

Vision and Mission of BDU3A

Our Vision

Our Vision is to encourage lifelong learning, through the experience of BDU3A, a reality for all third agers.

Our Mission

Our Mission declares our purpose as an organisation and serves as the standard against which we weigh our actions and decisions. It is to:

Facilitate the growth of BDU3A

Provide support for all Groups and learning within BDU3A

Raise the profile of BDU3A

Promote the benefits of joining BDU3A with regard to learning and participating in a variety of Group Activities

The Principles of the U3A Movement

The U3A movement is non-religious and non-political and has three main principles:

The Third Age Principle

Membership of a U3A is open to all in their third age, which is defined not by a particular age but by a period in life in which full time employment has ceased.

Members promote the values of lifelong learning and the positive attributes of belonging to a U3A.

Members should do all they can to ensure that people wanting to join a U3A can do so.

The Self-help Learning Principle

Members form interest groups covering as wide a range of topics and activities as they desire; by the members, for the members.

No qualifications are sought or offered. Learning is for its own sake, with enjoyment being the prime motive, not qualifications or awards.

There is no distinction between the learners and the teachers; they are all U3A members.

The Mutual Aid Principle

Each U3A is a mutual aid organisation, operationally independent but a member of The Third Age Trust, which requires adherence to the guiding principles of the U3A movement.

No payments are made to members for services rendered to any U3A.

Each U3A is self-funded with membership subscriptions and costs kept as low as possible.

Outside financial assistance should only be sought if it does not imperil the integrity of the U3A movement.

BDU3A have adopted and adhere to all the Principles of the U3A movement