

THE PRINCIPLES OF THE u3a MOVEMENT

1. The Third Age Principle

Membership of the u3a is open to all in their third age, which is defined, not by a particular age, but by a period in life by which full time employment has ceased. Members promote the values of lifelong learning, and the positive attributes of belonging to u3a. Members should do all they can to ensure that people wanting to join a u3a can do so.

2. The Self-Help Principle

Members form interest groups covering as wide a range of topics and activities as they desire; by the members, for the members. No qualifications are sought or offered. Learning is for its own sake, with enjoyment being the prime motive, not qualifications or awards. There is no distinction between the learners and the teachers; they are all u3a members.

3. The Mutual Aid Principle

Each u3a is a mutual aid organisation, operationally independent, but members of the Third Age Trust, which requires adherence to the guiding principles of the u3a movement. Each u3a is self funded, with membership subscriptions and costs kept as low as possible.

Members agree to

- Abide by the principles of the u3a movement
- Act in the best interests of the u3a
- Not behave in such a way as to bring the u3a into disrepute
- Abide by the terms and conditions of the u3a, and of Malvern u3a
- Treat fellow members with respect and courtesy
- Comply with and support the decisions of the elected committee
- Advise the Membership Secretary of any changes to their personal details

NOTES

- 1 If you are already a member of another branch of u3a for this year then the basic annual subscription per person will be £11.00.
- 2 Subscription to the National u3a Magazine 'Third Age Matters' is optional. If you wish to receive the 5 editions per year, starting in the spring then tick the appropriate box and add £3.60 to your subscription amount.
- 3 If you are finding the cost of membership a problem and are in receipt of certain benefits, your membership fee may be reduced. Please contact the Membership Secretary for advice.

Your personal details will be held on a secure database and will be used solely for the purposes of administration and the distribution of u3a communications. They will never be supplied to an outside agency or third party other than for you to receive u3a communications as outlined in the Malvern u3a Privacy Policy.