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## Are you considering setting up a new U3A group? Here's where to start

Check out the web pages at [yorku3a.com](http://yorku3a.com)

Phone the Groups Co-ordinator on: 07848843112

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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 some group leaders are ex-teachers, you do not need any formal qualification to lead a U3A Group.

If you would like to share an interest or enthusiasm you won't be 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.

There are lots of ways to promote your planned group to current members. Your first step in starting a group might be to put a notice asking potential recruits to contact you in the U3A's Newsmail by emailing [editor@yorku3a.com](mailto:editor@yorku3a.com). You can also ask the Groups Co-ordinator to place a description of your planned classes on the U3A's web pages. We have a specific section of the web called PROPOSED NEW GROUPS where our members can see what is coming up and contact you 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 contact the Groups Co-ordinator for a chat on 07848843112 or email her on [yorku3agroups@gmail.com](mailto:yorku3agroups@gmail.com). Also take a look at the Group Leader's Handbook under Groups/ Links/ Group Leaders Information.

**We look forward to hearing from you!**