

Terms of Membership of the Third Age Trust

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2. Introduction

2.1. Purpose

This is the declaration made by each u3a which governs their relationship with the Trust.

2.2. Scope

Relevant to all u3as.

3. Terms of membership of the Third Age Trust

This is the declaration made by each U3A which governs their relationship with the Third Age Trust. No organisation can now be started which calls itself a U3A, and no U3A currently registered with the Trust can continue to use the term U3A or the U3A logo unless it continues to be a member of the Trust and abides by the following declaration.

We agree to the following terms of membership:

- To follow the principles of the U3A movement.
- To operate in accordance with our written constitution, which must follow a model constitution, provided by the Trust which is agreed with the regulatory authorities. Any amendments to the model, at any time, must be cleared in advance with the Trust, prior to its presentation to the members at a General Meeting. All U3As are deemed to have objectives that are aligned to the charitable purpose of the U3A movement.
- To send a copy of our constitution to the National Office, once it has been accepted by our members at the first AGM and subsequently whenever amendments have been agreed.
- To abide by the legal requirements and recommendations of the Charity Commission in England and Wales or the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator or the Northern Ireland Charity Commission or other regulatory authorities as applicable.
- To pay the stated membership subscription for membership of the Trust.
- To accept the Articles of Association of the Trust and act in accordance with them and any resolution passed at a General Meeting of the Trust.
- To complete an Annual Return and provide other details to the National Office as may be requested from time to time.

- To conform to the rules regarding the use of the U3A name and logo which are registered trademarks and must only be used with the Trust's permission.
- To encourage and assist in every way possible, the formation of new U3As in neighbouring areas.
- To inform the Trust if we are not able to accept new members, so that steps can be taken to ensure U3A membership is available to all third agers who want it.
- Although independently managed we will not act in a way which brings the U3A movement into disrepute. Should this happen, the Trust has the right to intervene with the ultimate penalty being a termination of membership.
- Should we cease at any time and for any reason to be a member of The Third Age Trust, we would not continue using the U3A name and logo as these are both protected, having been registered in accordance with Schedule 3 of the 1994 Trade Marks Act.

1.3. Related documentation

U3A-KMS-DOC-005 Charity Registration

U3A-KMS-DOC-012 Guiding principles - coming soon

U3A-KMS-DOC-015 Committee Meetings and Minutes

U3A-KMS-DOC-030 Trustee Code of Conduct (England and Wales)

U3A-KMS-DOC-031 Trustee responsibilities

U3A-KMS-DOC-035 Model Constitution - England and Wales

U3A-KMS-DOC-047 Model Constitution - Scotland - coming soon

U3A-KMS-DOC-048 Model Constitution - Northern Ireland - coming soon

U3A-KMS-DOC-060 Trustee Code of Conduct (Northern Ireland)

U3A-KMS-DOC-061 Trustee Code of Conduct (Scotland Unregistered)

U3A-KMS-DOC-062 Trustee Code of Conduct (Scotland Registered)

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