

Please can you spare a few hours each month?

During round-table discussions at the January 2019 quarterly meeting of Northumbria Region U3A in Pity Me, several local U3A delegates felt that there should be much closer and more diverse working relationships with the five universities in our region. Of course, over years, some local U3A initiatives and regional events have been planned and organised with our universities.



Durham



Sunderland



Teesside



Newcastle

With encouragement and support from Northumbria Region U3A Trustees, I plan to launch two new regional projects ...

- **Pre-retirement Publicity** – ensuring that those university employees who are nearing retirement know all about U3A, what they can offer and what they can benefit from – if any individual U3A member has worked for or has links with the Human Resources Department of any of our five universities, please contact me. Of course, I would be delighted to hear about existing local U3A/pre-retirement initiatives with our universities.
- **UniLinks** – ensuring that the many and varied 'Public Lectures' organised by our five universities are well publicised to our U3As and that U3A becomes better known by the Departments organising those events – if you are an alumnus/alumna of one of our five universities or if you attend their public lectures on a regular basis and you if you have a few hours to spare each month, please consider becoming a NRU3A UniLink (role description available from me).

Incidentally, I am delighted to report that, already, there is a NRU3A UniLink for Northumbria University (which is why their logo does not appear above!). I look forward to hearing from you, so that Durham, Newcastle, Sunderland and Teesside Universities can benefit from their own NRU3A UniLink. Many thanks.

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