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Message to U3A Committees

Thanks to all of you, our U3A committee members who have worked so hard to keep both the U3A itself and of course, their colleagues safe and well during this difficult time.

It has been inspiring to see and when we finally do ease out of this lockdown period, I know your efforts will have helped the movement become even stronger and more united.

Some members have been asking about whether it is time to resume some face to face meetings. It is really important that we all continue to follow the government and NHS guidance.

The U3A movement has been guided throughout this time by that advice and should continue to do so – for the safety and wellbeing of all our members.

We have been advised by our insurers that this is crucial from a public liability insurance perspective.

Many of you have asked us about the next steps and we want to work with you so that together, we can develop a plan for the future. Our Chair Ian has more details in this month's National Newsletter which will be out this week.

Please watch out for the Newsletter and encourage your members to [sign up](#) directly

to it if they can. Please pass on the notices and information below to your members.

Thank you all – please let us know if you have any questions

national.office@u3a.org.uk

My very best wishes – stay safe and well.

Sam

Sam Mauger

Chief Executive

A Note from our Insurers - 20/05/20

All U3A activities should have an appropriate risk assessment / checklist to ensure they are safe for U3A members to participate in. Government input about Covid19 is central to any risk assessment and given the advice remains “stay at home as much as possible” and “limit contact with other people” it follows that face-to-face U3A activity should not be undertaken at present. The government reasons for leaving home remain very limited and do not include for leisure activities such as provided by the U3A.

Privacy Policy

Please find updated 2020 privacy policies for the [Third Age Trust](#), and for [Third Age Trust Trading Limited](#)

For the privacy policy for U3As please log in to the [advice area](#) of the website and go to policy downloads.

[Note about the Third Age Trust AGM - press here to read](#)

[Sign in for Link to Advice for Members - AGMs](#)

Third Age Trust Medium Term Development Plan - Update

After two years of consultation with members, the Trust announced the results of its medium term Development Plan last August. Implementation commenced in the autumn. To varying degrees, COVID-19 has obviously affected delivery since March of the Plan's four key proposals.

Work on Raising the Profile of the U3A movement continues, via virtual meetings, and its plans will be announced over the coming months.

The Developing the Movement proposals are evolving and should not be too delayed. Thanks to many very imaginative ideas from members, COVID-19 has resulted in some of the Learning proposals being launched earlier than planned; others will be closer to the original timeline. Plans to upgrade the Trust's technology resources have been deferred a number of months until the Trust assesses the financial impact of the current crisis.

Members will be updated on the implementation of the Development Plan at regular intervals.

The U3A movement will not be immune to the impact of the current crisis. Therefore, the Trust is starting to think about its consequences and impact on our current operations and practices.

The crisis has brought with it both challenges and opportunities, particularly those relating to connecting members remotely. As well as the lessons learnt by the Trust it is important, in order to reach the right conclusions, to receive the thoughts and experiences of members as well. Please send them to ian.mccannah@u3a.org.uk

All the best

Ian McCannah,
Chair Third Age Trust

Trust U3A

Trust U3A has been created to accommodate the continued demand for older people to join the U3A movement during this period of social distancing.

Chris Winner, Interest Groups Coordinator said, “Over 30 people had signed up within days of the official launch and it also means that people can join a U3A even if their local U3A is not currently open. When face to face contact resumes, we will assist TU3A members to join the nearest U3A to where they live. Existing members can also join Trust U3A.

“We are excited that members will be able to take part in our learning resources, new online interest groups, events, discussions and much more”.

Trust U3A membership runs from 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021 and costs just £7.50. Trust U3A has a website <https://u3asites.org.uk/trustu3a> or to find out more you can email secretary@trustu3a.online

And if you use twitter you can join the conversation **@TrustU3a**

Trust U3A has received start-up funding from the Barbara Lewis U3A Fund. Barbara, a past Chairman of the Third Age Trust, created the fund as a way to promote the life enhancing experience of U3A membership. Barbara's hope was to establish a sustainable fund to assist in the development of the movement. Contact national.office@u3a.org.uk to find out how you can help with the fund.

