

u3a learn,
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The u3a movement

The Third Age Trust

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- Self help/shared learning ethos – members learn from/teach each other
- All members have knowledge and experience to share
- Groups share skills, knowledge, expertise and research
- No qualifications sought or offered





- Online learning, summer schools, study days
- Research opportunities
- Entirely membership funded
- No upper or lower age barrier
- Open to anyone with time to spare



Membership

All u3as are independent charities

Each run by a Committee of members elected as Trustees

Currently over 1045 u3as covering England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales

Over 400,000 members nationally.



Our Practice



Members pay on average £16 per year to their own u3a - which includes a contribution to the Third Age Trust (umbrella organisation for the u3a movement)

Members decide what they want to learn – generally small groups meet in members' homes, or hire rooms/halls

A monthly meeting usually held for all members to meet, hear u3a news – features guest speaker

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Interests and Hobbies

Over 40,000 interest groups on different topics: Languages, science, walking, theatre, art, music, literature, crafts, cycling, visits, boating, sports, dancing and many, many more

Over 60 volunteer Subject Advisers to guide and help members

u3a Interest Groups Online has over 80 online interest groups for special subjects



Learning

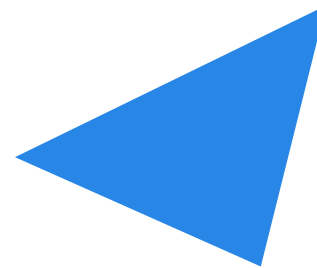
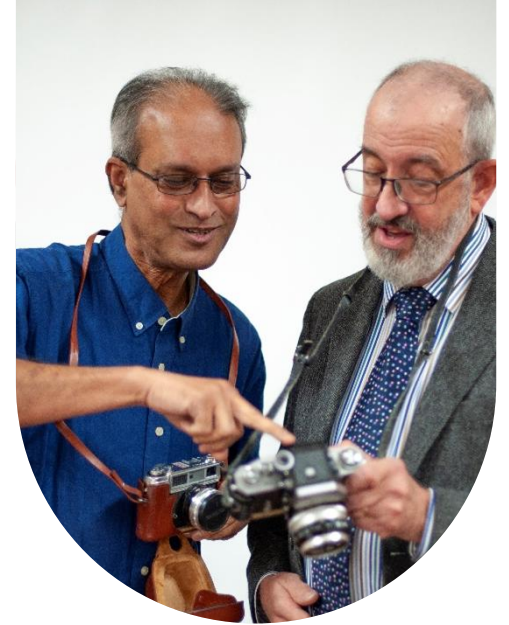
Traditional - tutor or member-led

Group – sharing skills, knowledge, expertise

Projects

Online learning

Study days



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Recruiting the next generation

Recruitment resources to recruit members who are coming up to retirement or just retired

More interest groups designed to appeal to younger members – sports, outdoor pursuits, I.T., drama, gadgets, and repair shops.

A great social environment in which to make new friends



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How can you get involved?

- Most towns and many villages have at least one u3a
- Most u3as have a website
- Look up your local u3a for details of how, where and when to join, and a list of groups
- Be prepared to get stuck in and be part of your local community



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Thank You





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