

## **West Bridgford U3A - Learn, Laugh, Live**

### **Accessibility for Less Able U3A Members**

#### **Statement of Intent (November 2019)**

West Bridgford U3A will take all reasonable steps to ensure that people who are less able can attend the interest groups of their choice, without necessarily needing a companion/carer with them. We will do all that we can to support them and make their attendance as easy and stress free as possible.

Members who cannot manage to participate in their chosen U3A activities without help, should be given the opportunity to bring a companion/carer with them, who for the time that they were in attendance, will be covered by the liability insurance provided by the Third Age Trust. The only exception to this is a professionally employed carer who would have to be covered by an individual liability policy.

#### **VENUES -GENERAL MEETINGS**

As far as possible the venue will be/have

- \* Served by public transport
- \* Have adequate car parking facilities
- \* A ramp for building access
- \* Ground floor accommodation with good access where possible.
- \* Toilet facilities for the less able.
- \* A sound system and loop
- \* Able to cope with wheelchairs/mobility scooters
- \* Good lighting and access to heating/air conditioning controls.
- \* A designated person at general meetings to ensure those who have vision or hearing loss sit at the front and those with mobility problems sit at the end of a row.

#### **COMMUNICATION**

Linda Stafford, Vice Chair of the West Bridgford U3A committee will take responsibility for maintaining contact with all less able members.