

**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE NETWORK OF U3As - NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 28TH APRIL 2021 ON ZOOM**

PRESENT	Rosie Allen Chair (Arnold), Sue Blackley Secretary (Beeston) Terry Hardman Treasurer (Sutton in Ashfield), Chris Niven Vice Chair (Eastwood and District), Margot Gale Network Contact (Beeston) Paul Martinez Support Officer (Carlton and Gedling), John Lewis, Lindsay Evett (Bingham) Brian Hillary (Calverton and District) Pam Hardwick(Dukeries) Isabel Martindale (Edwalton and Gamston), Linda Shutt, Anita Ablard (Forest Town), Yvonne Kennison (Mansfield), Carolyn Luckhurst (Mapperley) Fiona McCluskey (Nottingham and District) Lynden Lowe (Rainworth), Maria Gabrielczyk, (Ravenshead), Brian Platts, Marjorie Bramhill (Southwell) Paco Saucedo, (West Bridgford) Mike Johnson, Alan Bridgewater(Wollaton) Sheila Massey (Worksop and District) Chris Hartny- Mills (Public Relations Advisor) Jean Hogg Regional Trustee
	WELCOME & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE RA welcomed everyone and accepted apologies from Paul Fileman, Nicholas Clark, Allan Barnham, Lynne Jackson, Zena Inger, Carole Harrison, Anne Orton, Hazel Stenson
	<p>NICHE GROUPS The proposal was if a u3a in the Network has a group that is too small to be viable then other u3as could be invited to join. This could be advertised through the County contact and Newsbites. The following issues were raised</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insurance cover. This is not an issue because all u3as are covered through TAT. • Members would not have to join the hosting u3a as associate members. • When the group is full then the visitors could create their own group. • It was generally felt that this approach would be more viable for zoom meetings rather than face to face. <p>AGREED The decision to participate in this initiative will be up to individual u3as. This could be either within their own local areas or the wider network</p> <p>FACEBOOK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The difference between a Facebook page and a Facebook group was clarified. • It was felt that this isn't needed for the Network • It is needed to attract new members to individual u3as. • A FB Peer Support group may be the way forward but there is already support for u3as through Jean Jackson from Lichfield. • Members must be encouraged to feed the FB page keeping it interesting and up to date so that it appeals to prospective members. • FB page needs to be linked to the u3a website.and vice versa. • Training is needed on 'using FB' rather than on setting up a page. • All u3as to be encouraged to send a representative to the Publicity PSG.hosted by Chris Niven at Eastwood.chrisniven1@yahoo.co.uk <p>MEMBERSHIP PSG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This has been requested through the Secretaries group. • This may be hosted by Andy Bevington at Ravenshead.
	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY 28.07.21 10AM WEDNESDAY 20.10.21 10AM</p>

Chair..... Secretary.....Date
Rosie Allen **Sue Blackley**