



Questionnaire for Older Learners

Please put a tick 「✓」 in the appropriate box.

Section A: Background Information

1. Sex: Male Female
2. Age: Under 60 60- 65 66-70 Above 70
3. Highest Education Level Attained:
 Primary or below Secondary Tertiary or above
 Others (please specify): _____

Section B: Experience of Learning (You may tick more than one box in each question.)

4. I know about U3A courses / activities through ...
 - Family members / relatives
 - Friends
 - Government departments
 - Newspaper / magazine
 - T.V. / Radio
 - Internet
 - Others (please specify): _____
5. I am interested in...
 - Hobbies and interests courses (e.g. painting course, dancing course)
 - Skills courses (e.g. computer course, home maintenance course)
 - Knowledge driven courses (e.g. language course, health-related course)
 - Courses leading to recognized qualifications (e.g. certification, diploma)
 - Courses leading to re-employment (e.g. office administration course)
 - Others (please specify): _____

6. By joining the U3A courses, I enjoy the following benefits....

- Develop my personal interest / hobbies
- Gain some knowledge
- Meet more people
- Make my life more productive
- Obtain a qualification
- Prepare myself for re-employment
- Fill up my time
- Know more about the changing world
- Others (please specify): _____

7. From my experience of taking U3A courses, I find the following difficulties/problems:

- Health/Physical problems
- Financial problems
- Travelling problems
- Lack of time
- Problems following the teaching pace
- Others (please specify): _____

Section C: Experience of Teaching U3A courses

(You may tick more than one box if necessary.)

8. I have experience teaching U3A courses.

- Yes (please go to question 9)
- No (please go to question 12)

9. I have taught in ...

- Hobbies and interests courses (e.g. painting course, dancing course)
- Skills courses (e.g. computer course, home maintenance course)
- Knowledge driven courses (e.g. language course, health-related course)
- Courses leading to recognized qualifications (e.g. certification, diploma)
- Courses leading to re-employment (e.g. office administration course)
- Others (please specify): _____

10. In my experience of teaching U3A courses, I have difficulties in ...

- Designing curriculum / materials
- Using teaching facilities
- Communicating with administrators
- Communicating with students
- Managing the class
- Supervising the students
- Others (please specify): _____

11. When teaching U3A courses, I feel...

- Happy
- Challenged
- Frustrated
- Unrewarded
- Others (please specify) : _____

12. I would like to teach U3A courses in the future.

- Yes
- No

13. To improve the quality of U3A courses, I suggest...

- Government should provide financial support.
- Government should provide staffing support.
- Government should provide venue support.
- Government should develop some policies to support U3A.
- Non-government organizations should run U3A courses with government subsidy.
- Universities should run U3A courses with government subsidy.
- Universities should help in curriculum design and teaching.

14. In view of current policy on elderly continuing education, I have the following additional opinion:

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Thank you for your co-operation!