

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE NETWORK OF U3As

A LETTER FROM YOUR CHAIRMAN

22 April 2014

Hello Everyone

PLEASE HELP!

Our Network is continuing to provide opportunities for all U3As in the county to work together, but we still need more help with some things, as you will see below:

SITUATION VACANT

This is another appeal for a Secretary as our Secretary and County Contact, Margaret Taylor, is standing down from her post at the AGM in the autumn. We need to find someone to replace her before she leaves.

Margaret is willing to train the new Secretary so it would be really helpful if someone would come forward as soon as possible so she/he can learn the ropes over the next few months.

Margaret has written a brief description of what the role entails, some of which I include there:

- *To attend the Network Meetings which are held three or four times a year, taking minutes and highlighting agreed action points. Just before the Network Meeting send out an agenda and any other reports required for the meeting.*
- *Work with the Chair to ensure that all information relating to the Annual General meeting, election of officers, etc is communicated to the Network U3As within the appropriate timescale.*
- *To ensure that all information is communicated to and from U3As within the Nottinghamshire Network.*
- *To circulate all information from the Region and other sources is sent to the Network Representatives to pass on to their appropriate committee/membership.*
- *To keep a list of the Nottinghamshire Representatives to receive information from the Network and Region. To annually check these lists and circulate to the Network Chair and Regional Secretary.*

It is important that we fill this post before the Network Meeting in the Autumn, but preferably by the next Network Meeting on 16 July, so that the new Secretary can work with Margaret.

This post is open not only to Network Representatives but to any of your U3A members, so please ask your committee and membership if anyone would be interested. Anyone interest, please contact Margaret at nottscountycontact@sherwoodu3a-mansfieldwoodhouse.org.uk

VOLUNTEER REQUIRED FOR THE U3A REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

The East Midlands Region of U3As comprises Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, Lincolnshire, Leicestershire & Rutland and Northamptonshire. Each county sends two Representatives plus an Alternate (total 3 people) to the Council. In addition, there is a Chair, Secretary and Treasurer and the Regional Trustee and Regional Education & Development Officer all attend.

At present, Nottinghamshire has only one Representative and one Alternate to attending the Council. We now require one more Representative, who is one the Network Representatives. There are usually three Council Meetings each year and Council members have the opportunity to join one of the sub-committees, either being involved in planning future Regional Conferences or being part of the Regional Development Team.

It is important that we fill this post before the Regional Conference on 15 July 2014.

If you are interested, please contact me at jane.pavier@ntlworld.com and I will be pleased to provide you with further information.

I know, and you know, that there is someone out there able to fill these post.

Thank you for your help with these things and I look forward to seeing you at the next Network Meeting.

Best wishes

Jane Pavier
Chairman