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Acting Chair's report

It is with regret that our chair Barbara Dransfield has resigned due to health issues. On behalf of myself and the YAHR Management Team we would like to thank Barbara for all the work she's done on our behalf, and wish her a speedy recovery. I was elected as Vice Chair at last year's AGM with a view to supporting Barbara. However, due to Barbara's resignation, I was asked and I agreed to step up as Acting Chair. My plan is to seek re-election at this year's AGM. We are always looking for people to join our Team. If anyone is interested, please contact any member of the Management Team. See YAHR website for details. www.yahru3a.co.uk

The YAHR website provides a link to all U3As in the region. Please can I make a plea to ensure that all your websites are up to date please?

Our Regional Trustee Sue Stokes' term of office comes to an end in August at the National AGM, when she will have served three years. If anyone is interested in becoming the YAHR's Regional Trustee or would like more information or have any queries about the role, please contact Sue via the YAHR website or the National Office. The Regional Trustee also provides a link between YAHR and the Third Age Trust. The National Office will be sending out information about the position and procedure in April as follows:

The process requires candidates to be nominated by their U3A and seconded by another U3A.

There is a statement required from the candidates.

These are sent to U3As in the region.

All U3As in the region will be able to vote electronically for a defined period of time.

The candidate with the most vote wins.

The result is announced at the National AGM in August, and the new Regional Trustees commence as soon as the AGM has finished.

Since the last bulletin a number of events and study days have taken place.

- Focusing on the Environmental - visits to Veolia Waste to Energy Plant Leeds by some 70 members in two visits and DRAX by 90 members over three visits. A fourth visit to DRAX has been arranged for Tuesday, March 17th.
- 2019 The Summer Break with Learning was attended by 80 members. Rather than holding a Showcase Event in 2020, the Management Team has decided to focus on organising a Summer Break with Learning in July at Hawkhills, Easingwold. See the website for more information and an application form.
- A Regional Development Meeting (RDM) and Trustees' workshop was held in October, followed by a "Sharing Good Ideas" workshop in November. Outcomes can be viewed on the YAHR website under Events, Outcomes. NB: We always follow our RDMs with a development workshop.

A Treasurers' workshop will be held on Thursday 13th February at St George's Centre in Leeds. Due to the success of the event in 2019 it has been decided to repeat it this year. See YAHR website for details and programme. Due to the success of the event in 2019, it has been decided to repeat it this year. Feedback will be available.

AGM/RDM, Our AGM will take place on April 29th in St George's Centre, Leeds. It will be combined with a Publicity/Marketing Workshop. All U3A members are welcome to attend. For more details, to download meeting papers, nomination form and to register go to www.yahru3a.org.uk

Chair and Secretary workshop, 18th May at St George's Centre, Leeds. It will be aimed at new chairs and secretaries; details will appear on YAHR website in due course.

U3A day What will you be doing on U3A Day? The very first national U3A Day – celebrating the learning, activity and fun that happens every day in U3As across the country – **will take place on Wednesday 3rd June 2020.**

Each U3A is invited to mark the day by showcasing what they do – from displays, parades, flashmobs or performances – the day will show all the learning, activities and fun that make the movement so amazing.

Coordinating the day, Regional Trustee, Sue Stokes, said, "We are so excited that from now on, every year, there will be a day dedicated to learning, staying active and having fun in your Third Age - that's people who are retired, semi-retired or no longer bringing up a family. We hope this day will help to challenge negative perceptions of older adults and will bring together all Third Agers in the community to learn about the contribution U3A makes to the quality of life for retired people".

The National Office will post regular updates in the [monthly national newsletter – which you can sign up for here](#)

Captain Cook Study days. In conjunction with the YAHR, Whitby Whaler U3A is organising a three day event on 23rd, 24th and 25th June 2020 to celebrate the life and times of Captain Cook. Download the flyer and application form from the website under Events: [Cook combined poster & Application Form.](#)

Summer Break with Learning 27th – 30th July, Hawkhills, Easingwold.

Due to significant changes to YAHR Management Team this year at the AGM, it was decided to hold the event again this year as it proved very popular last year. Details of our 2020 Summer School are now available including the courses and Application Form. See www.yahru3a.co.uk/SummerSchool-2020

'Networking opportunities are always invaluable - very good to hear what other U3As are doing'
YAHR email list Please encourage your members, group leaders and committee members to join our emailing list to be kept in touch re the workshops, study days and other events that the region is organising: yahru3a.co.uk Home page, scroll down and click on 'News Sign-Up'

Why not join our Management Team? – a warm welcome awaits you. If you are stepping down from your own committee, please do bring your interest and experience to the YAHR committee – it's a lively, open, engaged team of U3A enthusiasts! See website for AGM papers and nomination form or contact chair@yahru3a.co.uk

Please do cut and paste any of these details for use in your newsletter, website etc. so your members can gain more from their membership of U3A.

Importantly, suggest and encourage the best representation for each event to benefit your U3A and its continued development.