

ISLINGTON UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE



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ISLINGTON U3A PACKS THEM IN



About 200 people came along to Islington U3A's start-up meeting held at The Resource Centre in Holloway Road. This enthusiasm for a new local U3A led to a long queue of people waiting to sign in that snaked out of the building and across the pavement.

Over three quarters of those who came to hear what iU3A is all about signed up as members on the spot. Those who were unable to come are joining by using the on-line [form](#).

Gwen Wright, the National U3A's London Regional Trustee welcomed Islington U3A and said it was good to see a good proportion of men at the meeting. "At some U3A meetings I go to there's just one lonely man, and sometimes I never see one at all."



Islington University of the Third Age (iU3A) chair Anne Weyman talked about the [monthly meetings](#) with a speaker and time to socialise. She said that Islington U3A was starting with over 28 interest groups. They include architecture, art in London, book groups, craft circle, bridge, creative writing and current affairs, film, opera, theatre, poetry, foreign languages, music and walking groups, and many more. Other groups will be set up if enough people are interested and a co-ordinator steps forward. Members had an opportunity to talk to group co-ordinators and sign up after the meeting.

Islington Mayor Barry Edwards became the first member of the iU3A when he was given honorary membership at the first meeting. He and his partner, Mayoress Jenni Chan said they would both make good use of their iU3A membership.

iU3A is open to all in Islington and surrounding areas who retired or semi-retired and no longer in full time work. The annual subscription for Islington U3A is £30 for a full year (with a reduction for those joining during the iU3A year), then all regular activities are free. Existing U3A members pay £26.50 for a full year. The national U3A magazine, Third Age Matters, which is published five times each year, is £2.10 pa.

If you would like to join please download an application [form](#) or [email](#) us for more information.

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