

**REGIONAL TRUSTEE'S REPORT TO
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE NETWORK OF U3As
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During my first few months as your Trustee, I have visited several U3As and Network and Development Team meetings throughout the Region. If you would like me to visit your U3A, I would be happy to accept your invitation.

On my visits to U3As and Networks, I have found a variety of ways in which they run. No one way is right or wrong but they all follow the ethos of the U3A movement, to provide a friendly learning environment for the third-agers. Be assured that if your U3A or committee has a problem of any sort, you are not the only one – all U3As have difficulties at some time and, if you cannot solve yours, please let me know and I will do my best to help you find a solution.

Regional Conference and AGM

The Regional Conference will take place on **Monday 19 September 2016** at Eastwood Hall Conference Centre, Eastwood. The speakers have not yet been finalised but will be on a theme suggested by my delegates at the conference last year. Application forms will be available in the near future.

New U3As

New U3As are already in the pipeline in the Region. In Nottinghamshire, we had a successful launch at Mapperley, and Development Team worked with the recently appointed national Training and Development Team on this launch. This new system is still in its infancy and I am working with National Office to iron out a few difficulties.

There has been a request from a member of the public to consider the possibility of a U3A in the area where he lives in the county. When a request comes in from a member of the public, from an existing U3A, suggesting a possible location, the Development Team follows it up. Your Development Team contacts the person who made the request, investigates the area, consults with local U3As for their opinions, seeks a venue and carries out publicity in the area. It is not always possible to launch a new U3A immediately, and launches often need assessing for priority, which is not always an easy task for the Development Team.

National Workshops

The first series of National workshops is now complete and you can make an application for the next two. The closest ones to Nottinghamshire will be in Birmingham.

A Workshop on **Managing Your U3A** will follow in April and May, with **Planning Ahead: more time to Learn, Laugh and Live** in July, September and October. Details are available on the national website.

These Workshops are not just for committee member, but could help any of your members who might be considering joining the committee, or at least give them an insight into how the committee works and how they can help.

Remember the U3A motto – Learn, Laugh and Live!

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