

REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS ABOUT PROMOTING NON-U3A ACTIVITIES AND ORGANISATIONS

Preston and District U3A has had for some time, a policy of NOT allowing members to use either the Group Meetings or official U3A communication channels (newsletter, web site, email, lists of group members, or any other U3A medium) for private, business or commercial purposes or indeed to promote non U3A activities, however worthy they may be.

Some aspects of U3A activity are within the public domain and this enables non-members to find out about our activities and a way of communicating with group leaders to ask questions and to gain information on group activities. This is done via the "BLUEBIRD" Icon or "INLINE" Email links, on group pages, or contacts via the "CONTACTS" page on our web site.

Committee members and group leaders are finding that increasingly they are being approached (mainly via the website) by commercial, business, public sector and charitable organisations. It has been agreed by committee that these by necessity will be ignored, as, at the end of the day we are all volunteers and we are finding that it is very time consuming to answer all the approaches made to us and this method of approach is sadly on the increase.

Put simply: If It's NOT U3A business it won't get answered!

In addition, U3A members are reminded that they are not allowed to use the website, their own group member's lists, meetings etc., to promote either other charitable organisations or commercial activities. This includes approaches from charities to promote national or local events; activities of an educational nature; personal, leisure or travel activities.

If any member or any group leader finds that they are put in a position where they are not sure how to handle the matter please contact Tony Cheetham, as the nominated Data Protection Officer or one of the committee members who will be only too willing to offer advice.