

**NOTES FROM THE REGIONAL TRUSTEE**  
**FOR THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE NETWORK 20 JULY 2016**

**East Midlands Regional Conference**

It is Nottinghamshire's turn to host the event this year and it is to take place on **Monday 19 September** at Eastwood Hall Conference Centre, Eastwood, Nottinghamshire. The programme, together with the application form, has been sent to the chairmen and secretaries of all U3As in the Region by National Office, and they are on the East Midlands Website.

**National Conference**

This event will take place **23 to 25 August** 2016 at the East Midlands Conference Centre, University Park, The University of Nottingham, NG7 2RJ. Members can now book online on the national website. National Office has booked this venue for the next four years, as it is necessary to book venues well in advance and it is central for most of the country.

**Possible New U3As in the Neighbourhood**

At present, there are firm plans for only one new U3A in Nottinghamshire. Are there any U3As becoming overcrowded for their main meetings? Does anyone know of areas where there could be a demand for a new U3A? Your suggestions would be welcome.

**Replacement for Lin Jonas**

As I am sure you are aware, Lin Jonas the Chief Executive Officer is retiring at the end of August after more than 20 years with U3A National Office (she has said she does not plan to join a U3A after her retirement!). Members of the NEC have interviewed candidates for Lin's replacement and they have made an offer to one person. Samantha Mauger has signed her contract and will join National Office on 15 August 2016. She will be at the National Conference. Her role will be similar to that of Lin's but, obviously, she will have her own ideas. She has a background of working with charities, having a senior role with Age UK in London.

**National Workshops**

The third in the series of national workshops is taking place at various venues around the country and details are available on the National website. I attended the second and third workshops. I appreciate that none of the venues are in this Region, but I will endeavour to have them repeated in other locations.

**U3A Week Postponed**

The NEC had suggested that a national U3A week be arranged for later this year to celebrate 1000 U3A, but plans for that have been shelved for the time being. If your U3A is already planning something, go ahead with it and have a wonderful time.

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