

# SOUTH **u3a** BUCKS

## **About Us**

Your U3A is a self-help organisation.

All members are encouraged to participate fully by making their skills, knowledge, experience, and enthusiasm available in some capacity to the U3A and its study groups.

## **Our Vision**

Our Vision is to make lifelong learning, through the experience of U3A, a reality for all third agers.

## **Our Mission**

*Our Mission declares our purpose as an organisation and serves as the standard against which we weigh our actions and decisions. It is to:*

- Facilitate the growth of the U3A movement.
- Provide support for management and learning in U3As.
- Raise the profile of the U3A movement.
- Promote the benefits of learning in later life through self-help learning.

## **The Principles of the U3A Movement**

The U3A movement is non-religious and non-political and has three main principles:

### *The Third Age Principle*

Membership of a U3A is open to all in their third age, which is defined not by a particular age but by a period in life in which full time employment has ceased.

Members promote the values of lifelong learning and the positive attributes of belonging to a U3A.

Members should do all they can to ensure that people wanting to join a U3A can do so.

### *The Self-help Learning Principle*

Members form interest groups covering as wide a range of topics and activities as they desire;  
by the members, for the members.

No qualifications are sought or offered. Learning is for its own sake, with enjoyment being the prime motive,  
not qualifications or awards.

There is no distinction between the learners and the teachers; they are all U3A members.

### *The Mutual Aid Principle*

Each U3A is a mutual aid organisation, operationally independent but a member of The Third Age Trust, which requires adherence to the guiding principles of the U3A movement.

No payments are made to members for services rendered to any U3A.

Each U3A is self-funded with membership subscriptions and costs kept as low as possible.

Outside financial assistance should only be sought if it does not imperil the integrity of the U3A movement.

***We look forward to welcoming you to education and associated activities conducive to learning and personal development.***

## **SOUTH BUCKS U3A**

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Please complete all applicable sections of your membership application overleaf

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**MEMBER DETAILS** (Please print clearly)

Title Name Telephone no.

Email address\* Mobile no.

Address

Postcode

Have you been a member of South Bucks U3A before?  Yes  No

\*To reduce costs, the committee will communicate with you via email where possible

**PRIVACY STATEMENT (Must be completed)**

**PLEASE TICK THE BOX BELOW** to give South Bucks U3A permission to use the information you have supplied in the following ways:

- To store it securely for membership purposes.
- To communicate with you as a U3A member.
- To share with group leaders of those groups that you are a member of.
- To send you our Newsletter and general information about the Third Age Trust (the national organisation to which U3As are affiliated).

I consent to my data being used for membership purposes as detailed above.

Please be advised that you can request for your data not to be used for any of these purposes at any time by contacting the Membership Secretary:  
memsec@sbu3a.org.uk Telephone 01628 633109

The U3A has a Data Protection Policy and a Privacy Policy. Both documents can be viewed at sbu3a.org.uk by following the relevant links.

Signed

Dated

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP** All members must:

- Abide by the Principles of the U3A movement.
- Always act in the best interests of the U3A and never do anything to bring the U3A into disrepute.
- Abide by the terms and conditions of the constitution.
- Treat fellow members with respect and courtesy at all times.
- Comply with and support the decisions of the elected committee.
- Advise the committee of any change in your personal details.

**MEMBERSHIP FEE £13.00**

This fee includes a £3.50 membership fee paid to our national organisation, the Third Age Trust, which provides a wide range of services and benefits, including liability insurance cover.

I apply for membership of the South Bucks U3A and confirm that I will abide by the terms of membership as stated above.

If you wish to receive **THIRD AGE MATTERS** -the U3A National quarterly magazine, please tick here  and add £3.10 to your membership fee. I confirm that I have completed the form myself.

**I enclose a cheque for £13.00s or £16.10 with *Third Age Matters*, as full payment of fees due.**

Signed

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If applicable we would appreciate your completion of the gift aid form below.

Please mail this form with your cheque payable to South Bucks U3A to:

**SB U3A Membership Secretary, 62 Hungerford Drive, Maidenhead SL6 7UU**

**Charity Gift Aid Declaration**

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I would like the SB U3A to reclaim the tax on any membership subscription or donation that I make and all subscriptions and donations in the future until I notify you otherwise. I have paid an amount of UK income tax and capital gains tax equal to any tax reclaim. (Remember that if you receive a company pension, income tax may well be paid at source).

Signed

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How did you hear about South Bucks U3A?