



RESEARCH MATTERS

WHAT

WHY

HOW

WHAT IS RESEARCH?

RESEARCH IS THE SYSTEMATIC
COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS OF
INFORMATION FOR THE
ADVANCEMENT OF KNOWLEDGE

RESEARCH IS ENQUIRY-LED LEARNING

YOU HAVE A TOPIC THAT
YOU WANT TO FIND OUT
MORE ABOUT



WHY DO RESEARCH?

RESEARCH HAS ALWAYS BEEN A
CORE U3A LEARNING OBJECTIVE

IT IS AN ACTIVE FORM OF LEARNING

CALENDAR

MONDAY

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WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

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RESEARCH CAN
ASSIST U3A
PLANNING AND
MANAGEMENT

U3A RESEARCHERS
CAN WORK WITH
OTHER
ORGANISATIONS
AND THEIR
EXPERIENCE IS
VALUED





RESEARCH IS VERY
REWARDING AND
CAN BE FUN!

GETTING STARTED:

HOW TO GET HELP

DEVELOPING YOUR IDEAS

HOW TO GET HELP

GO TO THE U3A WEBSITE: www.u3a.org.uk RESOURCES TAB: RESEARCH NETWORK

USE THE GUIDE: *GETTING INVOLVED IN RESEARCH* – COPIES FROM NATIONAL OFFICE OR DOWNLOAD FROM WEBSITE. PLENTY OF DETAIL ABOUT DIFFERENT KINDS OF RESEARCH

TALK TO YOUR REGIONAL SHARED LEARNING PROJECT COORDINATOR AND RESEARCH AMBASSADOR, AND YOUR LOCAL RESEARCH COORDINATOR

BROWSE THE NATIONAL RESEARCH DATABASE – ACCESS FROM THE WEBSITE OR www.u3aresearch.org.uk PAST AND CURRENT PROJECTS, ADDITIONS ALL THE TIME. SEE WHAT IS POSSIBLE!

DEVELOPING YOUR IDEAS



SHARE AND PLAN!

IF YOU HAVE AN IDEA FOR RESEARCH, SHARE IT WITH MEMBERS, COMMITTEES, SLPC, RA AND RC!

PLAN, AND REFINE YOUR PLAN AS YOU GET INTO YOUR TOPIC!

THINK ABOUT METHODS, ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS AND OUTCOMES – SEE *GETTING INVOLVED IN RESEARCH*

FOR TARGETS, THINK SMART!

Specific

Measurable

Attainable

Realistic

Timely

GOOD LUCK!