



## CONSTITUTION OF THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE NETWORK OF U3As

### Note

**None of the cooperative activities referred to or implied in this constitution should in any way interfere with the direct relationships individual U3As have with the Third Age Trust (TAT) or its National Executive Council (NEC)**

### 1. Definitions

- 1.1 Nottinghamshire is defined by the administrative County and includes the City of Nottingham.
- 1.2 The 'Association' is the Association of East Midlands U3As, a constituted body.
- 1.3 The Regional Trustee is the person elected from and by all the U3As in the East Midlands Region to be their representative on the National Executive Committee (NEC) of the Third Age Trust (TAT).

### 2. Name

The name shall be "The Nottinghamshire Network of U3As" hereafter called "the Network".

### 3. Objects

- 3.1 To help further the principles, aims and activities of the U3A movement in the UK.
- 3.2 To carry out those Roles and Functions currently agreed by the Association of East Midlands U3A for County Networks (see Appendix 1) but not confined by them and in particular:
  - a) To provide a forum for the discussion of issues of importance to U3As in the Network.
  - b) To help coordinate and initiate the development of new U3As in the County.
  - c) To enable U3As to initiate cooperative ventures.
- 3.3 To support the Regional Trustee in carrying out her/his responsibilities. **and the Regional Representative Council in its work.**

### 4. Membership

- 4.1 All U3As within the County will be eligible to be members of the Network.
- 4.2 All U3As will become members of the Network by paying an annual donation to the Network by August each year.
- 4.3 When votes are taken it will be on the basis of one vote per full member U3A and the quorum at a meeting will be 50% of the U3As in full membership of the Network.

### 5. Annual General Meeting

- 5.1 The AGM to be incorporated into the agenda for the Autumn meeting.
- 5.2 To receive the "examined" Annual Accounts ending 30th August.
- 5.3 To appoint a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and the Support Officer.
- 5.4 The Officers may hold the post for no more than three years.
- 5.5 **Appoint two representatives to the Regional Representative Council.**
- 5.6 To approve volunteers to serve on the Network Support Group with the Network Support Group Officer.

## 6. Structure and Governance

It will be for Network to:

- 6.1 Maintain a permanent existence.
- 6.2 Meet at least three times per year.
- 6.3 Invite the Regional Trustee to all meetings.
- 6.4 To include Regional and National items on its agenda
- 6.5 The Network Support Officer will chair the Network Support Group Meetings and provide a report for each Network meeting
- 6.6 Within the context of the above, the Network will carry out its business as it sees fit and will review ways to do this from time to time.
- 6.7 The Network will deposit its current constitution with the Third Age Trust.

## 7. Finance

- 7.1 The Treasurer shall keep simple accounts to show details of receipts and payments and report financial details at each Network meeting.
- 7.2 The Network will maintain a suitable bank account or accounts. There will be three appointed signatories for cheques, any two required to sign cheques.
- 7.3 The Network may seek and receive funding from the TAT and outside bodies.

## 8. Amendments to the Constitution

The provisions of this Constitution can only be altered with the assent of not less than two thirds of the member U3As of the Network attending a duly constituted meeting for which thirty days notice has been given.

## 9. Dissolution

In the event of dissolution, all surplus assets, after payment of costs, shall be divided equally between all member U3As in the Network at the time of dissolution or paid to a succeeding regional body, at the discretion of the Association.

This Constitution was adopted for the Nottinghamshire Network of U3As on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Chairman..... Jeremy Lloyd

Vice Chairman..... Rosie Allen

Secretary..... Margaret Taylor

Treasurer..... Rita Foulkes

Network Support Officer.....Jenny Greaves

## Appendix 1

### Roles and Functions of County Networks of U3As

1. To provide a forum for the discussion of issues of importance to U3As in the Network.
2. To coordinate and initiate the development of new U3As in the County.
3. To enable U3As cooperatively to initiate aspects of learning support by:
  - a. Sharing matters of current importance to them;
  - b. Setting up cooperative ventures;
  - c. Participating in local Shared Learning Projects;
4. To carry out other cooperative activities decided by U3As in the County.
5. To relate to the NEC Representative.
6. To represent its views to the Regional Representative Council.
7. To elect representatives to the Regional Representative Council.
8. To appoint a Network Contact to whom the NEC Regional Representative, and other County Networks and the RRC can relate.
9. To contribute to regional means of communication.
10. To complement and extend regional activities e.g. on supporting Group Leaders.
11. To establish such mechanisms as are deemed necessary to discharge their functions and responsibilities. (e.g. The frequency of meetings, arrangements for Chairing meetings and the preparation of Agenda and minutes.)
12. To develop policies and plans as U3As see fit.