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Venie, who served as Chair of Causeway u3a between 2018 and 2021, was awarded the honour for her services to older people in Northern Ireland. Under her role, Venie introduced a programme in the pandemic training members on how to use technology and encouraging groups to meet virtually. More than twenty groups began meeting on Zoom and members also met for virtual coffee mornings and table quizzes.

Still, Venie was as surprised as anyone else when on 2 June, she saw posts on Facebook alerting her to the fact that she had won the award. Venie says, "I am still reeling from the fact that u3a members appreciated my input to the extent that they put together all the information required for the nomination - a huge task.

"I find it hard to believe that I am getting an award like this for doing things I enjoyed so much and which I found so rewarding! There is life after full time work and u3a is a great organisation for ensuring everyone has the opportunity to enjoy their third age – even during lockdowns!"

u3a is a movement run by the members, in which people no longer in full time work come together to learn, continue their interests and have fun. [Join u3a.](#)

