

REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS ABOUT PROMOTING NON-U3A ACTIVITIES AND ORGANISATIONS

Preston and District u3a has had for some time a policy of NOT allowing members to use either the Group Meetings or official u3a communication channels (newsletter, website, email, lists of group members, or any other u3a medium) for private, business or commercial purposes, or indeed to promote non u3a activities, however worthy they may be.

Some aspects of u3a activity are within the public domain, and this enables non-members to find out about our activities and a way of communicating with group leaders to ask questions and to gain information on group activities.

Committee members and group leaders are increasingly being approached via the website, by commercial, business, public sector and charitable organisations. These will all be ignored as, to answer them is very time consuming, and these approaches are on the increase.

Therefore, if it is NOT u3a business then it won't get answered.

In addition, u3a members are reminded that they are not allowed to use the website, their own group member's lists, meetings etc to to promote either other charitable organisations or commercial activities. This includes selling raffle tickets for other charities, approaches from charities to promote national or local events, activities of an educational nature; personal, leisure or travel activities.

If any members or any group leader finds that they are put in a position where they are not sure how to handle the matter, please contact the Chair or Vice Chair in the first instance for advice.

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