to participate in the Delegate meetings, possibly to give some presentations, and to submit a brief written report to accompany the Agendas.

6. Committee Support

The LRU3A Executive Committee is ready to provide support in other ways if possible. For example if requested a LRU3A Committee member can be allocated to your Peer Group Network to assist as a conduit for communication and for mutual support. To be effective this allocated LRU3A committee member needs to be invited to Peer Group meetings and included in communications.

7. National Support

Through LRU3A and the Regional Trustee, a Peer Group Network has a national voice and can benefit from interacting with the wider U3A including National Office, other regions, and other networks through Network Link, enabling the sharing of best practice and innovation.

8. Shared Drive File Storage facility

Ability to store files on LRU3A Shared Google Drive (Folder 30). Accessible by link on Sharing page of LRU3A website.

Enquiries: Please contact LRU3A Chair via the Contacts page on our website