

U3A LEEDS - BULLETIN NO5 - APRIL, 2018

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The **U3A Leeds' AGM** will take place on Tuesday, 22nd May, 2018 at Moor Allerton Sports & Social Centre, Stonegate Road, Leeds, LS17 5EL, starting at 2.00pm. There is no admission charge but a voluntary donation may be made with all monies going to St Gemma's Hospice.

Nominations are sought from members wishing to join the U3A Leeds committee and relevant forms are available from the Secretary, 14 Stainburn Crescent, Leeds LS17 6NF elainehazell939@gmail.com.

Resolution forms are also available from the Secretary and all completed forms must be returned to her by no later than **3.00pm on Tuesday, 15th May, 2018**

GENERAL MEETINGS: Tuesday 24th April is to be a **Quiz & Social**. A speaker has now been confirmed for **Tuesday, 17th July** when Henry Irving will be giving a talk entitled '*Any Old Iron - WW2, Recycling on the Home Front*'

CINEMA CLUB Do you like to go to the cinema but have no one to go with? Sylvia Crosland & Anne Smith run the U3A Leeds Cinema Club and they would like to hear from you. Ring on 0113 232 6626 or 0113 269 6725.

GENIUS OF PHOTOGRAPHY group meets at H.E.A.R.T. on the 2nd Wednesday of the month 11am - 12.30pm. Interested? Contact Val Kay on 0113 266 9666 for more information.

PHILOSOPHY CLUB meeting 7pm Monday, 21st May at Inkwell Arts Cafe, Potternewton Lane, Leeds, LS7 3LW has a talk by Richard Chambers - subject 'Adam Smith'. Contact Valerie Kaye on 07709 330727 or by e-mailing valkaye46@gmail.com for more details.

TABLE TENNIS, YMCA LAWNSWOOD, Tuesdays 3.15-4.55m
Just to let you know that the contact person is no longer John Welling but Jenny Farley on 0773 8891263.

LEEDS CYCLING CAMPAIGN - TUESDAY MORNING CYCLE RIDES: contact Rob Pearson
rob.pearson@virgin.net

VOLUNTARY WORK IN LEEDS - CIVIL AND FAMILY COURTS, CORE VOLUNTEERS, PERSONAL SUPPORT UNIT (PSU) is struggling to find enough volunteers. Are you looking to volunteer and are seeking a worthwhile cause? The organisation, **Personal Support Unit (PSU)** helps people who might once have accessed legal aid to prepare to represent themselves in the civil courts, often in cases which risk loss of access to children, homelessness and bankruptcy. You do not need a legal background because the organisation does not give legal advice but you do need to like working with people: helping them to complete forms, articulate clearly what they want and help them to draw their evidence together. The PSU is looking to recruit core volunteers, who will likely stay longer than 12 months. The time commitment is 2 days per month (or more). If anyone is interested or knows of anyone who might be interested, they should email Hayley Dodd at Leeds@thepsu.org.uk to apply directly or arrange to have a telephone call about the opportunity: More info can be found on the PSU website: <https://www.thepsu.org>

ARE YOU COMING UP TO YOUR 74TH BIRTHDAY?

APPLYING FOR AN OVER 75 TV LICENCE AT 74

It will make things simpler if you apply for an over 75 TV Licence after your 74th birthday.

As a 74-year old, you can get a short-term TV Licence to cover you until your 75th birthday. This lets you pay only for the months you have left until you turn 75.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS

Your current TV Licence is likely to expire some time after your 74th birthday.

- ❖ So, when your current licence expires, there will be less than 12 months until your 75th birthday.
- ❖ That means you don't need a TV Licence for another 12 months.
- ❖ So, you need a short-term licence to cover you until your 75th birthday. From then on, you will have a free over 75 TV Licence.
- ❖ If you paid for your existing TV Licence in one annual payment, please only apply for your free over 75 TV Licence in the month that your existing licence expires.
- ❖ For more information, see our [FAQ section](#). If you pay using a payment card, please call 0300 555 0286* so we can tell you what to do next.

PLEASE DON'T CANCEL YOUR DIRECT DEBIT.

Once we've sent you confirmation of your over 75 TV Licence, we will cancel your Direct Debit for you.

WHAT YOU NEED TO APPLY FOR A FREE OVER 75 TV LICENCE

- ❖ Your date of birth
- ❖ National Insurance number
- ❖ Name and address including postcode
- ❖ Current TV Licence number

WANTED: SCHOOL GOVERNORS, COULD IT BE YOU? INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE GOVERNORS

Across the city there are thousands of members of our community helping to support school leadership teams by volunteering their time and expertise as school governors - but what is it about the role which encourages so many committed volunteers to apply?

U3A NATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOLS 2018

- 1. 23 to 26 July At Harper Adams University, Newport, Shropshire.**
Subjects: Crosswords, France, Garden History, Literature/Philosophy, Mathematics. Opera, Playing Ukulele, Playing Recorder, Spanish History.
- 2. Tuesday 11 To Friday 14 September At Royal Agricultural University, Cirencester.**
Subjects: Art History, Music, Creative Writing, Drama, English Poetry, History, Linguistics, Language, Musicals, Singing.

Residential £325.00

Day delegate £110.00, Details available e-mail summer-schools.u3a.org.uk or call National Office on 020 8466 6139

MAKING A DIFFERENCE: *All schools have a Board of Governors that provides strategic leadership. It is responsible for driving up standards, ensuring money is well spent and the strategic vision. Being a school governor is a fantastic opportunity to have an impact on education and positively influence children's lives.*

THE PURPOSE OF GOVERNANCE : All boards, no matter what type of schools or how many schools they govern, have three core functions:

1. **Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;**
2. **Holding executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils, and the performance management of staff; and**
3. **Overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and making sure its money is well spent.**

[The Governance Handbook](#) (January 2017)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/governance-handbook>

KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS:

EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE *Effective governance provides strategic direction and control to schools, academies and Multi-Academy Trusts (MATs). It creates robust accountability, oversight and assurance for their educational and financial performance and is ambitious for all children and young people to achieve the very best outcomes.'*

[A Competency Framework for Governors](#) (January 2017)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/governance-handbook>

SKILLS AND EFFECTIVE BEHAVIOURS: The Department for Education's Competency Framework lists the following skills and behaviours as being required for effectiveness in setting the strategic direction of the organisation, planning and prioritising, monitoring progress and managing change:

- thinks strategically and contributes to the development of the organisation's strategy can articulate the organisation's strategic priorities (and where appropriate, charitable objects) and explain how these inform goals

EVENT - THE PSYCHOLOGY OF AGEING

The School of Psychology at the University of Leeds is hosting an informative and interactive event showcasing research on the Psychology of Ageing. We are inviting older adults (65+ yrs) to attend the open day, held on Thursday the 10th of May 2018, commencing at 10am and finishing around 4pm (the days schedule is below). Event entry is free with tea/coffee and lunch provided (if any visitors have specific dietary requirements, please email: m.r.burke@leeds.ac.uk).

To register for this event, follow this link (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/psychology-of-ageing-open-day-tickets-45335767501>; password is ageing) or alternatively email: m.r.burke@leeds.ac.uk.

NEW GROUPS

Two new groups are seeking members to join them. Our current RUMMIKUB Group has proved so popular that there is no longer space for anyone wanting to join. One of our members has offered to start up a **RUMMIKUB 2** group and is looking for others wanting to join. Don't worry if you don't yet know how to play if you can play the card game Rummy you're more than half way towards learning this fascinating game. Think you'd like to join? Just telephone us on 07552 448834 and leave your name and contact details and we will pass them on.

We do not have a **MAHJONG** group yet but we do have someone willing to start one up. Would you like to join? Telephone 07552 448834 and leave your name and contact details and we'll get back to you.

Watch this space for further news and if you have an idea for a new group you'd like to run, don't keep it to yourself, talk to a committee member about helping you to get started - don't be shy, give it a try



HOW TO CONTACT

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******STOP PRESS - EXTRA GENERAL MEETING IN AUGUST 2018 - STOP PRESS******

In past years U3A Tuesday General meetings have not been held throughout the whole of August. The Committee has decided that this was too long a break for some members so 2018 will be different because **THERE IS TO BE A MEETING ON TUESDAY, 14TH AUGUST SO DON'T FORGET TO MAKE A NOTE IN YOUR DIARY**