

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

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
- In depth courses are planned by members
- Opportunities for reading, research and discussion are provided
- Presenters/facilitors 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 reach of everybody

The U3A Dunedin Charitable Trust has recently entered into a partnership with the University of Otago which will enhance their shared community of interest by continuing to provide a programme of non-credit educational courses while further utilising the expertise and resources of the University.

ADMINISTRATION

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Dates: June 8 to September 14

Time: 2.15 to 4.15 pm

Fee: \$40

Tea and coffee provided

Enrolments -- limited to 12

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 **mid-day Wednesday May 19**. After the draw those who were unsuccessful will be notified by May 28.

Venue

All sessions are held in the Salmond Hall Library.

Course Organiser

Margaret George (465 7806)

Assistant

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A LEARNING OPTION FOR THE RETIRED

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Rodgers & Associates
Law Practice

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

1st choice ___ 2nd choice ___ 3rd choice ___

Please tick appropriate spaces.

First Name for Name Tag: _____

Surname: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Payment

Course Fee: \$40

Cheques payable to Rodgers and Associates

Please complete and return to:

U3A
Rodgers and Associates
151-155 Princes Street
PO Box 6200
Dunedin

on or before noon

Wednesday May 19 2004.

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The Programme

As in past years a small group of no more than 12 will meet fortnightly during the winter months to discuss books which individual members have particularly enjoyed. Everyone will be encouraged to present one (or possibly two) books of their choice, with time allowed in each session for general discussion.

Formerly we have circulated a book list to those participating, but with the number of book lists accessible from many sources, plus your own individual choice of interest, we have found that this is no longer valid. It is a good idea to check the availability of your choice with the library.

During the first session on June 8 the group will plan future sessions and consider various ways of presenting a book to the group. Afterwards the first book for discussion will be *The Bookseller of Kabul* by Asne Seierstad. In the second session, June 22, the series of books *Crowdie and Cream*, *Crotal and White*, and *The Corncrake and Lysander* by Finlay McDonald will be discussed.

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PROGRAMME FOR 2004

Tuesdays 2.15 to 4.15 pm

Venue: The Library, Salmond Hall

June 8

June 22

July 6

July 20

August 3

August 17

August 31

September 14

**RETAIN THIS PORTION -- remember
your 1st choice**