

## **LRU3A DELEGATES MEETING, JULY**

### **APPENDIX 1 - REPORTS:**

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS:**

##### **Chair's Report - Val Girling**

Fuller verbal report to be given on the day.

Progress since last meeting March to July 2026:

##### **Visits to u3as:**

- Abbeywood Friday March 20th EC Meeting 10 - 12
- Hackney Tuesday April 7<sup>th</sup> EC Meeting 10.30 – 12.30
- W & W meeting Loughton May 12<sup>th</sup> 2-4pm
- Norwood June 3<sup>rd</sup> 11- 12.30
- Hillingdon June 8<sup>th</sup> 9.30-12.30 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration event

##### **Planned visits:**

- Hammersmith & Fulham July 7th Committee Meeting 11am
- Northwood u3a July 9th Committee Meeting 11am

##### **Web Manager - Derek Harwood**

Ongoing update of website including July Walks and Talks programme.

Ongoing review and update of all our Shared Practice Guides (with Neville). Big job!

Planning annual Table Tennis Turnout event. So far 20 signed up for it. Will be held at 'Bounce' Battersea this year. 10 London u3as taking part.

Completed delivery of our (LRU3A) IT Skills Training programme with AbilityNet. Our 6th programme now, and our biggest in attendance. Over 3 Fridays we delivered training to this number of members:

- Friday 29th May = 36 + 39 = 75 (AI)
- Friday 5th June = 38 + 29 = 67 (Confidence with Your Device)
- Friday 12th June = 30 + 17 = 47 (Internet Search)
- Total = 189 training sessions delivered

##### **Treasurer's Report- John Bent**

Third Quarter Report: we've seen a drop in our income this year compared to last year. Last year was exceptional with extra income from a variety of forms of grants. All our income to date this year is from ticket sales of our Walks and Talks programme.

However our expenditure is also lower this year with less costs for Events. We've also rationalise our Zoom licences to lower those costs.

Overall for this year to date, we have a surplus. Which, added to brought forward surplus means we have healthy finances. Details accounts follow:

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## Treasurer's Report- John Bent

### London Region of u3as Income and Expenditure 01.09.25 to 30.06.26

#### Income

Events Net of Paypal fees	<b>£13,913.44</b>
	<b>£0.00</b>
	<b>£0.00</b>
	<b>£0.00</b>
	<b>£0.00</b>
Bank Interest	<b>£33.75</b>

Income Total **£13,947.19**

Less

#### Expenditure

Walks & Visits	<b>£6,665.20</b>
Music Day	<b>£3,250.00</b>
AGM	<b>£456.30</b>
Delegates & chairs Meetings	<b>£1,383.99</b>

Zoom Licence & Wufoo	<b>£534.58</b>
Bank Charges	<b>£0.00</b>
Misc	<b>310.55</b>
Expenditure Total	<b>£12,600.62</b>

Surplus/-Deficit 23/24	<b>£1,346.57</b>
Surplus B/fwd	<b>£12,678.89</b>
Net Surplus / -Deficit	<b>£14,025.46</b>

### London Region of u3as Income and Expenditure 01.09.24 to 31.08.25

#### Income

Events Net of Paypal fees	£19,109.23
Wellness Day	£1,312.00
CAF Grant	£500.00
Grant Dagenham u3a	£750.00
Zoom Licence LRT TAT Bgt	£719.88
Bank Interest	£40.59

Income Total **£22,431.70**

Less

#### Expenditure

Walks & Visits	£15,471.20
Wellness Day	£1,053.65
AGM	£469.20
Delegates & chairs Meetings	£1,370.90

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Zoom Licence	£1,176.03
Bank Charges	£60.00
Misc (Equipt)	£0.00
Expenditure Total	<b>£19,600.98</b>

Surplus/-Deficit 23/24	£2,830.72
Surplus B/fwd	£9,848.17
Net Surplus / -Deficit	<b>£12,678.89</b>

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London Region of u3as  
Balance Sheet  
30.06.26

Assets	
Bank	<b>£12,950.66</b>
Paypal	<b>£1,074.90</b>
Debtors	
Prepaid Cost	<b>£0.00</b>
Creditors	
Net Assets	<b>£14,025.56</b>

London Region of u3as  
Balance Sheet  
at 31.08.25

Assets	
Bank	£13,771.68
Paypal	£1,265.19
Debtors	
Debtors	£369.60
Prepaid	£168.00
Creditors	
Prepaid Autumn Walks	<b>-£2,895.48</b>
Net Assets	<b>£12,678.99</b>

### **Peer Support Groups:**

#### **Web Managers PSG - Derek Harwood**

One meeting held since last report. Various topics covered including Siteworks, Calendar, alias email accounts, web analytics, etc.

#### **Treasurers PSG - Derek Harwood**

One meeting since last report. Discussed new SORP requirements, work on standard Charity Commission submission samples, etc.

#### **Public Relations PSG (vacant):**

In abeyance as no Coordinator. **Any volunteer to re-start this PSG?**

#### **Chairs Forum / PSG:**

Annual face to face reported at last Delegates meeting. Some ongoing 'chat' on the Chairs WhatsApp group.

### **Events Team Report- Rikki Wallman**

The events team are now in the process of arranging several more walks and gallery visits in September and early October. Due to the success of the Christmas lights walk in 2025 more of a similar nature will be planned this year. The ever popular Brandenburg Christmas concert will be 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2026; ticket prices remain at £27.00.

A majority of our members book these walks and gallery visits from direct communication from LRU3A but also from your newsletters/monthly meetings. Please continue to spread the word and advertise, especially to new members who are not on the direct mailing.

I would please ask when you publicise these sessions to ensure all the information is cascaded. I get so many enquiries for sessions that are not yet launched or asking the events team to book and reserve on member's behalf, which we cannot do.

All details can always be found here [Events - London Region of u3as Network](#)

### **Communications – Rikki Wallman**

Mailshots continue to be issued through Mailchimp, these contain information about delegates meeting with relevance to chairs and delegates. There are mailshots which we ask you to cascade to your members. It has been noted that these Mailshots are not being opened and so, going forward, a duplicate Mailshot will be sent out a few days later only to those that haven't opened the initial one. So please do open your message from LRU3A as they contain information for you and your members

### **Membership Secretary – Rikki Wallman**

Could all chairs/secretaries remember to send an up to date list of committee members to [mailchimpadvisor.londonregionu3a@gmail.com](mailto:mailchimpadvisor.londonregionu3a@gmail.com) . This is not the same as using the national u3a portal, we have two different databases and cannot share the information due to GDPR.

In some cases I have to send 3 or 4 emails to get this information, therefore communications can be going to the wrong person. So please send this once you have had your AGM and include members who have left the committee. Chasing 43 u3as for their details is very time consuming for me and frustrating for recipients who are no longer involved with your u3a.

### **EDI Coordinator – Jane Fisher**

Ongoing support to all u3as in creation of their own EDI Policy or understanding how to apply it continues.

### **London Council Representatives Report - Jenny Wilson & Chris Bulford**

London u3as continue to be visited by invitation - we are very happy to do this - to celebrate, advise, talk at meetings and to members. Jenny attended the second u3a Festival in York for the 3 days representing the Council and talking to many members about all things u3a - concerns for the future of the movement, raising national awareness and generating local publicity among others. Top of the list was always concerns about recruiting committee members and Group leaders. It was very useful to spend time with Council Reps from other regions and Board Members so we have common goals. There were over 1,000 u3a members attending over the 3 days with 190 activities to take part in.

On Wednesday 8th July Council Reps, Board members and some members of the paid staff will be in Manchester for the day for Strategy Planning. We will share the results asap. The new Head of Marketing, Sam Dukes, who was at the Chairs' Networking Day in February, was at York. I am impressed with his work so far on raising the national profile of the movement.

The u3a Council has continued to develop its working relationship with the Third Age Trust (TAT). Given that the Council has only been in existence for just over a year, this will take time. Its key role is raising and liaising with TAT on issues that u3as, including all those in London, want TAT to consider. So, it is really useful if you would report back to your u3a that this facility is available now to use.

The issue which always comes top of what most u3as are concerned about is recruiting to Committees. Therefore the Council is focussing on this and working towards TAT creating a clear, comprehensive focal point on the TAT website specifically to assist u3as address this

issue. In addition a review is currently underway of the material put on the website to make it simpler, easy to follow and up to date.

So do let us know views and suggestions you have on this and any other matter using our emails addresses.

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