

Group Leader: Introduction

At the annual Group Leaders meeting we were asked: **What is the best thing about being a Group Leader?** The answers included:

- *Doing something you love
- *Being in charge
- *I love seeing the satisfaction in people's faces
- *Involving your members in what they want to do – not being a dictator
- *It gives you the chance to share and enjoy an interest with like-minded people

Our Group Leaders are the backbone of our u3a. Without them there are no groups - and without the groups - there are no members!

Many groups have more than one leader and they share the responsibilities. Some groups meet in a private home, several hire meeting rooms or halls and others only make visits and do not require a regular venue. Generally, groups meet once a month.

It is not an arduous task to be a Group Leader. The role includes keeping a simple register, collecting money from your members to cover costs (i.e. hire a hall if required), recording any income and expenditure and communicating with your members by email. There is even a Group Leaders handbook available that gives a comprehensive view of how to run your group. Our u3a offers advice and assistance whenever needed.

If you have an interest not currently covered by our u3a groups, why not start one? We will help you.

For further information contact our Groups Co-ordinator via our Website at swf.u3asite.uk or any Committee member. At the main meetings we all wear a blue lanyard and name badge – easily identifiable.

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