

**U3A**

**Dunedin Charitable Trust**

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Series 3 2011

**DEMOCRACY; WHY WON'T THEY LISTEN?**

**Dates: Wednesday, 31 August–Wednesday, 5 October 2011**

***PLEASE NOTE THE AUGUST STARTING DATE FOR THIS COURSE***

**Time: 10.00 am – 12 noon**

**Venue: Knox College, Arden Street, Opoho**

**Enrolments for this course will be limited to 50**

**Course Fee: \$40.00**

**Tea and Coffee provided**

**Course Organiser: Bill Wilson (477 2282)**

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You may apply to enrol in more than one course. If you wish to do so, you must indicate your choice preferences on the application form, and include payment of the appropriate fee(s).

All applications must be received by noon on Wednesday, 10 August 2011, and you may expect to receive a response to your application on or about 19 August.

Any questions about these courses after 19 August should be referred to the Secretary, U3A Dunedin, telephone 471 9913 or on email at <graysinn@clear.net.nz>

***Please keep this brochure as a reminder of venue, dates, and times for the courses for which you apply.***

# DEMOCRACY: WHY WON'T THEY LISTEN?

The course aims to look at the meanings and interpretations of the word democracy as one of the many means of power sharing and enforcement in history and the modern world. We also want to look at how democracy is interpreted in New Zealand. We would like to investigate how decision-makers gain power and how much that power is influenced, or should be, by other New Zealanders. We hope the course will help to stimulate discussion as to just how democratic NZ is, and could be in future.

## The Programme

**31 August**    **History and diversity. What does democracy mean?**

*Dr Brian Roper, Department of Politics,  
University of Otago*

**7 September**    **Being heard in local affairs**

*Mr Dave Cull, Mayor of Dunedin  
Mr Lee Vandervis, Dunedin City Councillor*

**14 September**    **Executive Power. running a country**

*Hon Stan Rodger, former Cabinet Minister*

**21 September**    **The major parties**

**Labour**    *Hon Pete Hodgson/ Rev Dr David Clark*

**National**    *Mr Michael Woodhouse*

**28 September**    **The smaller parties**

**Greens**    *Mr Alex Cruize*

**ACT**    *Mr Colin Nicholls*

**5 October**    **MMP Does it work?**

*Mr Philip Temple*

**The Resource Management Act (RMA). The  
tyranny of the minority**

*Ms Rosalind Day*