

AFFILIATION AND GROUP ACCESS POLICY

Saltburn District u3a (SDu3a) believes in providing opportunities for members of other u3as to join as affiliate members and for prospective members to attend our groups on a trial basis. This policy is to clarify the requirements for members of other u3as who wish join as affiliate members and for group attendance on a trial basis.

1. AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP

- SDu3a has an agreement with Guisborough u3a (Gu3a) for affiliate membership. Members from Gu3a can join SDu3a for a £5 annual fee due 1st September each year.
- SDu3a has agreed to extend this affiliation agreement to all other u3a members if any should approach us. However other u3as may not accept requests for affiliation from SDu3a members.
- The affiliate member must provide proof of membership of another u3a prior to joining as an affiliated member and each year at renewal time.
- Affiliated membership allows for the same benefits as full membership. Affiliated members cannot be refused or removed from a group in favour of SDu3a members.
- SDu3a do not pay the u3a Capitation Fee for affiliate members – this is the responsibility of the affiliated member’s home u3a. Affiliated members are not counted on our returns to the Third Age Trust.
- Affiliated members can hold officer or be a trustee of SDu3a and can vote at the SDu3a Annual General Meeting.

2. AGREEMENT WITH GUISBOROUGH U3A

Gu3a is currently the only u3a with whom we have an affiliation agreement where all the above applies.

3. THEATRE GROUP/EXCURSIONS

In addition, the following agreement has been made regarding SDu3a Theatre Group and Gu3a Excursions only:

Gu3a affiliated members can join the SDu3a Theatre Group and book for any trips in the same way that SDu3a members can.

By the same principle, SDu3a members, who are also affiliated members of Guisborough u3a can book for excursions in the same way that Gu3a members can.

Spaces on trips/excursions for each u3a will be advertised to their own group members first (including affiliated members); for SDu3a trips, if seats are still available 3 weeks prior to the date of the outing, these spaces will be advertised to ALL Gu3a members.

N.B. ALL u3a members are covered by the u3a Public Liability Insurance of their home u3a.

4. GROUP ACCESS

We offer the option for non-members of SDu3a to trial a group* twice before joining as a SDu3a member.

*This must be a regular group, not a one off event or theatre trip/outing.

The visitor must:

- a. meet u3a's criteria i.e. no longer working full-time;
- b. pay the session group fee due.

Group Leaders are under no obligation to admit a visitor. Full details for Group Leaders are covered in the 2024 Group Leaders Folder, section 2.

N.B. u3a Public Liability Insurance covers a person for 2 or 3 taster sessions before taking the decision to join the u3a. (See Insurance FAQ's).