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Dr Liz Thackray is the new Chair of the Third Age Trust.

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The Third Age Trust hybrid AGM took place both as an in-person meeting at Kennilworth whilst simultaneously broadcasting to members across the UK, ensuring that all members could take part.

At the AGM, the new members of the Board, elected by the movement, were announced. This includes Dr Liz Thackray, the Chair of the Third Age Trust, the body which supports over 1,000 u3as across the UK.

Liz says, "I feel excitement at the prospect of having a part to play in the future of our movement. Over the past 18 months we have weathered many storms, but u3as have shown originality and agility in adopting new technologies and ensuring members are enabled to continue to be part of our vibrant community.

I do know the u3a will grow and prosper as we share experiences and learn from each other, enjoying the friendship and support we are famous for and go forward determined to overcome whatever challenges cross our path."

Also announced at the meeting were the new Vice Chair, Michaela Moody, Treasurer, Derek Harwood, amongst other officers. This AGM follows on from the 2020 AGM which was the first virtual AGM for the Trust.

Right across the movement, u3as are holding their own AGMs and looking at how to include as many members as possible. The Third Age Trust AGM is a great example of how the u3a movement is embracing new technologies to enable further inclusion. None of this would be possible without the volunteers giving their time to support the movement.

A longer article with Liz Thackray is in the September issue of our members' magazine, Third Age Matters. If you are not yet a u3a member, [join us now](#).

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