

Dunedin has joined the many cities in the world in which a University of the Third Age has been founded

Beginning in France in the mid seventies the U3A movement has now spread to most countries and has many hundreds of thousands of members.

U3A is a response to the idea that human life is divided into three periods: firstly, childhood and schooling; secondly, child rearing and work; and thirdly retirement.

The third age is seen to provide the greatest opportunities for learning and understanding because it is during this period of retirement that the idea of a university as a community of those who seek greater understanding through learning can be put into practice.

The unique characteristics of U3A

- Learning topics are selected by the members
- Indepth courses are planned by members
- Opportunities for reading, research and discussion are provided
- Presenters/facilitators are usually members of the groups
- The company of others who enjoy learning is ensured
- The atmosphere for learning is informal and friendly
- There are no examinations
- There are no compulsory activities
- Courses take place during daylight hours
- Costs are minimal and within the reach of everybody

ADMINISTRATION

Dates: Thursdays

Time: 2.15pm - 4.15pm

Fee: \$40.00

Tea and coffee provided

Enrolments

You are able to enrol in more than one programme (subject to numbers).

If you wish to enrol for more than one programme, you *must indicate your choice* on the Enrolment Form.

To be received on or before 24th February 1997.

Venue:

All sessions are held at Salmond Hall, Knox Street in the Chapel.

Session Leader

David McKenzie

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

U3A

A NEW LEARNING OPTION FOR THE RETIRED

THE WRITINGS OF CHARLES
DICKENS AND EDUCATION

6th March -17th April 1997

Rodgers & Associates
Law Practice

**WRITINGS OF CHARLES DICKENS
AND EDUCATION**

1st choice ___ 2nd choice ___ 3rd choice ___
Please tick appropriate spaces.

Surname: _____ M ___ F ___

Name for Name Tag: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Payment

Course Fee: \$40

Cheques payable to Rodgers and Associates

Please complete and return to:

U3A

Rodgers and Associates

P O Box 6200

Dunedin North

on or before Monday 24th February 1997.

Enquiries to:

U3A Committee Member

Stan Andrews

(03) 464 0098

The Programme

This course evaluates the message in some of the writings of the great novelist Charles Dickens (1812-1870) that education systems which are intended to add to the quality of human development might well paradoxically become inhuman, anti-intellectual and oppressive. The issues which Dickens illustrates are then examined as challenges to the developing New Zealand Qualifications Authority and systems of school review in New Zealand which embody what is currently known as 'assessment led instruction'.

Note: The 'writings' from Dickens will be in the form of extracts. These will be supplied. Arrangements will be made also for copying extracts supplied by class members.

**WRITINGS OF CHARLES DICKENS
AND EDUCATION
PROGRAMME 1997
(Thursdays 2.15-4.15)**

6th March

The development of state schooling in England 1800-1870

13th March

Extracts from Hard Times and Nicholas Nickleby

20th March and

3rd April

Extracts from other Dickens writings to be supplied and presented by the class members

10th April

Education Review procedures currently being developed in New Zealand

17th April

Issues surrounding the New Zealand Qualification Authority

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