

## Over 50 Groups

*Study groups are centred on the following categories. Additional topics are welcome!*

Art, Antiques & Collectables

Architecture and Travel

Cycling & Walking

Photography, Films & Theatre

Food & Wine

Games & Crafts

Garden

History

Languages

Literature, writing & play reading

Music

Philosophy & Religions of the world

Science

**We also have groups based in Stratford.**



Like to know more ?

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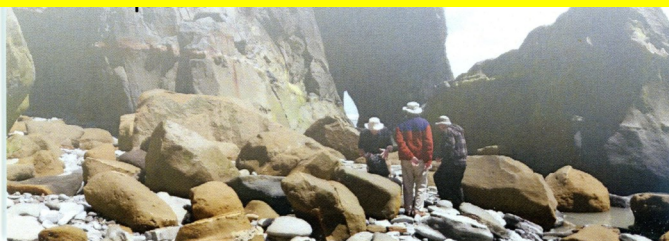
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Share your  
Knowledge/skills

Make new friends

join

New Plymouth u3a !!



# NEW PLYMOUTH U3A

"LEARNING FOR FUN"



## WHAT WE DO

We meet at each other's homes to discuss and share knowledge on all manner of things. Everything from Cooking to Philosophy, Travel to Current Affairs.

Currently there are over 50 different groups for you to participate in, plus there are On-Line study courses as well.....And if there is still a topic that you'd like that Isn't covered – you're more than welcome to start a new group to cover this subject/activity.

When you participate in our groups, as well as learning/sharing lots of new things, you also make lots of new friends as well.

## BUT THERE'S MORE ...

Once a month we have a general meeting which everyone can attend. There is always an interesting guest speaker – we try very hard to cover a wide range of topics but suggestions for potential speakers are always welcome.

After the guest speaker we provide an afternoon tea. This is a great opportunity to mix and chat with our other members. You can also peruse the synopses of all our groups and maybe put your name down to join one or two. There's even a book, puzzle and CD exchange.

From time to time we organise trips to interesting places – quite a few that wouldn't normally be open to the public. If you join the theatre group they organise their members to attend a lot of our shows.

## MONTHLY MEETINGS

At 1.30pm on the second Wednesday of each month (beginning in February). Meetings are open to the public. Our meeting venue is advertised in "The Midweek" and Neighbourly, or find it on our website or Facebook page.

Annual membership subscription: \$20. For group travel/car pooling, a donation to be given to the driver As decided by the committee.

If you would like to know more have a browse on our web-site. [www.newplymouthu3a.co.nz/](http://www.newplymouthu3a.co.nz/) We also have a Face Book page [www.facebook.com/groups/526570178292246/about/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/526570178292246/about/)

On our web site there are archived newsletters and you can listen to podcasts of some of our speakers. Have a look through our photo gallery and see some of the activities that we have organised through the years—you may even recognise a few of your friends!

Once you join us you can also be part of our Face book page and even post something yourself.



## WHAT IS U3A

Founded over 35 years ago the UK U3A movement (based loosely on the French model) aims to encourage groups of People in their 3rd Age to come together and continue their enjoyment of learning in subjects of interest to them.

From the start, the guiding principles were to promote life – long learning through self help interest groups covering a wide range of topics and activities as chosen by the members.

The "3rd Age" is defined by the time in your life (not necessarily chronologically) where you have the opportunity to undertake learning for its own sake. There is no minimum age but a focus on people who are no longer in full time employment or raising a family.

Our founders envisaged a collaborative approach with peers learning from each other. The U3A movement was to be self funded with members not working towards qualifications but learning for pleasure. There would be no distinction between learners and the teachers — everyone could take a turn at being both if they wished.

From its beginnings in 1981, the movement grew very quickly and, by the early 1990's, a U3A was opening every fortnight. U3a's grew in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland and in 2008 membership was increasing by 11% every year. 2010 saw our world wide membership hit the quarter million mark.

At the end of 2016 the U3A movement reached the milestone of 1000 U3A's celebrated by a conference with speakers including Eric Midwinter — one of the founders of the U3A movement.

Today, our movement includes over 400,00 U3A members in more than 1000 U3A branches. There are more new branches starting every week.

