

## **NOTTINGHAMSHIRE NETWORK OF U3As**

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR NETWORK MEETING ON 21 JANUARY 2015**

I hope you all enjoyed your recent seasonal celebrations.

In order to enable all U3A members to have first-hand knowledge of what is happening within the County we are planning to start having a written report, written by a member of the Development Team, as soon as possible after each Network meeting. This will be sent to all Network Contacts for them to put in their newsletters and on their website

Full minutes of the Network Minutes are available for all members to read on the Notts Network website once they have been approved and signed.

The Network website is an important tool for passing information to all U3As and their members. Please make more use of this by passing information to Peter Edge of any events your U3A is planning or a report of anything that has happened. What your U3A has done or is planning could inspire other U3As to think about what they could do. More photographs on the site would be very welcome.

If your U3A is planning a publicity event at a local show or library or having a stand at a market, please let the Network know. Each U3A could then benefit from your experiences the way you raise awareness of the U3A movement and your own U3A.

When new U3As are launched, the Development Team likes to display photographs of what happens in U3As as it encourages prospective members to think 'yes, I would like to do something like that'. I would be pleased if each U3A could email to me a photograph showing something that happens in your U3A, not just walking groups or members eating and drinking but perhaps the Craft group making something, or a singing group or a group doing something unusual. Do, however, please respect the wishes of those members who may not like the idea of being in a photograph used for publicity. I can then print and laminate the photos and put them on display boards.

During the next 18 months, I would like to visit as many U3As in the Network as I can. It is not my intention to make a speech or to pry into the workings of the group, but just to see what happens at your main meetings. It could be that you are doing something really well that the Development Team could pass on to U3As that are having difficulties with their meetings. Of course, I would not just turn up at a meeting, but would ask your chairman if I could come, so please tell your chairman that she/he might get a call from me.

All these plans require input from all U3As, so please make your members aware of what is happening.

Have a successful 2015 and enjoy being a U3A member.

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