



Registered Charity 1159091

## **NORTH WEST REGION NEWSLETTER SPRING 2022**



**WELCOME TO OUR FIRST REGIONAL NEWSLETTER OF 2022. LET US HOPE THAT THIS IS THE YEAR THAT OUR u3as CAN RETURN TO FACE TO FACE MEETINGS. I AM SURE THAT ZOOM AND SIMILAR ONLINE MEETING WILL CONTINUE TO BE PART OF OUR LIVES, IT WILL BE LOVELY TO BE ABLE TO MEET AND CHAT WITH FELLOW MEMBERS IN PERSON.**

**BEST WISHES  
MO AND NEIL**

## Neil Stevenson, Trustee, North West of England



### 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Events Programme



As you will be aware, this year we are celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the first u3a in the UK. There will be events organised throughout the year. You can find more details here [u3a - 40th Anniversary](#)

The winners of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Quilt competition have been announced. Five of the forty winning entries were provided by u3as in the North West. Congratulations to Joyce - Bolton u3a, Jackie - Halewood u3a,

Jinty - Sandbach u3a, Russell - South Manchester u3a, and Sheila – Wigan u3a. You can see all the winning entries here [u3a 40th Anniversary \(google.com\)](#)

Do you know how your u3a is planning to celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> year? If so, please let me know and we will do our best to help promote your activities. My email address is [neil.stevenson@beacon.u3a.org.uk](mailto:neil.stevenson@beacon.u3a.org.uk)

### New Promotional u3a Film

A new short film to promote the u3a will be announced this week. It features u3a members from various interest groups across the country. They are participating in their group activities and talking about what u3a means to them. It features Geoff from Upholland and District u3a's music group. Do look out for announcements about this. I have seen a copy. I am sure that you will enjoy it.

### u3a Grants



There are grants available, to u3as in need, for a range of activities. Details of the current grants and process to claim them are here [u3a - Grants available for u3as](#)  
I believe that the process will be updated shortly to simplify the process and to merge some of the grants to make easier to apply. So do look out for the updated details.

## Online Workshops



A range of online national workshops, to help you run your u3a, are available for booking.

### FEBRUARY 2022

- Interest Groups Matter **Friday 11th** 10:00-12:15 [REGISTER HERE](#)
- Finance Matters **Tuesday 15th** 10:00-12:15 [REGISTER HERE](#)
- Running your u3a **Friday 18th** 10:00-12:15 [REGISTER HERE](#)

For further details see [u3a - Workshops to support your u3a](#)

## Mo Eccles, Chair, North West Region of u3as



### North West Region of u3as Executive Committee – NWREC

What does the committee do?

The main role of the regional committee is to support the trustee of the North West and, under guidance, to provide a service to the members, the u3as and the networks in our region. We organise and run a variety of events for members and we also help u3as if requested. Most of the committee are Regional Support Volunteers who support the Trustee by communicating with u3as in the region.

**Committees**  
that make a difference

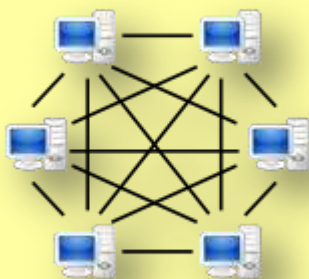
Are you interested in being a member of this committee?

Please contact

Mo Eccles [nwrworkshop@gmail.com](mailto:nwrworkshop@gmail.com) for further information.

## Peer - to - Peer Support Meetings

We have held a number of these meetings during the past 6 months and they have been well received by the members involved. These have been 2 hour meetings and have been made possible through the use of Zoom. Our next one, on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March, is being designed for Chairs, Vice Chairs and anyone who is interested in the role. Please book your place by completing the form using the link on our NW website in the Events section.



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**NWR of u3as Conference and AGM  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

## A G M

Please put this date in your diary!  
All our members are welcome to attend the event. We have booked The Exchange, in Preston all day. We are planning 2 seminars in the morning and the AGM in the afternoon. Liz Thackray, Chair of the u3a, is planning to attend and give a presentation. There will be an opportunity to meet members from across the region during the day. Further details will be sent to your u3a nearer the time.

## Speakers



If your u3a has experience of an excellent speaker, please ask them to complete a form if they wish to be added to our list on the NW website. You would also need to send an email to our secretary recommending the speaker. The form is available on the website in the Resources section or accessed here: [NW website speaker form.docx](#)

## NWR Summer School 2022



We are planning to hold a summer school in Carlisle this year on 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> August. We hope to advertise this and take bookings by early March. Please check our website for further information later this month.