

# Report of Support Officer January 2020

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1. We have provided feedback to National Office about the Recruiting and Supporting Volunteers Workshop held at the Galleries of Justice and improvements should be made to the Managing Your U3A workshop to be held in the new year. Venue and date details will be circulated as soon as they are available.
2. We will facilitate a Peer Support Group for Trips and Visits organisers, focussed on Day Trips, as suggested at the last Network Meeting.
3. There are still a large number of U3As in the Network which have not yet offered to organise and host a Peer Support Group. I can provide 'Tips and Wheezes' suggestions about how to run one. All offers will be gratefully received!
4. Reluctantly, we have decided that there is insufficient support for a U3A in Bulwell to set one up in the immediate future. The main lesson learned is that we need to be flexible and adapt the process which we have developed so successfully over the last ten years when we are launching a U3A in a deprived area. My thanks are due to the members of the five U3As who spent a lot of time and effort trying to get Bulwell off the ground.

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