

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE NETWORK OF U3As

It was agreed at the Network meeting on 3rd April 2014 that the minutes of the Network meetings would be available on the Nottinghamshire Network Website when they have been approved at the next Network meeting. As this would mean a three or four month delay in information being available to members, it was also agreed that anything that was of immediate interest would be on the website as soon as possible after the meeting and available to Network contacts to pass to their committee and/or members.

Items arising from the meeting on 3rd April are:

- Declaration of Eligibility – This form must be signed by each Trustee (Committee Member) when they join the Committee. Signed copies should be retained by the U3A. Michaela Moody will circulate the form via the County Contact.
- Advice Sheets are being updated and notification will be circulated via the national office mailing. They can also be downloaded from the website.
- The Regional Conference will be held at Trent College, Long Eaton, on 15th July 2014. Members were reminded that they can now register for a place.
- A 'Constitutions and Committees Workshop' will be held in October 2014. Chairmen, Treasurers and Secretaries will be invited to attend.
- More volunteers are required to help the Development Team. Anyone interested should contact the Nottinghamshire EDO, Karen Taylor.
- Peter Edge would welcome any information to put on the website, especially items about forthcoming events.
- The Regional Trustee advised that if any U3A uses Facebook, this should only be accessible through their own website.
- Members were advised that personal email addresses should not be included on any website.
- Arnold U3A announced she had received information that Nottinghamshire County Council and their waste contractors Veolia Environmental Services are holding three 'Big Lunch - Love Food Hate Waste Feed 1,000' events across Nottinghamshire:
Sunday 18th May 11am – 3pm **Bestwood Country Park**, Bestwood, Notts, NG6 8ZA
Sunday 1st June 11am – 3pm **King George V Park**, Mansfield, Notts, NG18 4JW
Sunday 15th June 11am – 3pm **Bridge Park**, West Bridgford. Notts, NG2 6AP
The Big Lunch is a very simple idea from the Eden Project. The aim is to get as many people as possible across the whole of the UK to have lunch with their neighbours once a year in a simple act of community, friendship and fun. Entry is free and 1,000 free lunches will be provided.
The Network will use the opportunity on all three days to raise awareness of the U3A in the county and it is hoped that U3As in the area will have a presence at each event and
- Hucknall U3A has a 'Hoedown' planned for 17th July and a concert in September. All U3As are welcome to apply for tickets.
- North Notts Neighbourhood Group is planning a 'Picnic in the Park' at Rufford on 4th June. This is for U3As in the Neighbourhood Group.