



UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE
Worcester Area Group
Registered Charity No. 702588
Website www.u3asites.org.uk/worcester

**The Gig Wheel
Broadmore Green
Worcester
WR2 5TE**

Thank you for your enquiry about Worcester U3A. We are part of an international movement of retired and semi-retired people who share their lifetime experience, knowledge and interests in a variety of educational, creative and leisure activities. We are a self-help, self-managed learning co-operative and currently have around 1000 members, contributing to approximately 100 different Interest Groups. No qualifications are needed and none are awarded; the accent is on fun.

As a self-help organisation, we can only continue if all our members contribute. There are many ways to help - everyone can do something. It may be helping to coordinate an interest group, volunteering for the committee, organising a speaker, preparing refreshments, putting out chairs, planning trips or outings etc. etc.

A U3A thrives because all its members are willing to pull their weight and put in as much as they get out. We ask that all members consider how they, personally, can contribute to Worcester U3A – not necessarily as soon as they join but over time. Helping out at main meetings, within interest groups and joining the committee are great ways to meet new people and make new friends whilst contributing to Worcester U3A.

Our season runs from Mid-September to the following April or May, a few groups carry on through the summer. Most Interest Groups meet fortnightly. We also have a fortnightly Main Meeting - September to May - open to all members, with visiting speakers and a chance to meet other members socially. This summer (2019) we are trialing a separate summer programme, please see our website for details of this

Main Meetings are held on alternate Wednesdays - **1:45 pm for 2:00 pm** - at either the Green Centre, Gresham Road, Dines Green, Worcester, WR2 5QS or St Peters Baptist Church, Eden Close, St Peters Drive, Worcester, WR5 3TZ. Interest Groups meet at a variety of venues throughout Worcester which include Church Halls, Community Centres and members' own homes. These are normally either in the morning or afternoon. Please refer to our website for up to date details of the group programme.

The standard subscription for 2018–2019 is **£29 (£17 for those joining from 1st January 2019 and £6 from 1st April 2019)**. Bridge groups 1 & 2 members pay **£38 (£24 for those joining from 1st January 2019)** as they meet weekly rather than the fortnightly meetings of other groups. The subscription includes a local newsletter (several per year) and the national magazine Third Age Matters.

The membership fee entitles you to join as many Interest Groups as you wish, provided there are spaces available. Meetings are free, though many groups will require a small contribution to running costs, refreshments, materials, sheet music etc. Some groups may also charge extra to cover the cost of organised trips and visits.

Our website www.u3asites.org.uk/worcester gives up to date details of the groups and events. Non-members may attend **one** 'taster' session, **either** a main meeting **or** an Interest Group. Please contact either the Membership Secretary or Chairman for permission to attend the main meeting or the Groups Co-ordinator for permission to attend a group taster who will also check with the Group Leader that space is available) You **must join** the U3A before attending any more.

You can join online at our website www.u3asites.org.uk/worcester or if you prefer please complete the attached form and send it to me at the above address together with a cheque made payable to U3A WAG. Please include a **stamped addressed envelope** so that I can send your membership card to you. If you are a tax-payer, please sign the declaration for Gift Aid on the form. This enables us to reclaim tax thus helping our finances and will cost you nothing.

We welcome new members and look forward to you joining us. If you require any further information, please ring or email me.

Yours sincerely

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Please use a separate application for each person



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Date Received
Membership Number

Membership Application 2018/19 (New Member)

Privacy Statement – Your personal details will be held on a secure database and will be used solely for the purposes of administration and the distribution of U3A communications. They will never be supplied to an outside agency or party other than for you to receive *Third Age Matters* by Direct Mail.

Title Forename Known As.....

Surname

Address.....

Post Code e-mail *

Telephone No Mobile Tel No

*To reduce costs, Worcester Area Group U3A will communicate with you via email where possible

I enclose a cheque payable to **U3A WAG** for (please tick) £17from Jan 1st 2019 (£6 from April 1st 2019)

..... £24 (Bridge Groups 1 & 2) from Jan 1st 2019

PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO ENCLOSE A STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE SO THAT WE CAN SEND YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD

If you pay tax please complete this Gift Aid Declaration

To qualify for Gift Aid, what you pay in income tax or capital gains tax must equal at least the amount we will claim in the tax year.

I would like Worcester U3A to reclaim tax I have already paid on my donation.

Please sign: Date: