

It has been another progressive year for the Yorkshire and the Humber Region with a series of Regional Development Meetings, Workshops, Study Days and a Summer School. This is all in addition to the abundance of activity across the growing number of 51 U3As, with Skelmanthorpe being our latest addition. YAHR's Regional Trustee is a member of, and works closely with, the YAHR Development Team that is engaged in increasing engagement with their membership.

I took on the role of Regional Trustee in August 2018 and have worked with the Regional Development Team and local U3As to identify key issues to be addressed through Development Meetings or Workshops. This year, the well-attended programme of events aimed at U3A development and learning opportunities included workshops on Making the News, Developing Newsletters, Membership Systems/Beacon and Social Media, as well as Sharing Best Practice, Identifying Priorities and Developing a Vibrant U3A. Succession Planning and Financial Matters were identified by YAHR U3As as issues to be addressed in the near future.

I have helped Selby U3A celebrate their 2nd birthday; spoken at the Dales Link Network; met with Ilkley Committee; attended Isle of Axholme Committee Meeting and General Meeting; spoke at Scarborough AGM; provided support to Howden, and Driffield and Wolds U3As. I am due to meet Settle U3A Committee in June.

Third Age Trust matters:

- The EGM, held in Birmingham in March 2018, changed the Object and Articles;
 - there have also been changes to the National Executive Committee's (Board of Directors) composition and the tenure of Trustees (Directors).
- Network Link: a forum for networks across the UK to "have a voice"
- Trust Volunteers: trained members to support U3As re Troubleshooting, Running a U3A and Start Ups
- "Keeping It Legal" national workshops addressed
 - General Data Protection Regulation
 - Safeguarding
 - Equality, Diversity and Inclusion
 - Insurance.

For those unable to attend there is further advice on the U3A UK website. Re GDPR, advice is also available at Commissioner's web site www.ico.org.uk. The Charity Commission have already sent reminders to all U3As re Safeguarding in Charities (April 2018)

- Please complete and return the Third Age Trust Strategic Plan Questionnaire 2018 by Friday 29th June. Your contributions will help shape plans for the future.
- TAM and Sources are to be revamped and a relaunch is planned for Spring 2019. Sources OnLine is an active site: www.sources.u3a.org.uk.
- Annual return and membership (Capitation) fee is now due with a request to complete a proforma to include contact details of key personnel with your u3A.
- A national series of Financial Workshops are planned Summer 2018
- The National Conference & AGM is 28-30th August in Nottingham.

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