

Regional Trustee Report to NIREC January 2018

1) Third Age Trust

NEC meeting 6-7th Dec 2017

Discussions included;

- The Third Age constitution – report from Graham Clark, Ian Mc Cannagh & Sam Mauger
- Communicating change to the members
- The Model Constitution 2018
- Investing in Beacon
- Update on EGM in Birmingham 21st March 2018
Booking is now open / proxy voting is available
- TAM and Sources – working group update - submissions to the survey online or in the winter issue of TAM are acceptable until Jan 31st

Troubleshooting Workshop 10th January 2018

Trustees participated in a “Facilitated Conversation “ in London.

Time was spent practising and managing difficult conversations, meetings etc.

2) NIREC

Gabrielle Deans, NIREC secretary, attended the first Network Links meeting with myself on Nov 21st in London.

42 out of 70 U3As were represented. Those attending affirmed that they wish to be named the “Network Link” and that they wished the next meeting to be in London.

It was confirmed that one delegate per network would attend.

The next meeting will be held in the same location on May 1st.

Devoted Service Certificate Presentation

Lila Jackson, Ann Hayes and myself travelled to East Antrim's monthly meeting to surprise and present Margaret Franklin with her well-deserved honour.

3) Regional Volunteer Report Summary

There was increased attendance at the second training day 27th Oct, for members interested in volunteering. This was again led by Sam Mauger in Belfast. A follow up will take place in London on 28th Feb 2018

An updated Volunteer Policy is being undertaken by Sam Mauger.

4) Keeping it Legal

Workshops to be held in Leeds on 13th February & in Leatherhead in Surrey on 5th April.

These are pilot days led by industry experts that have been designed to support each U3A to fulfil the requirements as committee members and charity trustees.

Each workshop day will cover

- General Data Protection Regulations
- Safeguarding
- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion
- Insurance

Bursaries are available for U3As with limited reserves who wish to send members.

Funding for prospective volunteers to attend National Workshops is also available.

5) Other

A request from Causeway's Culture Club's convenor, Jerry Sayers, to develop links with N.Ireland Opera was praised by Sam Mauger who felt that reduced rates for U3As was acceptable if offered.