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## Hello from your u3a Council Representatives :

we'll be meeting over 100 of you at the Regional meetings at Kings Norton & Lichfield – they're almost sold out. When attendees return to your u3a, please ask them about u3a's new CEO, the new Council, the other u3a members they've met, and what's available from u3a. Queries? Call 07310 183428

### What can the Council do for my u3a?

More than your previous Regional Trustee! We now have nationally-elected Board Trustees, and regionally-elected Council Representatives who work for your u3as, getting improvements that will benefit you and the movement in general. How? Briefly - we meet with other Council Reps decide what the consensus is, then plan what needs to be done to make the changes.

### How can I express my views & those of my u3a?

**Any** member can join our **monthly** Zooms, where you can get the Council working for you. Look under EVENTS on the Regional website: google "West Midlands u3a Region."

**Here's the link to the June session :**

**Meet your Council Representatives, express your views, Tuesday 10 June, 3pm**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87679167932> Problems joining? Call 07310 183428.

The Council will act as a conduit between u3a members and the Trust, feeding members' thoughts, ideas and concerns into the ongoing development of the u3a movement.

We're keen to prove that the Council isn't just a talking shop, it gets things done.

**If you're a member of the Chairs' Forum**, you'll know they've already listed some action items – see here on our [News](#) page – and if we know that you agree, we'll progress them. At the least they may give you food for thought.

Already, there's been so much said about the need to make things easier to find on the Third Age Trust website, that a review's already underway. Last year, need for more Beacon training was a hot topic.

**We need to hear from you what you think would benefit u3as, now and in the future**, and what help if any u3as need from the Trust.

There are 3 SIGs (Strategy Implementation Groups) that work with the Council to develop plans for how we translate members' ideas into reality. They each focus on a different topic: Learning, preparing for the Next Generation, and Communications. Those plans go to the Board for signoff and funding, if necessary, and then the changes can be set in motion. So we have a process!

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Several u3as responded to the Third Age Trust's recent call for photos of u3a activities.

Here's a photo of Stone u3a's splendid canoe - why not send in a photo & story about your group? Email

[communications@u3a.org.uk](mailto:communications@u3a.org.uk).



## AND FINALLY – will you put YOUR hand up?

We're keen to recruit a **Regional team**, as they have in other Regions.

This would enable us to support more events, e.g. Regional Study days and even a Summer School, to benefit members across the Region. Region meetings would mainly be online, each quarter, with sub groups working in-between as required. We need people with ideas, organisational skills & curiosity.

If you're interested in running or hosting a **Study Day**, the Region can contribute to the cost.

## We ESPECIALLY need a PR person for the Region!

If you like finding out what's going on, would like to publicise u3a and are willing to attend a national online meeting of PR people each month, then please contact us!



**SPECIAL THANKS THIS MONTH** go to **Richard Adams** of BNB (Bulkington, Nuneaton & Bedworth) u3a who has taken over as WebMaster for the Region's website.

We very much appreciate his volunteering to use his skills for the Region.

**PLEASE PASS THIS INFO TO MEMBERS: THEY ARE WELCOME TO ALL EVENTS.**

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**They run monthly drop-in Zooms for members to express their views, and can visit your u3a.**

**See the [Regional website](#) for more information that may benefit your u3a ,**

e.g. AbilityNet operate a FREE IT helpline for PCs, iPads, phones... see the RESOURCES section

They will run workshops and/or talks at your u3a and even help people in their own homes, with IT.