

Keyworth & District U3A

Support for Minority Interest Groups

Keyworth & District U3A would like to support interest groups that are below optimum numbers by allowing members of neighbouring U3As to join the groups without having to join Keyworth & District U3A.

However this should not lead to a situation where Keyworth & District U3A members are unable to join the group, and should not undermine the viability of similar groups in neighbouring U3As, so the following guidelines have been introduced:

- If group leaders wish to involve members of neighbouring U3As in their group they should ask the Groups Co-ordinator to consider their group a minority interest group.
- Group co-ordinators of participating U3As should liaise and communicate the vacancies available in minority interest groups.
- Members of neighbouring U3As, subject to the agreement of their U3A, are permitted to join minority interest groups without having to join Keyworth & District U3A.
- Applications for participation in another U3A should be processed via the Group co-ordinators, who can verify membership etc.
- Members of neighbouring U3As do not have other membership rights and cannot attend open meetings other than by invitation as a visitor.
- Members of neighbouring U3As have the option of joining Keyworth & District U3A and having full membership rights
- Once they have joined a minority interest group, members of neighbouring U3As will not be under any pressure to leave the group, or to join Keyworth & District U3A if the optimum or maximum is reached sometime in the future.
- If the number of members attending a group from another U3A is more than the viable minimum to set up their own group in their own locality then they should consider doing so.