

# Introduction to the Trust



Aim

To provide you with an overview of the Third Age Trust – what staff and Trust Volunteers do, responsibilities and areas of work.

## Who we are...

- Founded over 43 years ago
- The Third Age Trust is the national body of the u3as movement
- The Charitable Objective of the Trust is: the advancement of education and, in particular, the education of older people and those who are retired from full time work, by all means including associated activities conducive to learning and personal development.
- The Trust provides a wide range of support services to local u3as, activities, events and raise the profile and increase awareness of the movement throughout the UK.

# Who we are...

All u3as are independent charities, each run by a Committee of members elected as Trustees

Currently over 1035 u3as covering England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales and over 400,000 members nationally

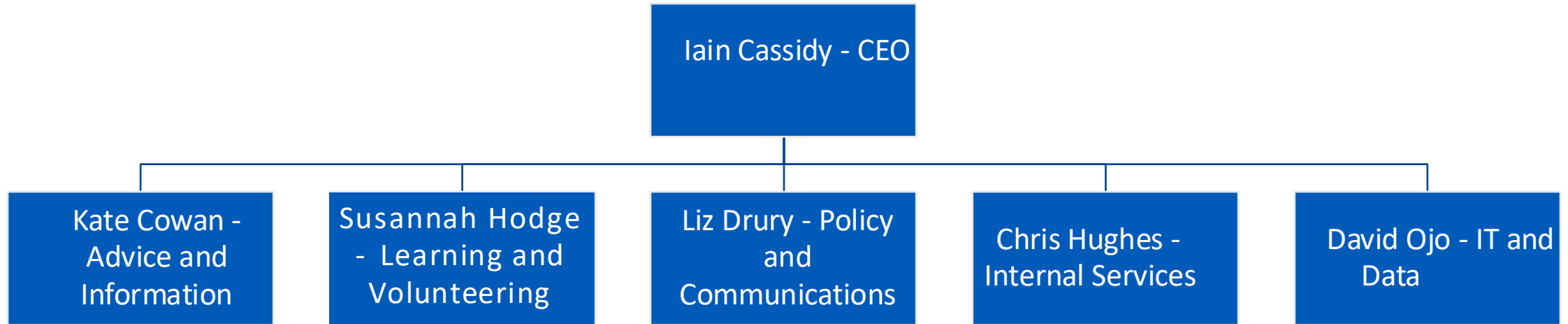
The Guiding Principles are:

- a)The Third Age principle
- b)The Self-Help Learning principle
- c)The Mutual Aid principle

The u3a movement is non-religious and non-political.

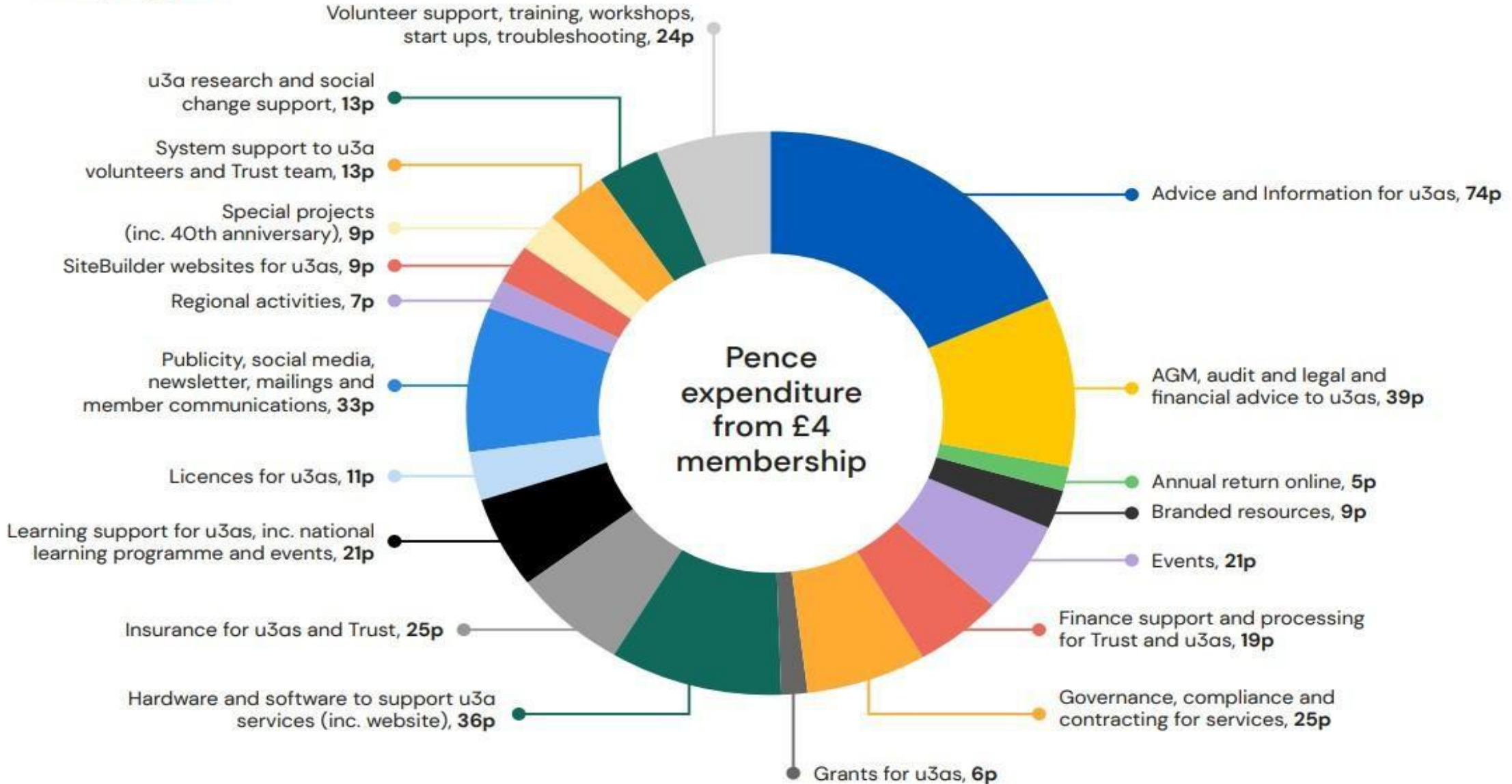


# Staff departments and Trust Volunteers



- 27 Staff (full time and part time)
- 368 Trust Volunteers

## A Snapshot of Support & Services





# Who are Trust Volunteers? (368)



## Policy & Communications

**Policy & Communications**  
**28 Trust Volunteers**

- Facebook Group Moderators
- Event Support Volunteers
- Future Lives Chair
- PR Advisers
- Research Volunteers

## Member Services

**Learning**  
**129 Trust Volunteers**

- Subject Advisers
- Learning Volunteers
- Interest Groups Online
- Subject Network Volunteers
- u3a Radio Volunteers
- Let's Talk Tech

**Training & Regional Support**  
**100 Trust Volunteers**

- Advice Line
- Trainers
- Zoom Tutors
- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Presenters
- Influencing and Social Change Trainers
- Network Link Chair
- Start-Up Volunteers
- Proofreading Volunteers

**Beacon**  
**36 Trust Volunteers**

- Beacon Team Leads
- Beacon Team

## IT and Data

**Siteworks**  
**56 Trust Volunteers**

- Siteworks Team Leads
- Siteworks Volunteers

## Internal Services

## Governance

- Trust Board
- Trust Committees – Finance and Governance

## u3a Council

- Strategy implementation groups

**Regional Support**  
**56 Trust Volunteers**

- Regional Support Volunteers



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**Thank you!**