



# Newsflash

Charity Registration No 1159091

Dear North West members,  
Just a couple of items before I hibernate for the Christmas Break.

'Your best Ever AGM'. Regional workshop on February 28<sup>th</sup> in Preston –Registration details are now on the Regional website:

[www.u3asites.org.uk/north-west](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/north-west). We have only a short time to confirm the booking with the venue so please register as soon as you can.

Flyer attached for the Cottonopolis Project created by the Greater Manchester network.

Two TV companies have sent a request for people who would like to take part in their programmes. **Please note, these are messages which have been sent to the Regional Committee. They are not sponsored by U3A.**

**Shiver Productions** wish to recruit vibrant, fun, outgoing grandparents who have three or more adult (18+) grandchildren who they would like to spend more time with. In the programme they will spend more one-on-one time with their grandchildren in attempt to get to know them better. This will help them to share their knowledge, practical help and advice whilst learning more about the lives, hopes and aspirations of their grandchildren.

Filming will take place next year so please get in touch ASAP if you want to take part.

For more information contact Grace Dunsby on 0207 157 4588 or email Grace at

[grace.dunsby@itv.com](mailto:grace.dunsby@itv.com)

**The BBC is preparing** a series called 'Health: Truth or Scare' part of which will be to assess how the different generations are using social media and whether this can be done in a healthy way. They are looking for a daughter, mum and grandma who all use social media multiple times a day and would be available for filming in early 2018.

Ideal candidates would be

**Daughter** – teenager who loves social media, especially Instagram and Snapchat and spends a lot of time posting pictures or scrolling through friends' feed.

**Mum** – joined social media in the past few years. Uses it to connect with old friends, message groups and share family news

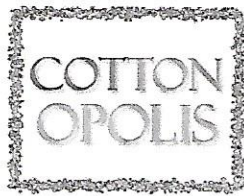
**Grandma** – uses social media to contact friends either because she can't go out easily or her friends can't. Uses it to message groups or find social activities.

Please reply as soon as possible to

Alice Maguire: [alice.maguire02@bbc.co.uk](mailto:alice.maguire02@bbc.co.uk)

Best wishes for the coming year. I look forward to meeting you in 2018

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## The Cottonopolis Project

A Greater Manchester U3A Network Study Day  
Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2018, 10.00am – 4.00pm

Cross Street Chapel, Cross Street, Manchester, M2 1NL

partly funded by the Third Age Trust

- A day-long workshop for all members of the U3A Greater Manchester Network to find out more about involvement in the 'Cottonopolis' project. No experience necessary
- Useful information is attached to this flyer and more is available on the project's website: <https://cottonopolis.weebly.com>
- Participants will be able to choose a morning and afternoon break-out workshop

### PROGRAMME

10.00	Coffee and registration
10.30	Welcome
10.45	Keynote speaker – Dr Mary Searle-Chatterjee, retired Social Anthropologist, Centre for Applied South Asian Studies, University of Manchester and member of Lancaster U3A <i>'Lancashire Textiles and the Indian connection'</i>
11.30-12.45	First Workshop
12.45-13.45	Buffet Lunch
13.45-15.00	Second Workshop
15.00-16.00	Closing Plenary Session

**Workshops** – led by members of Greater Manchester Network Steering Group. Please choose 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> preferences. You will be allocated 2 out of the 3:

1. **Textiles and fabrics** – the magic of cotton, wool, linen and silk
2. **Urban drawing and photography** – interpreting industrial landscapes
3. **Inventing Manchester** – sites, themes and resources
4. **Social and family history** – people and places
5. **Creative arts** – visualising and narrating Manchester's industrial revolution
6. **Transport and social conditions** – canals, railways, factories, health
7. **The international dimension** – Manchester's world impact

Apply online, entering *three* workshop selections:

<https://u3a-cottonopolis-project.eventbrite.co.uk/>

or, by telephone: Jenny on 01244 680460

**CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS – 22nd January 2018**

Payment of £5.00 per member (to include tea/coffee and sandwich lunch) is required to secure a place