
The following Rules only apply to Lincoln u3a, in addition to their Constitution. They sit outside the Constitution so that they can be modified as required without needing to be referred to U3A Central or the Charities Commission.

Any proposed changes must be presented to the Executive Committee to be agreed / rejected.

1. A No Smoking rule applies to all Lincoln u3a meetings and functions.

2. Membership:

Monthly Meetings and Interest Groups are open to all members of Lincoln u3a.

Affiliate membership is open to all full members of another registered U3A and entitles them to attend all meetings and Interest Groups (subject to available space). They are not permitted to vote at any meeting. Affiliate members who are not an Executive Committee member of any other U3A group are permitted to join our Executive Committee.

Members of other Lincolnshire neighbourhood groups are permitted to attend Interest Groups (subject to approval by the convenor and available space). They can also attend other meetings but would be expected to seek Affiliate membership if they attend more than two consecutive meetings.

3. Monthly Meetings:

A meeting open to all members of Lincoln u3a would normally be held on a fixed day and time of the month, in premises selected by the Executive Committee.

Notice of these meetings shall be published in the Quarterly Newsletter and on the website.

Members attending will normally pay a small charge towards meeting costs. This will entitle the member to some refreshment.

Guests are welcome. They may not attend more than two meetings within a twelve-month period, and if wishing to attend beyond those two visits, they should seek membership.

Members should be encouraged to volunteer to take a turn at making refreshments for the meeting.

4. Interest Groups:

Interest Groups **will** be available, where Members can meet to pursue a common interest or activity.

Each group shall be led by a convenor. There will be a Chair of Convenors who will act as liaison between the groups and the Executive Committee.

Each group will meet on a regular basis. The time and date of their meetings shall be shown in the Quarterly Newsletter and on the website, as well as a contact for the convenor. Location details will be available from the convenor.

Each convenor shall determine the optimum number of members for their group. Lincoln u3a Members will be given priority for places. Convenors will keep a list of current regular members.

A group member not attending regularly may be asked to leave the group by the convenor if there are people on the waiting list.

Guests are welcome. They may not attend more than two Interest Group meetings within a twelve-month period, and if wishing to attend beyond those two visits, they should seek membership.

The convenor shall keep a short-list of potential additional members, and discuss the possibility of an additional group for their discipline, or larger premises, with the Chair of Convenors.

Those attending a group shall pay to the convenor any necessary costs towards running the meeting, the meeting place, materials or refreshments.