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FAO All U3A Chairmen, Secretaries, Treasurers, Committee Members

By now you will have seen the communication from the Third Age Trust (Keeping it Legal) about the two information workshops planned for Leeds (Feb 13th) and Leatherhead, Surrey (April 5th)

These two events are pilots and if successful may be repeated in other venues.

It has already been pointed out to the National Office that it makes more economic sense for 1-2 persons to come to Northern Ireland to address 30 + members than the other way about; the chances of one member from each of the 25 U3As here travelling to Leeds are poor, in spite of there being some financial aid to smaller U3As.

Our Regional Trustee will be attending the event on 13th Feb in Leeds; she has agreed to repeat the request for a workshop to be held in NI, Belfast being the most suitable venue for most members.

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is a **legal** requirement for all registered charities. There is no choice: you must comply with the GDPR when it becomes **law** in May 2018

Any meeting/workshop organised by the NI Region Executive Committee (NIREC) needs to be attended by those members dealing with your records which hold personal details - eg Secretary, Membership Secretary, Group Leader

NB Please note that a member of NIREC is not your representative at any workshop/information seminar or other meeting arranged by NIREC.

In the meantime, until there is something more concrete to communicate, you may find the information from our NI Office re GDPR on the following website: www.ni@ico.org.uk – Charities: Click on **Charity**, and scroll down to the five points. The 12 step preparation document looks daunting but the graphic overview simplifies it somewhat.

I hope you will find the information useful.

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