

Northern Ireland Regional Executive Committee

**Minutes of the meeting held on 7th March 2018 at 1 30pm
in Grosvenor House, Belfast**

AGENDA

- 1) Apologies
- 2) Minutes of last meeting
- 3) Matters arising
- 4) Trustee report
- 5) AGM update
- 6) Nomination papers
- 7) Reports on Leeds meeting "Keeping it Legal"
- 8) AOB

Present Lila Jackson, Gabrielle Deans, Karen Shaw, Brian Turnbull, Bernie Harvey

In Attendance: Rosemary Bradley (Regional Trustee NI) Mavis Turner (Regional Volunteer) and Irene Orr.

1. **Apologies:** Alan Walbridge, Marjorie Ringland, Des Rawlings, Adam Harbinson
2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting.** Were read and deemed accurate/ Proposed by Karen Shaw and seconded by Brian Turnbull.
3. **Matters Arising** Lila thanked Karen for agreeing to go the Network meeting in London with Rosemarie on 1st May. She also asked that a get –well card be sent to Des. Lila reported that she has had correspondence from Sam Mauger re “Keeping it Legal” workshops and from Sophie Wellings re follow-up to the Volunteer workshops held last year. Marjorie Ringland (Treasurer) confirmed by email that there were no transactions since the last meeting.
4. **Trustee Report** is attached but in brief, Rosemarie reported that she had attended NEC meetings: plans for an EGM in Birmingham on 21st March are progressing, and that a workshop on “Keeping it Legal” will be held in Belfast on 23rd April (TBC). Sophie Wellings will provide details of forthcoming workshops for those interested in assisting the Regional Trustee and Regional Volunteer hopefully in April. Rosemarie also informed us that a proposal at the forthcoming EGM is that the Regional Trustee tenure may be extended for a maximum of a further 2 years, if the Trustee so wishes.
5. **AGM Update** Shimna U3A will host the AGM on Wednesday 16th May in the Community Cinema, Newcastle Co Down. They will be asked to supply directions, carparking details etc to be sent out with the formal notification in late April. There is an offer from Clare Lodge, Newcastle of overnight accommodation. Further information available online or at email clare.lodge@svpni.co.uk. There is a special offer for U3A members £40pps or £50 single room.

Arrangements on the day:

- Gabrielle will create a list of those attending;
- Brian and Marjorie will have registration sheets;
- Mavis will supply badges.
- The morning session will hear reports from the Chair, Treasurer etc, and elect officers for the coming year. The afternoon session will be arranged by Shimna U3A.

6. Nomination

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The posts of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary will become vacant at the next AGM as the present holders are at the end of their 3 year term. Nominations are invited for all the positions on the Executive Committee, and Lila asked that all U3As are encouraged to put forward nominations, especially from those individuals who have joined their U3A in recent years.

7. Report on “Keeping it Legal” workshops Rosemarie and Mavis attended this along with some other NI members; while some of the sessions were deemed excellent, it was felt that some trainers did not fully understand the U3A ethos, and it is hoped that the forthcoming workshop in Belfast will address these issues. There is much useful information on GDPR already on the TAT site.

8. AOB

- a. Irene Orr has decided not to continue to shadow Rosemarie, and Lila expressed her thanks to Irene for her contribution in the past year.
- b. Lila asked that a sub-committee be formed to begin work on Summer School 2019; she will contact those who have expressed an interest in this. There are already suggestions for speakers and topics, and Greenmount will probably be the venue again; they will be contacted soon.
- c. Karen informed us that East Antrim U3A propose to hold a number of “Summer 18” events in their premises over the summer months. Details are on their website and have also been distributed to all 24 U3As in NI
- d. 10 groups have already indicated their attendance at Songfest 2018 to be held in Carrickfergus on 25th April, including Monaghan U3A.

9. Date of next Meeting – Wednesday 9th May 2018