

From the Exec

Renewals There will be a further opportunity to renew your membership, if you have not already done so at our May Monthly Meeting on Weds 13th May. If you would like help to renew online, please bring your tablet/smart phone or laptop, otherwise a cheque payable to Dronfield & District u3a or if absolutely necessary the correct cash in a named envelope (£10 standard or £14.20 including the magazine).

Situations Vacant Further to several key people standing down over the last month, it will come as no surprise to hear that we **urgently need** to recruit

- A new **Membership Secretary**. Although the post holder would ideally be a Trustee, the work could be done by a non-Trustee. It's a lovely 'people job', you'd need to be quite computer literate but training will be given and a current member of the Exec would act as a Mentor for the first few months. It could also be a job-share, if you can encourage someone else to step up with you.
- **General Trustees** Being a Trustee gives you an opportunity to have your say and make a positive difference in the life of our u3a. New people with new ideas are needed to keep us legally compliant and ensuring that DDU3a is carrying out the purpose for which it was set up according to the Principles of the Third Age Trust.
- A competent person to **audit our accounts**. This is a one-off annual job which needn't be onerous. The postholder must be independent ie. not a DDU3a Trustee or member of the Finance Sub Committee. No qualification needed, just a head for figures/accounting.
- Members to join our **Finance Sub-Committee**. No experience needed, just a willingness to serve and an interest in how our organisation works. 4 meetings/year.
- In addition, our **Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Groups Manager** will all have completed their maximum term of office by the AGM in October and need replacing.

Can **YOU** help? Please don't just expect someone else to volunteer and please don't wait until the last minute to express an interest. u3a membership is not just about what the organisation can offer you, it's also what can you do for the organisation.

Volunteering can be rewarding (non-financially), give you a sense of belonging, increase your confidence and you WILL be supported. We are a body, a family and need more people to step up in one way or another if DDU3a is to continue. Please contact our Secretary, [Karen Grad](#) who will be able to provide you with further details and suggest you come along to a Committee Meeting to see how things work.

NB. If we don't have people offering to fill the Officer roles of Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and recruit more General Trustees when nominations are needed in July, DDU3a is seriously at risk of CLOSING.

Storage Space Would you per chance have somewhere you would be happy for us to store some of our u3a equipment, a spare room or a garage/shed maybe? There are a couple of largish items but all pack down very neatly; a gazebo, our Christmas tree a couple of display boards, some folding tables and a box or two of publicity materials used at Events. If so, please contact [Terry Goodyear](#) or phone 01246 900201. Exact sizes can be given if that helps.

FROM THE THIRD AGE TRUST (TAT)

- Please note you are now able to read the highlights of the latest issue of the u3a Matters magazine online. Click [here](#) to read the Spring digital issue.
- TAT has been contacted by Surrey and Sussex police about a serious fraud which is targeting people associated with charities for older people. It seems fraudsters are using information available on the Charity Commission website to contact people. They have then been persuading them there is an issue with their bank account. Banks and the police will never ask you to move money. Read about spotting fraud on the government [Stop Think Fraud website](#).

Useful Links

- [Latest Notices](#)
- [Monthly Meetings and Coffee Mornings](#)
- [Interest Groups](#)
- [Trips and Visits](#)
- [Our Contact details](#)