



PRINCIPLES OF U3A

According to the U3A Network and based on the philosophy of UK co-founder of the U3A movement, Dr Peter Laslett

- To provide affordable learning opportunities for older people, using the skills and abilities of the members themselves.
- Those who learn shall teach and those who teach shall learn, and there shall be no distinction between the two.
- There shall be no qualifications for membership, and no awards, degrees or diplomas shall be given.
- The emphasis shall be on learning for the love of it, and shall include an emphasis on the values of making things and on improving skills of all kinds.
- Learning shall take place in a friendly, supportive, social environment.
- Those joining a U3A shall pay for its upkeep.
- There shall be no payment to any person (member or non-member) for teaching or providing a service to members except in the case of reimbursement for such expenses as travel, photocopying, etc.
- The curriculum of a U3A shall be determined by the needs/preferences of members and according to the resources available to it.
- To be at all times non-political and non-sectarian in our approach.