

ARE YOU THINKING OF STARTING A U3A GROUP?

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Check out the web: <https://u3asites.org.uk/york/groups>

We are all good at something. In fact, we third agers are likely to be better at more things because we have lived longer. Don't be shy - share your knowledge, your passion, your skills or your talents with other members. Although we have some ex-teachers as group leaders, you do not need any formal qualification to lead a group.

If you would like to share an interest or enthusiasm, you are not committing yourself to preparing a two-hour class every week for the next ten years. Group leaders decide whether to hold weekly, fortnightly or monthly meetings.

If there is lots of interest in your group, you may decide to run it twice a week or bi-monthly. A short course might fit nicely into the summer months when some other groups take a break and our members are looking for something new to study. You may even decide to repeat the experience with a new group. Groups can begin and end whenever the leader wishes.

Finding a suitable venue will be important. We have a list of venues across York you can consider, and we timetable the rooms in the Friends Meeting House (where the U3A Office is located) to make sure that we make the best use of the facilities.

Some group leaders offer their own home as a venue, but this is not always practical. However, it may be that some of the group members can offer a home or garden for meetings.

Your first step in starting a group might be to put a notice in the U3A's newsletter (email Newsletter Editor on newsletter@yorku3a.com), asking potential recruits to contact you, or to place a description of your planned classes on the U3A's web pages. We have a specific section called PROPOSED NEW GROUPS where our members can see what is coming up and let you have their names if they are interested in taking part.

If you would like to start a new group, or would like to know more about the commitments and procedures you can take a look at the Group Leader's Handbook on the web or contact the Groups Co-ordinator for a chat on 07848843112 or email her on groups@yorku3a.com.

We look forward to hearing from you !

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