



NOTTINGHAMSHIRE NETWORK

NEWS BITES! JULY 2017.

U3A (INDIVIDUAL).

Peer Support Groups

At the Network Meeting, when we were discussing the Way Forward, a number of U3As said they wanted many more opportunities for committee members in particular roles and for interest group leaders to meet, share experiences and learn from each other. U3As were asked to organise these and offer them to other Notts. U3As. Sherwood U3A is offering such an opportunity for the following: -

Peer Support Group Meeting for Group Coordinators, Business Secretaries, New Members Secretaries (Meeters and Greeters), Meeting at Sherwood Welfare on Wednesday 4th October 2017, 9.30 to 11.30am.

Anyone wanting to attend any of the above Peer Groups should apply to Liz Wilson - email – lizskill@tiscali.co.uk - stating their U3A and which group they wish to join. **The closing date for applications is Friday, 15th September 2017.**

Peer Support Group Meeting for Holiday and Trip Leaders.

Also on the 4th October, 9.30 am to 11.30am, in a different room at Sherwood Welfare and following up the Workshop in March

Anyone wanting to attend should apply to Liz Wilson at --- lizskill@tiscali.co.uk stating their U3A and whether they wish to join Trips or Holidays. **The closing date for applications is Friday, 15th September 2017.**

Southwell U3A

- Speaker Seekers in early 2018

NEIGHBOURHOOD (CLUSTERS OF USAS IN LOCAL AREAS)

New U3A for Warsop

22 people attended the 1st Pre Launch Meeting on the 13th July. Rosie Allen (Regional Volunteer) chaired the Meeting and there were representatives from Arnold, Dukeries, Forest Town, Mansfield and Sherwood U3As. Allan Paul from Ravenshead sent apologies but has offered to help Warsop U3A to set up their website. There were 14 members of Sherwood U3A who live in Warsop and 3 non U3A Warsop residents'. Many locals brought ideas for publicity in Warsop and neighbouring districts.

Four possible Venues were discussed and it was decided to approach the Tudor Barn for possible dates. Bookings were made as follows:-

2nd Pre Launch Meeting – Monday, 14th August, 10am

Launch Meeting – Monday, 9th October 10am

Inaugural Meeting- Monday, 13th November 10am



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NETWORK (ONE IN EACH OF THE 5 COUNTIES OF THE EAST MIDLANDS AND INCLUDES MOST COUNTY USAS)

2017 Workshops

Wednesday 5th July - Committee Members – “Managing Growth” Workshop at the Summit Centre



Michaela Moody, Vice Chair of the Third Age Trust National Executive Council led the workshop and the participants with questions about growth, led discussions on how to manage growth and encouraged the participating U3As to create a 3 year plan on the management of growth in their own U3A. 26 people attended with representatives from the following U3As: Arnold, Ashfield, Beeston, Bingham, Burton Joyce, Carlton/Gedling, Collingham, Cotgrave, Dukeries, Eastwood, Keyworth, Ravenshead, Retford and Sherwood. As one participant observed – a good workshop which raised some thought provoking questions.

Six Interest Group Workshops – Art (not Art Appreciation), Drama, Walking, Science, Languages, History. Wednesday, 1st November, 10am to 3pm at the Summit Centre, Kirkby-in-Ashfield.

The above is “on hold” until Jane Pavier, the East Midland Trustee, investigates whether or not this can be funded from her East Midland Budget.

Instead Michaela Moody, will provide another pilot workshop, **“Interest Groups Matter”** which is funded by National and will therefore be free to Network members. It will be on the same date and at the same place as the above. Details of how to apply will be circulated.

From Liz Wilson – on behalf of Nottinghamshire Network Support Group.