

Welcome to Radcliffe-on-Trent u3a. If you have any questions about our application process, please contact our Membership Secretary: Tel: **07913 633821** or email **members@rot-u3a.org.uk**.

New Members

Please complete and sign 1) both pages of the attached Membership Application Form and if applicable 2) the Gift Aid declaration form. Bring the completed form(s), together with your payment, to one of our monthly u3a meetings or send them to:

The Membership Secretary, Radcliffe on Trent u3a, 6 Morton Close, Radcliffe-on-Trent, NG12 2JE

Cheques should be payable to 'Radcliffe on Trent U3A'. Please do not send cash by post. Alternatively you can pay directly into our bank account - NatWest , 60-02-41, 69158886, Radcliffe on Trent u3a. **If you choose direct bank payment you must still send in the completed Application Forms.**

About Our Membership For 2023/24

The annual membership fee is £20 and our renewal date is 1st March each year.

If you join in January to August the fee is £20 (Jan/Feb are free).

If you join in September to December, the fee is reduced to £10.

If you are a member of another u3a the Membership fee is £16.00 / £8.

The subscription covers the running costs of our own u3a plus the Third Age Trust's annual subscription of £3.50 which provides a wide range of services and benefits, including liability insurance cover.

Members may choose to receive Third Age Matters (TAM), the national u3a magazine. TAM is posted direct to members' home addresses five times a year. Joint members only receive one copy of TAM.

If you are a UK taxpayer there is the option to Gift Aid your annual subscription

In addition to the annual subscription, members may have to pay additional charges to cover the running costs of the groups to which they belong, for example, to cover meeting room hire, refreshments, specialist equipment, visit tickets etc. The groups themselves control these charges.

Further Information

Our News Sheet will be emailed to you once a month (except August) or posted if you have no email address. These News Sheets are also on our website rot-u3a.org.uk where you may find out more information, read the latest news, contact Group Leaders, etc.

Principles Of The u3a Movement from the u3a national website <https://www.u3a.org.uk/about/vision>

The Third Age Principle

- Membership of a u3a is open to all in their third age, which is defined not by a particular age but by a period in life in which full time employment has ceased.
- Members promote the values of lifelong learning and the positive attributes of belonging to a u3a.
- Members should do all they can to ensure that people wanting to join a u3a can do so.

The Self-help Learning Principle

- Members form interest groups covering as wide a range of topics and activities as they desire; by the members, for the members.
- No qualifications are sought or offered. Learning is for its own sake, with enjoyment being the prime motive, not qualifications or awards.
- There is no distinction between the learners and the teachers; they are all u3amembers.

The Mutual Aid Principle

- Each u3a is a mutual aid organisation, operationally independent but a member of The Third Age Trust, which requires adherence to the [guiding principles of the u3a movement](#).
- No payments are made to members for services rendered to any u3a.
- Each u3a is self-funded with membership subscriptions and costs kept as low as possible.

- Outside financial assistance should only be sought if it does not imperil the integrity of the u3a movement.