NOTTINGHAMSHIRE NETWORK OF u3as - MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2021 ON ZOOM PRESENT Rosie Allen Chair Arnold, Terry Hardman Treasurer Sutton in Ashfield, Peter Edge Webr

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	Keyworth, Paul Martinez Support Officer Carlton & Gedling, Jean Hogg Regional Trustee (Southwell).			
	Sue Blackley Secretary Beeston, Jane Pavier Newsbites editor			
	Alan Comerie, Burton Joyce; Nicholas Clark, Carlton & Gedling; Isabel Martindale, Edwalton; Carole			
	Harrison, Mansfield; Carolyn Luckhurst, Mapperley; Gillian Lee, Newark; Elizabeth Gilder, Park			
	Nottingham; Lynden Lowe, Rainworth; Maria Gabrielczyk, Ravenshead; Brian Platts, Southwell; Jean			
	Griffin Sutton in Ashfield; Paco Saucedo, West Bridgford; Sheila Massey, Worksop.			
ITEM 1	WELCOME BY CHAIR & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE			
	Rosie welcomed everyone. There were apologies from Margot Gale Beeston; Mark Jackson,			
	Hucknall; Chris Niven Eastwood and District; Anne Moore Burton Joyce; Linda Shutt Forest Town;			
	John Lewis Bingham; Paul Fileman Soar Valley			
ITEM 2	AGM SEE SEPARATE MINUTES			
ITEM 3	AGREE MINUTES, ACTION POINTS AND OTHER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETINGS ON 28 TH			
	JULY 2021			
	Minutes approved and no matters arising.			
ITEM 4	REPORTS			
	Regional Trustee – Jean Hogg			
	Please ensure that staff at TAT are always treated with courtesy when queries need to be			
	answered.			
	Use all sources of support. This can include the Regional Trustee and the Network.			
	Training workshops are planned for November with a focus on publicity to recruit new			
	members.			
	 The Regional conference was very successful, beneficial, and enjoyable 			
ITEM 5	PEER SUPPORT GROUPS Nothing new to report but will be a standard agenda item for future			
	meetings.			
ITEM 6	AOB			
	 The value of face-to-face Network meetings as opposed to Zoom was discussed. It is hoped 			
	that face to face meetings at Ravenshead will resume in April.			
	 Brian Platts (Southwell u3a) will investigate the possibility of hybrid Network meetings. He 			
	would like help from any tech experts from across the Network.			
	Jane Pavier was thanked for producing Newsbites.			
	COMFORT BREAK			
	FOCUSSED DISCUSSION.			
	How to help new members of Interest Groups and new members of u3as to feel welcome.			
	 Sitting round tables at open meetings encourages members to interact. 			
	 Analyse data to see who has renewed following Covid & to identify whether new members renew. 			
	 Interest Group Convenors meetings where the message of being welcoming is given out. 			
	 Appoint a member of an interest group, other than the group convenor, to be responsible 			
	for looking after new members			
	 Important to look at demographics and attract younger members so that newly retired 			
	folk won't think u3a is for 'old' folk!			
	 Positivity within groups is very important. 			
	 Regular new members' meetings with personal invites are very helpful in making folk feel welcome. 			
	 Paul Martinez to send out the link to a Bristol u3a powerpoint presentation. 			
	Development of the Network what would you like to see included in the programme?			
	More Peer support groups. It was suggested that these could be open as often topics for			
	discussion would be useful to committee members holding a variety of roles. E.g.,			
	Constitutions and Charity Commission procedures.			
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	 Another day conference to be organised by the Network. 		
	 Development of Study days and Shared learning projects 		
	 A potential future Network publicity event will be based on the 'Olympic Beacon'. A u3a would dress up advertising a particular interest group and walk to the next nearest u3a who would take over advertising a different group etc. Hopefully there would be media interest. To be held during the week of u3a Day September 18 – 26. A Diversity and Inclusion presentation will be available to all u3as as a national workshop. 		
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	 Network speaker events taking advantage of larger numbers & therefore could pay more. 		
	The annual Network subscription of £15 is now due. u3as will be informed.		
	DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETINGS		
	WEDNESDAY 26.01.22 ZOOM WEDNESDAY 27.04.22 ST PETER'S HALL RAVENSHEAD		
	WEDNESDAY 27 TH JULY WEDNESDAY 26 TH OCTOBER		

Chair	Minutes	Date
Rosie Allen	n Sue Bla	ckley