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**Issue number 219 (April 2019) from the WorldU3A Service and the U3A Global Forum, and a 3-minute video about our projects may be found [here >>>](#)**

## QAZAQSTAN - previously Kazakhstan

Congratulations to this fast-growing and energetic group and their new [English/Kazakh/Cyrillic website](#). Under the leadership of Gulbarshin Kassimanova - third from right in our banner above - all members are encouraged to go into Primary/Kindergartens to help celebrate the Nauryz (Persian New Year) festival. The group are also working to help the official transition to the 'Latin' script. They ask for help from any Russian-speaking groups willing to exchange through ZOOM or SKYPE.



## POETRY GROUPS



Full text of many poems may be found at the ['Poemhunter' website](#), but the large numbers of adverts are irritating. However, a free registration at [the Poetry Archive](#) will prove worthwhile; many modern poets are listed there, as well as all the classical authors.

[The Poetry Archive](#) is a not-for-profit organisation that makes and acquires recordings of poets from around the English-speaking world and makes substantial excerpts from them freely available online. They are funded by Arts Council England, as well as a number of charitable trusts and foundations, philanthropic individuals and generous supporters.

## U3A FORUM - Videoconference - what is ART?

We are delighted to welcome **Maria Chester** for the April 7th Forum. Starting at 11am UK time, she will give an online talk entitled "What is Art?" after which there will be a discussion.

Maria will be well known to members of the UK Third Age Trust because of her many Summer Schools, and equally well-known to many members of AIUTA, the International Association of Universities of the Third Age, of which she is Secretary General.



**Up to 25 may join us - to request a place click on [www.u3aforum.org](http://www.u3aforum.org) For an excellent guided tour of ZOOM videoconferencing by Frank Nicholson of Toronto's Third Age Network, send a [request by email>>>](#).**

## OLDEST ACTIVE U3A MEMBER

**Far Tottering and Oyster Creek U3A** claim to have the oldest active member in the UK.



Mary will be 108 in April and still manages to get to meetings with a little help from her friends. Please send her birthday greetings, just [click here>>>](#)

## UK CLOCKS - Summer Time

Be aware that when United Kingdom clocks reached 1am on Sunday, March 31 they automatically flipped forward one hour to 2am.

When the clocks go forward they move from Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) to British Summer Time (BST).



## INDIA - Delhi Cyclists



A report on Long Term Care of Elderly prepared by Help Age India was released on 18-03-2019 by Dr. Imtiaz Ahmed, Mathew Cherian, J.R.Gupta, Chairperson, Confederation, Dr.A.B Dey, Kiran Karnik, Manmohan Sharma, Prof. Sivaraju, and Ms.Caitlin Littleton. On this occasion, Hari Baskaran,(70), was welcomed and felicitated as he covered 3000 km distance from Chennai to Delhi on cycle in 57 days.

## PASS IT ON NETWORK - latest news



The latest issue of the Pass It On Network newsletter contains a wealth of items useful for all citizens of the Third Age. Two are noted here, but why not read all of the content for yourself by [clicking here>>>](#)

- CommonAgenda Africa Conference will be attended by **SIGNPOST Africa Correspondent, Kathrine Fenton May**
- The Eurag (European Federation of Older Persons) conference will be addressed by **PassItOn Founder Moira Allan**

## POLAND - Learn with Grandma

**Dr Anna Grabowska reports from Gdansk:** This is one example project realised under LwG - Gdansk. It is a voluntary based translation of a book about teaching Children Protective

Behaviours - "[Koala and Bunny](#)"



Currently there are more than 44 Learn with Grandma groups around the world helping to empower elders & young people by encouraging intergenerational learning; using the internet as a bridge to help break down the digital age gap by sharing skills; love & knowledge across the generations. Learn with Grandma network was started by Mrs Valerie Wood-Gaiger, a great granny living in Wales. To learn more [watch this video>>>](#)



## ALL GROUPS - Identifying misinformation

How can you verify the truth of breaking news, a photo, or a viral video before you use it? In this free course from <https://journalismcourses.org/> you will get the tools needed to ascertain the provenance or verify the source, date or location of a piece of content, so that you can confidently use it. Especially useful for U3A newsletter editors.

**Thank you Dr Vyasamoorthy - Indian Society of U3As.**

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## AIUTA - United Nations



Prof Francois Vellas, AIUTA President participated in a United Nations meeting with Antipas Touatam and Pierre Encontre at UNCTAD (UN Conference on Trade and Development) headquarters in Geneva on March 27th on next AIUTA 2019 events. A working group will be set up with United Nations organisation on International Elderly Challenges. Antipas Touatam Guendergue will give a presentation to next WSTC Yantai international Conference as representative of UNCTAD.

## AIUTA - Siberian Summer School

Tomsk State University holds short-term schools on various subjects. We welcome students from all over the world to spend the summer at the Oldest Trans-Siberian University and share unique experience of living and studying in Siberia.

In 2019 [TSU offers the following Summer Schools:](#)

1. Summer School of Intensive Russian (June 17, 2019 ♦ July 05, 2019)
2. Summer School of Intensive Russian (August 19 - September 6, 2019)



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