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## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF READING U3A

Please complete and send this form with your subscription of £20 for the year to Sept.2010 (cheque made payable to Reading U3A) and include a SAE (C5 size (16 x 23cm) if you have not received the current newsletter) to the Membership Secretary:

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### For men and women no longer in full time employment

**No Age Limit**                      **No Qualifications required**                      **No qualifications given**

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OPEN MEETINGS on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month in the Abbey Baptist Church Hall, Abbey Square, Reading, usually with a Guest Speaker. Visitors are welcome to join us (tea and biscuits 30p).

MEMBERS MEETINGS on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month with a demonstration or speaker from among the members.

All activities take place in the daytime in an informal and friendly atmosphere.

#### ORIGINS OF U3A

The University of the Third Age began in France in 1972. The first British U3A was established in Cambridge in 1982. U3A Reading was launched in 1985. Most U3As have no formal link with universities. "University" is used in its original sense for a group of people coming together to learn for the pleasure of learning. To date total membership nationally is over 225,000 and there are over 730 autonomous U3As.

#### Gift Aid Notes

Reading U3A can recover a tax rebate on membership subscriptions under the Charities Gift Aid system. To enable us to do so it is necessary for each member to complete a Gift Aid Declaration if they are currently paying UK Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax.

From these forms, the Treasurer compiles a list and forwards the names to HM Revenue & Customs and claims Tax Relief against the subscription. There is a substantial financial benefit to all charities taking part in this scheme.

All eligible members are urged to sign the Gift Aid Declaration, which allows U3A to recoup 25p for every pound of your subscription, i.e. £5 on £20.

Cancellation of this Declaration can be made at any time by notifying Reading U3A.

Title & Surname.....

Forenames.....

Address.....

Post Code.....Phone No.....

e-mail.....

I wish to receive my newsletters in **paper form / as email attachments\***.  
I am **willing / not willing\*** for my contact details to be passed to other members.  
(\* Please delete words in **bold** which are inappropriate)

Signed:

Dated:

#### OPTIONAL: Skills/experience/help I can offer Reading U3A

Administration

Organisational

Clerical

Technical

Computing

Other (please elaborate)

I am **willing / not willing / unable\*** to offer lifts to meetings for other members.

How did you hear about U3A?

#### Gift Aid Declaration

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