

## **YAHR Bulletin No 6 February 2020**

### **Acting Chair's report**

It is with regret that our chair Barbara Dransfield resigned due to health issues. On behalf of myself and the YAHR Management Team we would like to thank Barbara for all the work she's done on our behalf, and wish her a speedy recovery. I was elected as Vice Chair at last year's AGM with a view to supporting Barbara. However, due to Barbara resigning, I was asked and I agreed to step up as Acting Chair. My plan is to seek re-election at this year's AGM. We are always looking for people to join our Team, if anyone is interested please contact any member of the Management Team, see YAHR website for details.

The YAHR website provides a link to all U3As in the region, can I make a plea to ensure that all your websites are up to date please.

Our Regional Trustee Sue Stokes' term of office comes to an end in August at the National AGM, when she will have served three years. If anyone is interested or would like more information please contact Sue via the YAHR website. Regional Trustee also provides a link between YAHR and the Third Age Trust. If you have any queries or would like advice on any matter please contact our Trustee, via the National or YAHR website.

Election of Regional Trustee, the National Office will be sending out information about the position and procedure in April.

The process requires candidates to be nominated by their U3A and seconded by another U3A. There is a statement required from the candidates.

These are sent to U3As in the region.

All U3As in the region will be able to vote electronically for a defined period of time.

The candidate with the most vote wins.

The result is announced at the National AGM in August, and they commence as soon as the AGM has finished

Since the last bulletin a number of events and study days have taken place.

- Focusing on the Environmental - visits to Veolia Waste to Energy Plant Leeds by some 70-members in two visits and Drax by 90-members over three visits a fourth visit is arranged for March 17<sup>th</sup>.
- 2019 Summer Break with Learning was attended by 80-members; the Management Team have decided rather than a Showcase Event in 2020 we will focus on holding a Summer Break with Learning again at Hawkhills, Easingwold.
- Regional Development Meeting (RDM) and Trustees' workshop was held in October, and, then Sharing Good Ideas workshop in November. Outcomes can be viewed on the YAHR website under Events, Outcomes. NB: We always follow our RDMs with a development workshop.

## 2020 Study days / Events

**Treasurers' workshop**, the workshop will be held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February at St George's Centre in Leeds. See YAHR website for details. Its being held again this year due to the success of the 2019's event and a feedback for it to be repeated.

**AGM/RDM**, Our AGM will take place on April 29<sup>th</sup> in St George's Centre, Leeds. It will be combined with a Publicity/Marketing Workshop. All U3A members are welcome to attend.

For more details, to download meeting papers and to register go to [www.yahru3a.org.uk](http://www.yahru3a.org.uk)

**Chair and Secretary workshop**, 18<sup>th</sup> May at St George's Centre, Leeds. It will be aimed at new chairs and secretaries; details will appear on YAHR website in due course.

**U3A day What will you be doing on U3A Day?** The very first national U3A Day – celebrating the learning, activity and fun that happens every day in U3As across the country – **will take place on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2020.**

Each U3A is invited to mark the day by showcasing what they do – from displays, parades, flashmobs or performances – the day will show all the learning, activities and fun that make the movement so amazing.

**Coordinating the day, Regional Trustee, Sue Stokes**, said, “We are so excited that from now on, every year, there will be a day dedicated to learning, staying active and having fun in your Third Age - that's people who are retired, semi-retired or no longer bringing up a family.

“We hope this day will help to challenge negative perceptions of older adults and will bring together all Third Agers in the community to learn about the contribution U3A makes to the quality of life for retired people”.

The National Office will post regular updates in the [monthly national newsletter – which you can sign up for here](#)

**Captain Cook Study days**, Whitby Whaler U3A is organising a three-day event to celebrate the life and times of Captain Cook. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> June 2020. Download the flyer and application form here. [Cook combined poster & App Form](#)

**Summer Break with Learning 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> July, Hawkhills, Easingwold.**

Due to significant changes to YAHR Management Team this year at the AGM, it was decided to hold the event again this year rather than organising a Showcase Event. It proved very popular last year. Details of our 2020 Summer School are now available including the courses and Application Form. See [www.yahru3a.co.uk/SummerSchool-2020](http://www.yahru3a.co.uk/SummerSchool-2020)

**'Networking opportunities are always invaluable - very good to hear what other U3As are doing'**

**YAHR email list** Please encourage your members, group leaders and committee members to join our emailing list be kept in touch re the workshops, study days and other events that the region is organising **yahru3a.co.uk Home page, scroll down and click on 'News Sign-Up'**

**Why not join our Management Team?** – a warm welcome awaits you. If you are stepping down from your own committee, please do bring your interest and experience to the YAHR committee – it's a lively, open, engaged team of U3A enthusiasts! Contact [chair@yahru3a.co.uk](mailto:chair@yahru3a.co.uk)

**Please do cut and paste any of these details for use in your newsletter, web site etc so your members can gain more from their membership of U3A.**

**Importantly, suggest and encourage the best representation for each event to benefit your U3A and its continued development**