



Hamilton and District

**Data Protection Policy**

**Scope of the Policy**

This policy applies to the work of Hamilton & District u3a. The policy sets out the requirements that Hamilton & District u3a has to gather information for membership purposes. The policy details how personal information will be gathered, stored and managed in line with data protection principles and the General Data Protection Regulation.

**Reason for Existence of Policy**

This data protection policy ensures Hamilton & District u3a :

- ❖ Complies with data protection law and follows good practice
- ❖ Protects the rights of members
- ❖ Is open about how members' data is stored and processed
- ❖ Protects itself from the risks of a data breach

**Guidelines Pertaining to Committee Members and Group Convenors**

The only people able to access data covered by this policy will be those who need to communicate with or provide a service to the Hamilton & District u3a members

Hamilton & District u3a will provide induction training to committee members and group convenors to help them understand their responsibilities when handling data

Committee members and group convenors shall keep all data secure, by taking sensible precautions e.g. the use of strong passwords which will not be shared. Data will not be shared outside Hamilton & District u3a unless with prior consent and /or for specific agreed reasons

Member information shall be refreshed annually to ensure accuracy, via the membership renewal process or when policy is changed

Additional support will be sought from the Third Age Trust if uncertainties or incidents regarding data protection arise.

## Data Protection Principles

The General Data Protection Regulation identifies key data :

Principle 1 - Personal data shall be processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner

Principle 2 - Personal data must be collected for specified, explicit and legitimate purposes and not further processed in a manner that is incompatible with those purposes; further processing for archiving purposes in the public interest, scientific or historical research purposes or statistical purposes shall not be considered to be incompatible with the initial purposes

Principle 3 - The collection of personal data must be adequate, relevant and limited to what is necessary in relation to the purposes for which they are processed

Principle 4 - Personal data held should be accurate and, where necessary, kept up to date; every reasonable step must be taken to ensure that personal data that are inaccurate, having regard to the purposes for which they are processed, are erased or rectified without delay

Principle 5 - Personal data must be kept in a form which permits identification of data subjects for no longer than is necessary for the purposes for which the personal data are processed; personal data may be stored for longer periods insofar as the personal data will be processed solely for archiving purposes in the public interest, scientific or historical research purposes or statistical purposes subject to implementation of the appropriate technical and organisational measures required by the GDPR in order to safeguard the rights and freedoms of individuals

Principle 6 - Personal data must be processed in accordance a manner that ensures appropriate security of the personal data, including protection against unauthorised or unlawful processing and against accidental loss, destruction or damage, using appropriate technical or organisational measures

## Lawful, Fair and Transparent Data Processing

Hamilton & District u3a requests personal information from potential members and members for membership applications and for sending communications about their involvement with the u3a. The forms used to request personal information will contain a privacy statement informing potential members and members as to why the information is being requested and what the information will be used for. The lawful basis for obtaining member information is due to the contractual relationship that the u3a has with individual members. In addition members will be asked to provide consent for specific processing purposes. u3a

members will be informed as to who they need to contact should they wish for their data not to be used for specific purposes for which they have provided consent. Where these requests are received they will be acted upon promptly and the member will be informed as to when the action has been taken.

#### Processed for Specific, Explicit and Legitimate Purposes

Members will be informed as to how their information will be used and the Committee of Hamilton & District u3a will seek to ensure that member information is not used inappropriately.

Appropriate use of information provided by members will include :

- ❖ Communicating with members about Hamilton & District u3a events and activities
- ❖ Group conveners communicating with group members about specific group activities
- ❖ Consenting in order to add members` details to the direct mailing information for the Third Age Trust magazines - Third Age Matters and Sources
- ❖ Sending members information about Third Age Trust events and activities
- ❖ Communicating with members about their membership and/or renewal of their membership
- ❖ Communicating with members about specific issues that may have arisen during the course of their membership

Hamilton & District u3a will ensure that group conveners are made aware of what would be considered appropriate and inappropriate communication e.g. inappropriate communication would include sending u3a members marketing and/or promotional materials from external service providers

Hamilton & District u3a will ensure that members` information is managed in such a way as to not infringe an individual member`s rights which include :

- ❖ The right to be informed
- ❖ The right of access
- ❖ The right to rectification
- ❖ The right to erasure
- ❖ The right to restrict processing
- ❖ The right to data portability
- ❖ The right to object

### Adequate, Relevant and Limited Data

Members of Hamilton & District u3a will only be asked to provide information that is relevant for membership purposes.

This will include :

- ❖ Name
- ❖ Postal address
- ❖ Contact telephone number
- ❖ Email address
- ❖ Emergency contact name and number

Where additional information may be required this will be obtained with the consent of the member who will be informed as to why this information is required and the purpose that it will be used for

### Photographs

Photographs are classified as personal data. Oral consent will be obtained from members in order for photographs to be taken and members will be informed as to where photographs will be displayed. Where group photographs are being taken members will be asked to step out of shot if they don't wish to be in the photograph. Should a member wish at any time to remove their consent and to have their photograph removed then they should contact the Chairperson and their group convener to advise that they no longer wish their photograph to be displayed

### Accuracy of Data and Keeping Data Up-To-Date

Hamilton & District u3a has a responsibility to ensure members' information is kept up to date. Members will be advised to notify the Membership Secretary if any of their personal information changes. In addition, on an annual basis, the membership renewal process will provide an opportunity for members to inform Hamilton & District u3a as to any changes in their personal information

### Accountability and Governance

The u3a Committee are responsible for ensuring that the u3a remains compliant with data protection requirements and can evidence that it has. Where consent is required for specific purposes then evidence of this consent (either electronic or paper) will be obtained and retained securely.

The u3a Committee will ensure that new committee members receive an induction into the requirements of GDPR and the implications for their role

Hamilton & District u3a will also ensure that group conveners are made aware of their responsibilities in relation to the data they hold and process. Committee members shall also stay up to date with guidance and practice within the u3a movement and shall seek additional input from the Third Age Trust National Office should any uncertainties arise. The committee will review data protection and who has access to information on a regular basis as well as reviewing what data is held. When committee members and group conveners relinquish their roles, they will be asked to either pass on data to those who need it and/or delete data.

### Secure Processing

Hamilton & District u3a committee members have a responsibility to ensure that data is both securely held and processed. This will include :

- ❖ Strong passwords being used
- ❖ Non sharing of passwords
- ❖ Restricting the access of the sharing of members` information to only those who need to communicate with members on a regular basis

### Subject Access Request

u3a members are entitled to request access to the information that is held by Hamilton & District u3a. The request needs to be received in the form of a written request to the Membership Secretary of the u3a. On receipt of the request, the request will be formally acknowledged and dealt with expediently (the legislation requires that information should generally be provided within one month) unless there are exceptional circumstances as to why the request cannot be granted. Hamilton & District u3a will provide a written response detailing all information held on the member. A record shall be kept of the date of the request and the date of the response

### Data Breach Notification

Were a data breach to occur action shall be taken to minimise the harm. This will include ensuring that all Hamilton & District u3a committee members are made aware that a breach has taken place and how the breach occurred. The committee shall then seek to rectify the cause of the breach as soon as possible to prevent any further breaches.

The Chair of the u3a shall contact National Office within 24 hours of the breach occurring to notify of the breach. A discussion will take place between the Chair and National Office as to the seriousness of the breach, action to be

taken and, where necessary, the Information Commissioner`s Office would be notified. The committee shall also contact the relevant u3a members to inform them of the data breach and actions taken to resolve the breach.

Where a u3a member feels that there has been a breach by the u3a, a committee member will ask the member to provide an outline of the breach. If the initial contact is by telephone, the committee member will ask the u3a member to follow this up with an email or a letter detailing their concern. The alleged breach will then be investigated by members of the committee who are not in any way implicated in the breach. Where the committee needs support or if the breach is serious National Office should be notified. The u3a member should also be informed that they can report their concerns to National Office if they don't feel satisfied with the response from the u3a. Breach matters will be subject to a full investigation, records will be kept and all those involved notified of the outcome.

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