

**LRU3A – TREASURERS’ PEER SUPPORT GROUP**  
**MEETING – 28<sup>th</sup> January, 16.00, on Zoom**

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**ATTENDEES:**

No	u3a NAME	REP NAME	Att	Apol
1	Abbeywood & Thamesmead	Pat Stratful		
2	Barnet	Brian Lipman Johannah Fischer Sarah Beamont		
3	Beckenham	Lynne Edwards (LE)		
4	Bexley	Luigi Lipparelli		
5	Bromley	Jon Pearce		
6	Crouch End & District	Peter Stachniewski		
7	Croydon	Paul Smith		
8	Dagenham	Jan Mortimer		
9	Dulwich & District	Ruth Colvin		
10	Ealing	Liz Major	1	
11	Enfield	Joan Williams Jean Poyser		
12	Hackney	Annie Nehmad		
13	Hammersmith and Fulham	Graham Tigg Derek Hodd		
14	HGS	Simon Freeman (SF)	1	
15	Harrow	Krutsna Buddhdev	1	
16	Havering	Graham Lyons		
17	Hillingdon	Richard Fremantle (RF)	1	
18	Hounslow	Rob Woods		
19	Islington	Robert Tench Derek Harwood (DH)	1 1	
20	Kenton & District	John Bishop		
21	Kingston	Helen Brett (HB)		1
22	London SE	Tim Crossley		
23	Merton	David Drummond	1	
24	Mill Hill	Warren Starr		
25	North London	Roy Seger		
26	Northwood & District	Alan Morris		
27	Norwood	Judith Foscett Lindi Kibbey (LK)	1	1
28	Orpington	Bob Browne (BB)		1
29	Palmers Green & District	Howard Strudwick		
30	Redbridge	Maurice Neiberg Stuart Wallman (SW)		1
31	Richmond upon Thames	John Cardwell Carole Fletcher		
32	Sidcup	Georgina Self	1	
33	Stanmore District	Martin Carr		
34	Sutton & District	Chris McCarthy		
35	Tower Hamlets	Dymphna Dale		
36	u3a in London	Anthony Sober		
37	Upminster	Malcolm Henderson-Begg		
38	Waltham Forest	Christine Sherret	1	
39	Wandsworth	Lynne Jones (L J)	1	
40	Wanstead & Woodford	Diane Conway		
41	Welling	Irene Michell	1	



## AGENDA:

1. Previous Actions
2. Gift Aid update
3. Anything else / open discussion / AOB
4. Next meeting date

## SUBJECTS:

1. **Previous Actions:** No previous outstanding actions.
2. **Gift Aid Dispute (Trust vs HMRC):** Background - The Third Age Trust has now placed a contract with Haysmacintyre (previous auditors) to represent them in this dispute process with HMRC. Our first letter stating our case (that all expenditures/ membership subscriptions) which support the u3a's Constitutional Object clause (ie everything) should be claimable. Previous guidance was that any 'personal benefit' expenditure should be subtracted from the claimed total, had been submitted to HMRC. They replied 14/10/24. Not very useful..... Our second letter to them was submitted last week (22/1/25) and asked for a meeting.  
General discussion re the spectrum of 'Fully Inclusive' type subscriptions to 'Pay As You Go' and way in between. Hence what should be subtracted (as a 'personal' benefit) or not.  
Until resolved u3as should carry on as they have been doing. The national guidance is: Gift Aid Guidance (which is based on HMRC previous written guidance to us).  
u3as were asked not to engage individually with HMRC but to let the overall Trust's submission proceed.
3. **National Treasurers Forum:** DH recommended Treasurers to utilise the national wide 'forum' (or Peer Group) for all u3a Treasurers. This includes a Facebook account for u3a Treasures. The second part a (3 month) Zoom session has now also been launched. To sign up contact Sue Russell at [sue.russell@u3a.org.uk](mailto:sue.russell@u3a.org.uk)
4. **Open Discussions, 'Cash Book vs Accruals'** : general discussion on this topic. Most use a cash book style, but with some accruals for major items. Beacon is on a Cash Book basis. Some preferred Excel. Some asked for a copy of the standard Excel Workbook template. DH to action.
5. **Open Discussions, 'Record Keeping Period'**: confirmed that this is 7 years. This does include Gift Aid Declarations. Signatures are not required on Gift Aid forms (or within Beacon).
6. **Open Discussions, 'National Treasurers Newsletters'**: these were issued from the national office, to all Treasurers register through the [Committee Details Portal](#) Query raised if Associate Treasurer can be added to the portal? DH to check.
7. **Topics for next Meeting:** DH asked that ideas be submitted, but also advised that if there are any problems arising, or any queries in the interim, these be sent to DH at any time.

**Actions arising:** 1) send out the developed 'standard' Excel Workbook for Accounts; 2) check if 'Associate Treasurer' data field can be added to NetSuite to allow, through the 'portal' contact details to be added, for national 'Treasurer' communications. Both actioned by DH.

**Next Meeting(s):** meetings will be, every 3 months generally on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month, at 4.00pm. The next meeting is **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025, 4.00pm.**

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<https://lru3a.u3asite.uk/peer-support/>