

# East Midlands' Education and Development Report 2013/2014

Since last year's AGM and Conference, the Network Development Teams have been industriously working to achieve the aspirations in their Development Plans for 2013/2014.

## Derbyshire

- New U3As in Alfreton and Dronfield successfully established.
- Prospective new U3A for Hope valley launched in Hathersage.
- Group Leaders' Workshop for top 8 interest Groups held at the Strutt Centre, Belper, which nearly 40 attended.
- Another Nationwide Family History Study Day being organised by Ian Taylor and Buxton U3A.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> "Picnic in the Park" organised this year by Long Eaton and Ilkeston U3As. This year extended to include a variety of outdoor games and a selection of board and card games.

## Leicestershire

- New U3A launched in Newbold Verdon, to be called West Leicestershire U3A
- Group Leaders' Workshop for top 8 Interest Groups held at Beauchamp College, Oadby, which over 40 attended.
- A "U3A at Snibston Day" organised for October and to include an amazing variety of activities, including all participating U3As collecting together at the end of the day for Afternoon Tea.

## Lincolnshire

- A joint Network venture with the Notts. Development Team to launch a new U3A at Collingham.
- A Group Leaders' Workshop organised and run by the Lincolnshire Committee.
- A stall at the Collingham May Fair advertising the U3A and the launch of Collingham U3A
- John Down, Grantham U3A coordinated all the musical items from all 5 counties for this Conference.

## Northamptonshire

- 2 Group Leader Workshops for top 16 Interest Groups (8 each workshop) held in October 2013 and May 2014, at Kings Park Centre, Northampton. Over 60 attended in October and over 40 in May.
- 2 Social Events are planned at Cottesbrooke Hall in June and July of this year

## Nottinghamshire

- New U3As in Rainworth and Cotgrave established
- Prospective new U3A launched in Eastwood.
- Thoresby Holiday organised by Terry Whitehead of Mansfield U3A, was again very successful at bringing together U3A Members from all over the Region.
- "Picnic in the Park" at Rufford organised by Rita Turner and the North Notts. Neighbourhood Group was also very vibrant, in spite of the weather.
- Publicity Materials advertising the U3A in Nottinghamshire have been developed and used at County Events and are planned to be used in areas prior to launching a new U3A
- David Ling (a member of the Dev. Team), with the help of Notts. U3As, has compiled a very detailed County Media Contact list and attended the National Media Training Course.
- Mary Mitchell (a member of the Dev. Team) has attended the National Regional Volunteer Workshops.

Having nearly completed 2 years of their 3 Year Development Plan, one of their first tasks is to continue the 3 Year theme and plan to the end of 2017!

**WATCH THIS SPACE!!! – Liz Wilson**