

u3a Chairs' Forum:
What to expect of the u3a Council
over the next 12 months?

u3a Council

From 1 April 2025:

9 ex-Trustee representatives

12 new regional representatives

1 Network Link representative
(as provided by the Board)

3 vacancies

Council Chair (to be appointed)

Newly elected Scotland Council Representatives

Congratulations to George Cleland who will join Liz Ervine to represent Scotland's u3as on the new Trustee. Liz will continue to represent u3as in Scotland by moving across to this new role.



George Cleland

Edinburgh u3a

[George Cleland Supporting Statement \(33.38 KB\)](#)



Liz Ervine

Glasgow West End u3a

Existing Trustee who will transfer to the Council

East Midlands



Barry Appleby

Derby u3a and Burton-on-Trent u3a

[Barry Appleby Supporting Statement \(20.62 KB\)](#)



John Lewis

Bingham u3a

Existing Trustee who will transfer to the Council

Northern Ireland



Valerie Cobain

Holywood u3a

Existing Trustee who will transfer to the Council



Vacancy

Newly elected Wales Council Representatives

Congratulations to Nicky Lee who will join Colin Luker to represent Wales u3as on the newly created Council. Colin will continue to represent u3as in Wales by moving across to this new role.



Nicky Lee

Chepstow u3a

[Nicky Lee Supporting Statement \(17.77 KB\)](#)



Colin Luker

Newcastle Emlyn u3a

Existing Trustee who will transfer to the Council

London



Chris Bulford

Islington u3a

[Chris Bulford Supporting Statement \(33.75 KB\)](#)



Jenny Wilson

Croydon u3a

Existing Trustee who will transfer to the Council



Sally Ingledew

Stubbington u3a

[Sally Ingledew Supporting Statement \(33.51 KB\)](#)



Vacancy

South East

Newly elected Yorkshire and the Humber Council Representatives

Congratulations to Brian Cave and Pat Collard who will represent Yorkshire and the Humber u3as on the newly created Council.



Brian Cave

Sheffield u3a

[Brian Cave Supporting Statement \(20.6 KB\)](#)



Pat Collard

Cottingham u3a

[Pat Collard Supporting Statement \(20.98 KB\)](#)

North East



Kathy Clegg

Prudhoe & District u3a

[Kathy Clegg Supporting Statement \(33.84 KB\)](#)

[Watch Kathy's supporting video](#)



Jean Cubbin

Whitley Bay u3a

Existing Trustee who will transfer to the Council



Marian Luck

Culm Valley u3a

[Marian Luck Supporting Statement \(35.09 KB\)](#)



Susan Parker

Plymouth u3a

Existing Trustee who will transfer to the Council

South West

Council Representatives who did not face election

In the regions below, the number of candidates who applied did not exceed the number of available seats. Those representatives who were nominated in a nation/region that was uncontested will take

East of England



Ian Mathews

Sudbury u3a

[Ian Mathews Supporting Statement \(28.76 KB\)](#)



Vacancy

North West



Gillian Russell

Hezwall u3a

[Gillian Russell Supporting Statement \(26.58 KB\)](#)



David Blanchflower

Aughton and Ormskirk u3a

Existing Trustee who will transfer to the Council

West Midlands



Rob Rowberry

Redditch u3a

[Rob Rowberry Supporting Statement \(23.71 KB\)](#)



Jean Jackson

Lichfield u3a

Existing Trustee who will transfer to the Council

The u3a Council

... has an important role to play in the development of the charity's annual strategy and budget cycle to ensure that they reflect the collective wishes and preferences of u3as and networks *Council Standing Orders (19.09.2024)*

... a more effective voice for member u3as ... representing their views and making decisions about those issues which are of primary concern to the u3as *Council Standing Orders (19.09.2024)*

... a two-way communications channel to ensure that u3as better understand what is happening within the movement *FFTF consultation process – Q&A (01.2024)*

How the Council is tasked

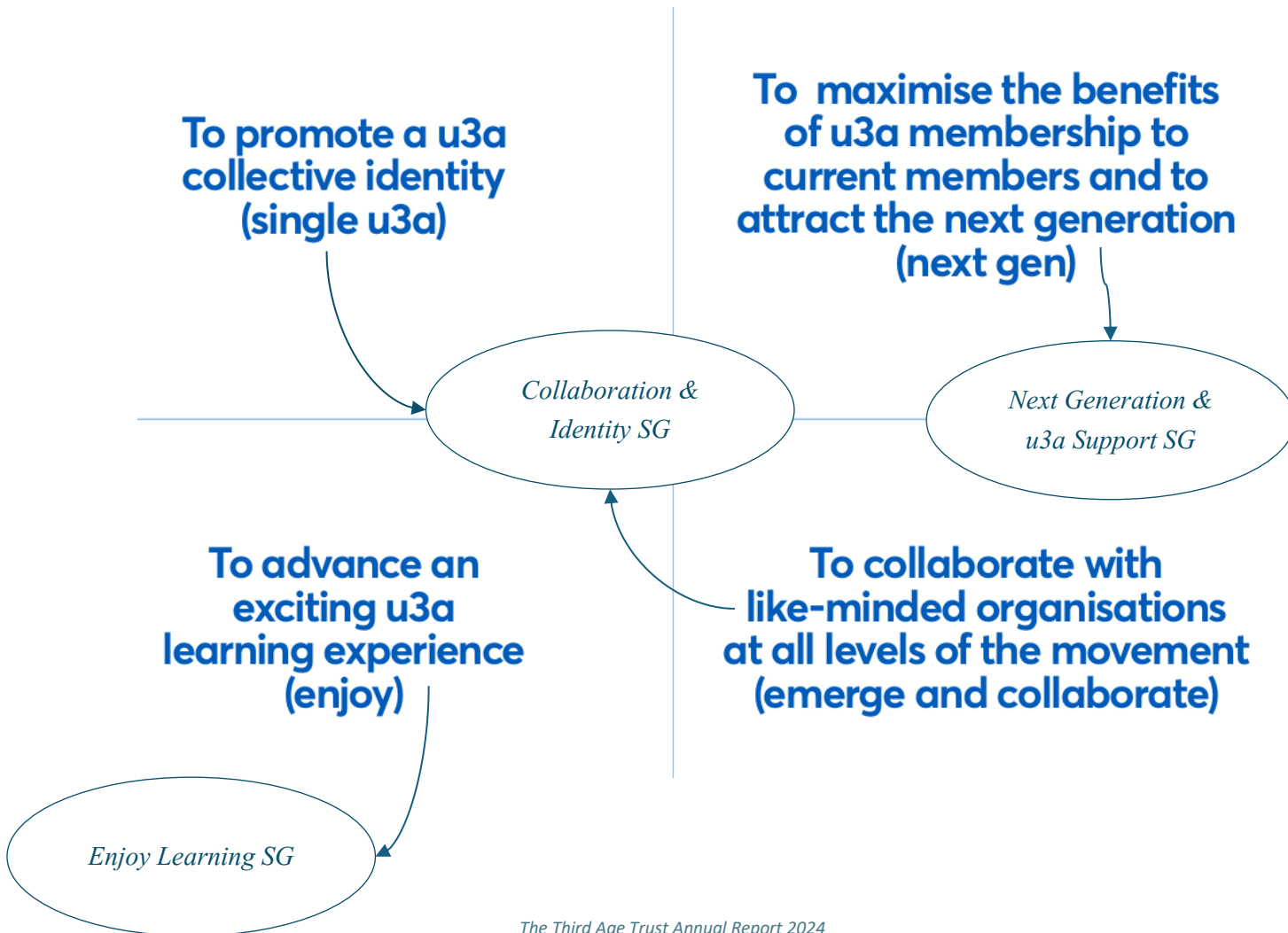
On behalf of u3as and networks:

- identify emerging needs, collective problems and concerns
- identify and agree u3a-wide priorities and ensure that the annual strategy and budget cycle reflects their collective wishes and preferences
- assess the impact of major new u3a-related developments and initiatives, proposing changes for improvement as appropriate

Advise the Board on how, when and where a development is introduced and subsequently endorse, support and promote those initiatives

If requested by member u3as, review and promote participation in regional and local multi-u3a initiatives

Strategic Aims



Strategy Groups
Once the annual strategy and budget is approved, SGs are tasked with developing proposals to implement each priority area

The Council will have responsibility for the operation and work of Strategy Groups

Council Standing Orders (19.09.2024)
See also: [Strategy Groups Draft Terms of Reference](#)

In addition to the four aims the Trust has been working to advance Resolution 500K, a member-led resolution aiming to increase the movement's membership to 500,000 by the end of 2028.

The Trust's four aims guide and shape its services and offering to the members. These remain central to the development of the strategic plan.

Council timetable

1 April 2025 – new Trust governance structure comes into being

September 2025 – Council identifies its u3a-wide priorities to feed into the annual planning and budget process

October 2025 – Trust AGM

1 April 2026 – new Council year

Suggestions for discussion

1. What are the biggest challenges the Council will face in its first 12 months?
2. What are u3as' immediate priorities for the Council?
3. What might u3as want the Council to say to the Board about future priorities in September?