



Dundee u3a News Round Up 2025/6 Session

The recent AGM saw several changes in the Dundee committee with new faces taking on different roles and bringing a fresh perspective to next year's administration. See your committee here <https://dundee.u3asite.uk/contact/>



Accommodation fees have been reduced to £1 per session starting next term. Membership is £13.00 and £7.50 for associate members.

This year we said thank you and goodbye to Sybil Bereclough, our long standing membership secretary. She and Pat Garland were both recognised for their outstanding contributions to our u3a over the years and were awarded Honorary Memberships by the committee.

Sadly we have also lost some groups, but many many thanks to their leaders, without interest groups we have no u3a!

We say goodbye and thanks to

Kathleen Boland : Craft Group
Jim Ashwood : American History

Helen Davie : Card Making
Morag Sutherland : Strings Andante

The Book group also want to send their *special thanks* to Marion Yates for starting the group , Maggie writes ..it does seem extraordinary that our u3a didn't have a book group before that whirl wind of energy joined (we now have two)
We would like to wish Marion every happiness in Cornwall and hopefully the book groups will continue to thrive, although they will never be quite the same without her!

This year book group one have been reading
None of this is true: Lisa Jewell
Precipice : Robert Harris
Shakespeare : Judy Dench
The Lincoln Highway ;Amor Towed
The Lost Man : Jane Harper and many more



Did you know ? We currently have about 530 members and about 40 permanent interest groups?

What do our groups get up to? Here are some insights

The Scottish Dance Group started out in 2015, in the 'Small Hall' of the Ardler Community Complex and continued there until circumstances changed due to the Covid pandemic. Our 'new' home is the Millenium Hall in Birkhill, which has great facilities, a large car park and is accessible by bus.

The format of the class is very much casual and relaxed and it is suitable for both men and women.

Knowledge or experience of Scottish country or ceilidh dancing is not required. You also don't need to bring along a dance partner, as during the course of the afternoon, we all mix together. The dances are a mixture of round the room dances and some easy set dances – all of which are walked through before.

The class is all about having some fun and enjoying yourself...basically, if you can tell your right hand from your left, you'll fit right in. We have plenty of space in

the hall and new members are always welcome to come along. You will probably meet up with members of other U3A groups or friends you've lost contact with, because, as we all know, Dundee is just a big village.

Our Winter/ Summer term has just come to a close, with an enjoyable 'Bring & Share' party buffet ending the session. Again, we were delighted to be dancing at the party to the talented musician, Johnny Duncan on accordion, and as always, our end of term party was recorded by Tom Geoghegan – who has been recording all our parties for YouTube since Christmas 2015. See https://youtu.be/A1h0_qG-UEc

The Scottish Dance Group is held fortnightly, with our new term starting on Monday 31 August 2026 check out our u3a website on how to join in https://dundee.u3asite.uk/u3a_groups/scottish-dance-class/



The knitting group have space for two more members see https://dundee.u3asite.uk/u3a_groups/knitting/

The Travel Group

Pat reports that 27 members enjoyed a short Seine River cruise in June 2025 including viewing Paris by night.



The Bucketlisters

The Bucketlisters also had a fantastic weekend In Oban with a trip on the iconic Waverley Paddle Boat .. we stopped in Oban for 3 nights and despite the unseasonal weather enjoyed ourselves greatly. Thanks to Karen Barrett for the ideas and the planning see more here
See the website for more info

(remember everyone can join a Bucketlister activity as they are announced over the year)

https://dundee.u3osite.uk/u3a_groups/the-bucket-listers/

DEE UKES

Dee Ukes ukulele group meets weekly at the Finmill Centre from 11.45am-1.45pm. There are currently 26 members and we will have a three-week break over the summer, starting our new session on 11th August. The emphasis is on having fun while practising familiar songs and learning new songs.

Some of us regularly entertain at care homes and other community groups, mainly in Dundee and Angus. In April of this year, we were invited to sing in the Foyer of Pitlochry Theatre, a beautiful venue, and it was great fun. Some of us even managed to get our photo taken with Dougie MacLean.

At the end of October, we will be doing a charity concert in the Steeple Centre. Throughout 2026, any donations we receive go to our charity for the year, which is currently Sight Support and Social Hub, in Ward Road, Dundee. Since 2017 we have raised over £23,000 for local charities, all while having a wonderful time.

modern philosophers writing about the lives and philosophies of five female and seven

male philosophers. Sometimes what we are reading is a bit difficult for us to understand,

but we continue on in the hope that we might become wiser.

The book which we are about to start is,"Ethics in the Real World, 90 Essays on Things That

Matter", by Peter Singer, who is Australian .

As well as reading the set book, we have had meetings where members of the Group, take

charge and lead discussions on a subject of their choosing.

For me,the best part of the meetings are the jokes and the biscuits.'

JAMBOREE!!!!

We have also been very lucky to have Norma Taylor organising two very popular and successful day trips to the Scottish u3a Jamboree offering u3a members a full day of indoor and outdoor activities, workshops,and socializing, plus the recent trip to Pitlochry Festival theatre for a day of talks and behind the scenes insights.



Finally!

We can't finish without a BIG THANKS to Bob Low for chairing our U3a for the last three years and all the committee members old and new take your pick from those below !



Chairperson	Norma Taylor	Got a question for/of the committee ask the Chair
Treasurer	Ken Hepburn	For deposits and expenses or group expenditures ask here
Membership Secretary	Linda Burton	Need to check if someone is a member or help with renewal? ask the Mem Sec
Group Coordinator	Susan Gourlay	Want help with a group? ask the GC,
Secretary	Gordon Short	Copies of minutes/policy

Committee Member	Tracey McCluskey	Newsletter /Website send me items /changes
Gilfillan Talks / Committee Member	Margaret Stewart	



We fondly remember some of our friends who passed on this year
Pat Motion and Pat Edgar Leishman.