

**REGIONAL TRUSTEE'S REPORT TO
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE NETWORK OF U3As
20 JANUARY 2016**

Best wishes to all U3As in Nottinghamshire for a successful 2016.

My apologies for not being at the meeting on 20th January, as I have to be at an NEC meeting in London. However, if you have any queries you wanted to raise with me at the Network meeting, please email me and I will send the answers before your meeting.

During my first few months as your Trustee, I have visited several U3As and have been invited to Network and Development Team meetings in each county.

The new National Training and Development Team (NTD) is now in place and is involved in new U3A start-ups and National Workshops.

New U3As

Three new U3As are already under consideration for the Region for 2016, one of which is in Nottinghamshire and members of the NTD have been informed.

Workshops

Three National Workshops are planned for 2016, and details of these have already been sent to U3As nationally. Places can be booked on line on the members' area of the national website.

Each Workshop will be held in several places around the country; the first one is the **Participative Learning** workshop, which was so successful at the National Conference that it has been decided to run this as the first workshop, in February and March and will be run in Birmingham on **23 February**, commencing at 10.30. This would be closest for U3A members in Nottinghamshire and there are suitable train times running from and to Nottingham or Newark.

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.

It is hoped that these participative workshops will spread the word in an identical way to U3As across the UK to help them meet the challenges facing their members.

2016 East Midlands Summer School

Plans for the Summer School are well under way and application forms have been sent out to those people who had already expressed interest in attending. We are now waiting to see how many applications are returned, so that the Summer School sub-committee can plan further action. A variety of courses is included in the plans.

2016 Regional Conference and AGM

This event will take place at Brackenhurst on Tuesday 15 August 2016, to coincide with the Summer School. There will be interesting speakers and breakout groups. As it is Nottinghamshire's turn to host the 2016 Conference, it is expected that a number of U3As local to Southwell will be asked to help on the day.

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