

What is the University of the Third Age?

The University of the Third Age (U3A) is an organisation for mutual learning among its members, adults of the "third age", i.e. those persons past full time employment and/or parental responsibilities. No qualifications are required to join, and no qualifications are awarded. As a member you are encouraged to take an active part in one or more groups, increasing your own knowledge and contributing to the collective knowledge of the group, increasing the interest and enjoyment of all.

Who can join the U3A?

Anyone in their 'Third Age'.

Who runs it?

The Three Brethren U3A runs its own activities. As leadership comes from the members themselves, a member may be a student in one group and the facilitator or tutor of another, or on the organising committee.

Where do we meet and when?

Groups meet during the day in various venues, sometimes in member's homes. Monthly meetings, with a speaker, take place on the third Monday of the month currently at The Galashiels Rugby Club, Nether Road, Netherdale, Galashiels, TD1 3HE. Members are asked to contribute £1.00 at Monthly Meetings, to help defray the cost of refreshments and the speaker's expenses. There is free parking in the Netherdale Public Car Park.

The Benefits of Membership

By becoming a member you are entitled to participate in any Three Brethren U3A activities, subject to group size limits. You may be asked to pay contributions for the cost of room hire for your group activities, transport involved in excursions, etc.. You will also have access to the U3A Resource Centre and the use of a range of learning materials.

Terms and conditions of membership

All members must:

- abide by the aims and guiding principles of the U3A movement;
- always act in the best interests of the U3A and not do anything to bring the U3A into disrepute;
- abide by the terms and conditions of the Constitution;
- treat fellow members with respect and courtesy;
- comply with and support decisions of the elected committee.

Where does the money go?

About half of the membership fee is sent to the Third Age Trust which provides help and advice to our group, insurance cover for members on U3A activities, an array of educational materials, and a magazine for members. The remainder covers our newsletter, accommodation for open meetings, administration costs, publicity, etc.

Personal information

The Third Age Trust advises that, where relevant, members involved in U3A activities carry a note of any relevant medication that it would be useful for others to know about in an emergency, and emergency contact information.

If not yet a member of The Three Brethren U3A

You may attend up to two group or monthly meetings as a taster before becoming a member.

Our Website:

u3asites.org.uk/three-brethren

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