

**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE NETWORK OF U3As - MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 25th JANUARY 2017 AT THE CENTRE, ST. PETER'S, RAVENSHEAD, NOTTS. NG15 9FD**

PRESENT	Jeremy Lloyd Chairman (JL), Rosie Allen Vice-Chairman (RA) -also representing Arnold U3A , Jenny Greaves Support Officer & RRC Rep. (JG), Rita Foulkes Treasurer (RF), Margaret Taylor Secretary (MT), Peter Edge Web Master (PE) – also representing Keyworth U3A & Jane Pavier Regional Trustee (JP) U3As Represented at meeting:- Ashfield U3A Trish Tootell, Beeston U3A Margot Gale, Bingham U3A Rosie Garner, Carlton & Gedling U3A Nicola Dandie, Eastwood & District U3A Ann Mcgillivray, Hucknall U3A B. Saunders, Mansfield U3A Mike Allen, Mapperley & District Martin Cooke, Nottingham & District U3A Jan Bridgeman, Rainworth U3A Val Hill, Ravenshead U3A Lesley Green, Sherwood U3A Liz Wilson (RRC Rep) (LW), Southwell U3A Lesley Elkinton and Worksop U3A Lorraine Wood.
	Jeremy Lloyd welcomed everyone. The meeting accepted apologies from:- Burton Joyce U3A Judith Wright, Forest Town & District U3A Michael King, Newark U3A Bob Cawson, Retford U3A Adrian Sumner, Soar Valley U3A Brian Hinners, Sutton in Ashfield U3A Sue Hastie and West Bridgford U3A Pat Green.
ITEM 1	AGREE MINUTES, ACTION POINTS & ANY OTHER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING DATED 19th OCTOBER 2016 Action Point completed. Network agreed the Minutes which were proposed by Jan Bridgman, Nottingham & District U3A and seconded by Jenny Greaves as being a true record. Signed by the Chairman and Secretary.
ITEM 2	<p>REPORTS</p> <p><u>Treasurer's Report</u> – Rita Foulkes This had been previously circulated. RF updated figures to 5th January 2017.</p> <p><u>Newsletter Editors's Group Report</u> – Sue Robb This had been previously circulated. Network noted contents.</p> <p><u>Support Officer</u> – Jenny Greaves Gave a short verbal report.</p> <p><u>New U3As</u> 2 new U3As hoping to be launched in 2017. Warsop & District – consultation with the local U3As completed. All were in support of new U3A offering their help with the launch and advising on possible venues.</p> <p><u>Workshops</u> The 1st Workshop "Learning from each other re Days Trips, Educational Visits & Holidays" is to be held on Wednesday 29th March 2017. Liz Wilson had circulated information. Bookings to go to LW who will then send out Confirmation information. There is no limit on the numbers applying from each U3A. The 2nd Workshop "Growth Matters" has been booked for 6th July 2017. LW would welcome any help. Send your names to Secretary who will pass on to LW.</p> <p><u>County Contact</u> Network was reminded that Margot Gale is the current County Contact should you wish to send information.</p> <p><u>Regional Trustee</u> – Jane Pavier The Park U3A will become a full member next month and has at present 60 members. Mapperley & District has now 169 members with approximately 100 people attending meeting. There are new U3As opening in Derbyshire and Lincolnshire. Sam Mauger, the Chief Executive at National Office is proposing to re-allocate specific roles e.g. legal, publicity, finance which will mean members get a better response to future enquiries. There are changes being discussed at present which will be put to the National Conference AGM in August. JP appealed to members to become trained Regional Volunteers. However it was noted that there was no schedule of when and where the training would be. JP was asked to check & report back. ACTION JP</p> <p><u>3 Year Plan</u> This will be regularly updated and circulated to the Network.</p>

ITEM 3	<p>REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL UPDATE – Margaret Taylor</p> <p>MT read out names of the U3As who had not yet responded, reminding any of those present that the deadline was at the end of January. A vote took place of the members present. All except one U3A was in favour of the RRC being discontinued. A statement on behalf of the Notts. Network will be sent to the RRC meeting in March. ACTION MT – Completed</p>
ITEM 4	<p>APRIL MEETING</p> <p>It was announced that the whole morning would be spent dealing with “Communication”. Speaker, Geoff Renshaw will be doing a presentation. RA is also arranging a presentation on “The Impact of having a new U3A opening up nearby”. An invitation will be sent out in the near future by MT inviting 2 members from each U3A who may be interested in attending and taking part in the “conversation”. ACTION MT - Completed</p>
ITEM 5	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>a) RA explained that a review on the Constitution concerning Officers of the Network would be taking place in the near future. Volunteers were asked to help form a sub-committee to put forward a motion at the AGM. Ann McGillivray Eastwood & District U3A, Margo Gale Beeston U3A, Val Hill of Rainworth U3A and Jeremy Lloyd Chairman volunteered. RA will email these members shortly to arrange how the Sub-Committee can move forward. ACTION RA Completed</p> <p>b) Network Speaker Seeker Co-ordinator. With numerous emails being circulated within the Network re speakers it was suggested that someone co-ordinates this information before circulating as it is sometimes assumed that the Network is supporting the information. Although no specific person volunteered Lesley Elkington, Southwell U3A said that her U3A would be willing to “host” an informal meeting of speaker seekers to pass on “good practises”. ACTION LE</p> <p>c) Thanks were given to Jan Bridgeman of Nottingham & District U3A who had recently been publicising the U3A on the local radio. JB also announced that the Broadway Cinema in Nottingham would be showing a “silver screen” performance on Thursday mornings and afternoons and all U3A members would be welcome.</p> <p>d) The “Beacon Project” was raised. Some members were operating the system, others were experiencing problems applying. JP said that she would pass on information for circulation to the Network. ACTION JP – Completed. See following information.</p> <p>The contact details for Andy Topp is beaconemrst@gmail.com He is the member of the Beacon regional support team for the East Midlands and may be able to help on enquiries. The Trustee leading Beacon Team is Neil Stevens, Trustee for Yorkshire & Humberside, neil.stevens@u3a.org.uk To join Beacon, you should contact National Office.</p>
	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday 26th April 2017</p> <p><u>Dates of future Meetings</u> Wednesday 26.07.17. 25.10.17 (including the AGM)</p>
	<p>ROUND THE TABLE CONVERSATION</p> <p>“What is the Future for the Notts. Network?”</p> <p>JG brought the Network map which showed all of the U3As in Nottinghamshire. Some were “clustered” together whilst others were quite isolated. Comments raised together with the suggestions made at the last meeting will go on the list together with the suggestions that Network members were asked to bring from their Committees. Many common themes appeared and a list will be compiled and sent to all Network Committees for them to discuss, prioritise and submit back to the Network for action.</p>
	<p>JL thanked everyone for attending.</p>

Chair.....Secretary.....Date 26th July 2017
Jeremy Lloyd **C. Margaret Taylor**