

## **The U3A Resource Centre**

The Resource Centre, now at the Third Age Trust in London has a collection of non-book material available to all U3A groups to borrow free of charge except for the cost of return postage. Slides, videos, cassettes, DVDs and CDs are available for a wide range of subjects. Individual subject lists can be obtained from the Resource Centre on request, and the whole catalogue is available on the website with an ordering facility. Please note that you first have to register with the Resource Centre as a user either by telephoning between 9.30 am and 4.00 pm on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, or by going into the online resource centre catalogue and clicking on 'sign up'. Bookings can be made nine months ahead and loans are for an initial period of 3 weeks. Over 75% of U3As make regular use of the Resource Centre to support and enhance their study groups and, if you would like more detail about a particular item, do not hesitate to contact the Resource Centre.

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To borrow items from the collection please contact the Resource Centre staff by letter, email, or telephone on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between 9.30am and 4.00pm. Give the title of items you would like on loan and the date of the meeting at which you expect to use them. The earlier you send your request, the more likely you are to receive the items you want. Bookings can be made for up to nine months ahead.

Loans are for a period of three weeks and may be renewed on request if there is no other group waiting to use them. Items will be sent by post with a note telling you the date to return them. The re-usable packing is strong but light. When you return the item to us please obtain a certificate of posting at the Post Office. This is free but can be used to reclaim the value of the item should the package go astray. There is no need to use registered post.

Over ninety percent of all U3As in Britain use the Resource Centre regularly for material to support and enhance their classes. If we do not have what you need we can always try to obtain it (if it exists in nonbook form) as new stock is being added all the time at the request of U3A members.

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