

SU3A Executive Committee Development Plan 2010- 2011

The Committee

1. We plan to recruit four new members and use the two co-opted places to best effect.
2. We will identify volunteers to give support to certain roles as required e.g. the General Coordinator, the Publicity Officer and the Membership Records Officer.
3. By April 2011 the Chair, the Treasurer, the Web Coordinator and the Regional Representative will have completed a four year term. We shall actively seek replacements.
4. The Third Age Trust is due to publish a new model constitution shortly and we shall use this as a basis for reviewing our own constitution.
5. We will construct a forward financial plan for 2011-2012 which will reduce the capital reserve to a safe level.
6. Having recently revised our financial control policy, we shall roll out and then evaluate the new arrangements.

Internal Communications

1. LINKS is currently U3A's main method of communication and will continue to be produced and distributed six times a year.
2. Since 65% of members now have an e-mail address we shall consider using this in order to reduce postage costs, without disadvantaging those who are not on-line.
3. The website will be maintained and the potential for on-line communication will be explored (in addition to the volunteering questionnaire which is already up and running).
4. The technical possibility of renewing subscriptions via the website will be explored.

External Publicity

1. We shall continue to attract new members via leaflets in libraries, talks to pre-retirement courses, stands at various community events, and targeted outreach activity.
2. We shall use the World War Two Project (see below) as a way of involving potential members from areas where SU3A is under-represented.
3. The Initial Enquiries Officer will continue to signpost enquirers to the next Drop-In session, where volunteers will provide a friendly welcome.
4. In view of the steady decline in alternative forms of adult education (notably WEA), we will strengthen the message about SU3A's approach – i.e. informal, self-help learning in a social setting as opposed to formal instruction from a paid tutor.

Support for Group Activities

1. We shall continue the established pattern of two coordinators' meetings per annum and encourage coordinators in 'family groupings' to liaise for mutual benefit.
2. We shall continue with the current format for new members' meetings (new members being those who have joined within the past six months), using a high level of input from committee members, coordinators and other members in order to stimulate discussion, make new members feel welcome and maximise the opportunity for setting up new groups.
3. We shall continue to seek free or low-cost, accessible venues for group meetings

Inter-Group Activities

The overall objective is to generate more opportunities for members to make new friends from other groups and for new members to feel part of the SU3A movement as a whole.

1. We shall continue the Drop-Ins on the first Tuesday of the month.
2. We shall evaluate the six-month trial of the new lecture series in May
3. The biannual Lunch and Lectures will continue under the leadership of Brian and Doreen Bezant, with Vera Dyer as Treasurer.
4. Work will continue on the World War Two Project with the aim of involving a minimum of 20 members whose stories will be written up. We shall bid for funding to cover the cost of producing a booklet/materials for use in schools.
5. We shall explore the level of interest for social/learning activities held at weekends.

Intergenerational Activity

There are now huge challenges facing young people as they prepare for their working lives. For those members who are keen to retain links with education or who would like to 'give something back':

1. We shall continue to act as a conduit to the Reading Volunteers scheme.
2. We shall also consider the potential for members to help with Maths or Science, as mentors; or in other ways, for example through replicating the Tapton drama project.

Research

1. We shall maintain, and where possible extend, our links with both universities
2. We shall continue to advertise opportunities for members to become involved with research
3. Where members or groups of members require support for their own research we shall facilitate contact with the relevant university department.

Planning for SU3A's Silver Jubilee

We shall continue to plan for a year of celebration in 2011, to include:

- A Civic Reception in January
- A Jubilee day in June
- Publication of a sequel to 'SU3A - The Story So Far'

And possibly:

- Tree-planting in November 2011
- A commemorative gift to the city and/or the Peak District National Park

Networking

1. We shall continue to support the new regional committee for Yorkshire and the Humber – YAHR.
2. We shall explore the potential for international links.

SU3A Committee
March 2010