

Council Member Role

1 Introduction

A Council Member (CM) is one of two members elected by a region or nation to the u3a Council of the Third Age Trust or one of three Network Link representatives. The CM brings expertise and knowledge from their region or nation or network to assist in their role. CMs promote the ethos, principles and benefits of affiliation to the Trust. They represent the u3a movement and its views to any regional organisation, all networks and all member u3as and ensure that the views, activities and achievements of the networks and u3As are presented to the Council.

2 On the Council

An CM is expected to attend the 1 day Council meetings, at least 4 times a year two of which will be in person having received and read the relevant meeting papers which will be posted on the Council SharePoint ; to contribute to the discussion of agenda items at the meeting; to serve when required on one or more of Strategic Implementation Groups (SIGS) or task and finish groups and to abide by the Council Member Code of Conduct.

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2.1 Responsibilities

1. To facilitate regional, or groupings of u3as to meet, share good practice and experiences.
2. To consult their u3as on agenda items so that they are prepared.
3. To identify the needs of u3as & overall trends and to contribute this information to relevant Council discussions
4. To consider and recommend u3a-wide priorities & resourcing requirements to meet those priorities (e.g. participation of u3as in movement-wide initiatives)
5. To develop and participate in a u3a impact assessment of all major new u3a-related developments prior to commencement
6. To support and promote u3a-wide initiatives in the CMs region or nation
7. To encourage participation in regional & local multi-u3a initiatives
8. To contribute to Council reports to the Board
9. To contribute to Council discussions when developing the Council budget and manage the budget allocated to them.
10. To act as a spokesperson for the u3a movement to agencies in the region in line with agreed messages from the Trust.

11. To be key contacts in the region or nation who can liaise with other organisations in the region or nation to further the interests of the
12. Be a conduit for communication for useful/essential information to networks and u3as in the region/nation.