

Operating Principles to Consider

Venues

To facilitate access for members, it has been advisable, historically, to use town centre.

venues but recent changes in Local Authority policy and the closure of some central venues by the owners, has meant that some of our once-favoured venues are no longer available.

However, there are suitable rooms still available at The Hub in Bold Street (Council run), at St George's & St Andrew's United Reform Church and Friends' Meeting House. The Committee is always keen to hear of other potentially suitable venues that we can use at a reasonable cost and if you do know of such a venue, please contact the Venues Co-ordinator, Steve Brown, whose details are to be found on the Contact List. Of course, it may be possible for a Group to meet at the home of the Group Leader or at the home of a group member.

Insurance cover

An 'All Risks' policy, taken out through the TAT, is in place covering all U3A equipment wherever it is in use in the UK. There is also Public Liability insurance in place up to a limit of £10,000,000 on any one claim which indemnifies all Group Leaders, individual members, as well as the parent u3a.

in the event of a claim for injury &/or loss/damage to property occurring during an activity organised as part of a u3a activity, wherever that activity occurs in the UK, TAT recommends that all u3a's should keep a log of accidents/medical or other incidents which may occur during a Group's activities (see specimens at end of Handbook).

Any completed report should be submitted to the Committee, via the GLC, for it to be dealt with appropriately.

There are also Public Performance and Copyright Licences in force to allow for playing of recordings and photocopying of documents, should this be necessary.

U3A Matters, formerly called Third Age Matters (TAM)

All members may opt to subscribe to get the 6 copies a year of the national magazine, U3A Matters

Group Leaders are encouraged to register for assistance on the national u3a website (www.u3a.org.uk), via the resource centre.