

How to start a new u3a Group - some ideas

A) Preparation

- Consider carefully what you expect the group to be or to do so that you can promote it to fellow u3a members.
- Try to think about as much detail as you can. Eg Where you will meet, how regularly, would it involve costs or travel etc
- If possible talk to other u3a members at a coffee morning or speaker meeting to try to gauge interest.
- Speak to the Groups Co-ordinator for any further advice or help.

B) Publicity

- Ask the Chair to announce it at a coffee morning/speaker meeting
- Put a notice on the noticeboard at the Somer Centre
- Write an article for the Website, Bulletin and Newsletter
- Make sure that you ask prospective members to leave a contact number/email

C) First Meeting

- Arrange a short meeting of the members, possibly at a coffee morning, to agree a suitable time and venue for the first meeting.
- Try to avoid clashing with another group's time if possible.
- Depending on the number of people, you could meet at the leader's house, or there are venues which allow groups to meet as long as you buy a coffee / tea, or hire a room. Groups need to be self-financing, so the costs of hiring a room need to be considered.

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