

NOTES ON MEETING FOLLOWING THE AGM OCTOBER 25TH 2023.

1. JOHN LEWIS REGIONAL TRUSTEE

- A communication sent by JL has not reached the network. This will be sent to MG, and she will circulate. **JL**
- The governance of the Third Age Trust is being remodelled to make the organisation 'Fit for the future'.
- IT problems at the recent AGM were annoying.
- The Independent Chairs' forum continues to meet.
- **JL** will keep the network informed on progress being made by TAT to increase the membership to 500,000.
- The resolution to give smaller u3as a bigger voice was not supported at the AGM.
- The Communication/External Affairs team at the TAT is to be reformed. This area has no PR advisor, so JL is currently fulfilling this role.
- There is a move to attract younger members to the organisation.

2. CAROLE HARRISON PSG SUPPORT OFFICER

- CH explained the purpose of PSGs and how they are run.
- It is important to ensure that MG has up to date contact details so she can ensure the relevant people receive the information about the groups.
- The membership PSG would like a face-to-face workshop and the Network will support this financially.

3. ROSIE ALLEN SUPPORT OFFICER.

- A successful workshop on was held for the Notts Network in April
- The next workshop takes place on November 1st. This will be particularly useful for new or prospective committee members but can be attended by any member who would like to know more about how u3a is run.
- Another workshop will hopefully take place in April 2024 entitled 'Working together' This may be on zoom or face to face.

4. LESLYE HENSTOCK DUKERIES u3a.on behalf of North Notts Network Group

- Fun day on Wednesday 12th June at John Fretwell Sports Centre Mansfield.
- Currently 8 u3as are involved and the aim is to aid recruitment.
- Any u3a is welcome to organise an activity/stall/game which they would run and hopefully provide a small prize.
- 300 people can be accommodated.
- Hopefully some funding will be available from the TAT.
- The event will be open to non-members and tickets will be between £10 and £12 including lunch.
- There will be some musical entertainment, displays and a prize giving.
- Interested groups should contact Leslye Henstock at Dukeries u3a.

5. JOE COLLS WEST BRIDGFORD u3a

- Aware that many people haven't heard of u3a.
- More advertising needs to be done.
- JC has been investigating a regular advertisement on local radio.
- Gold East Midlands would be willing to work with u3a providing ads of 30 seconds and 10 seconds for three months with the ad being aired 50 times a month. This would cost £435. u3as to share the cost.
- John Lewis mentioned Boom Radio and 103 V Eye as other possibilities.

6. CHINESE NEW YEAR.

- This event will not be organised by the committee this year. u3as will need to make their own arrangements if members wish to go.

7. NEWS BITES

- Maria was thanked for her excellent publications. It is meant for all members not just the committee.

8. CONFERENCE 2024

- The conference working group is currently looking for a suitable venue that is affordable. The venue needs to have a large hall, 5 or 6 break out rooms, parking, access by public transport and catering.
- A keynote speaker is also required.
- The title of the conference will be Learn, Laugh, Live with a focus on fun.