



DEEPDENE Inc.
UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

POLICY PRINCIPLES

U3A Deepdene is committed to the value of lifelong learning through the establishment and maintenance of opportunities for participation in educational, cultural, physical and socially inclusive programs and activities.

Deepdene U3A adopts the principles of mutual aid which include:

- No payments are made to members for any services rendered
- U3A is self-funded with member subscriptions and costs kept as low as possible
- Outside financial assistance is only sought if it does not imperil the integrity of U3A Deepdene.

POLITICAL POLICY

Introduction

A number of components of the U3A program involve some political discussion such as News and Views and the Politics component of the program. It is the aim of U3A Deepdene to allow exploration of political ideas in a free environment.

Purpose

This policy sets out guidelines to ensure that such programs and speakers invited to participate in these programs or special events have a clear understanding that any views discussed are not the official views of U3A Deepdene and that the Deepdene U3A does not condone the use of any forums to influence voting preferences nor make party political statements.

Policy Statement

It is the aim of U3A Deepdene to allow exploration of political ideas in a free environment. It should be clear to members, tutors and speakers that political views expressed are their own and not the official views of U3A Deepdene.

Procedures

- All politically based activities in programs, classes or special events will be advertised and prefaced with the following statement:
‘The views expressed by the presenter in these sessions and by tutors in all classes are their own views and not the official view of U3A Deepdene. Our aim is to encourage the exploration of ideas, in a relatively free environment.’
- There will be no sessions involving candidates during a election period (Local, State or Federal)

U3A Deepdene – Political Policy

- Where members of parliament (present or past) are invited to present they will be requested to speak on a particular topic, chosen by U3A Deepdene designed to minimise any expression of political preference.
- Speakers will be advised, when requested to speak, that party political statements would be counter-productive.
- All invited speakers or guests and tutors will be made aware of this policy.

Responsibilities

- U3A Deepdene Tutors, Administration and Program Coordinators are responsible for compliance with duties specifically outlined in this policy.
- U3A Deepdene's Committee of Management is responsible for:
 - developing, adopting, implementing, publishing and reviewing this policy
 - scrutiny and resolution of any complaint made about failure to comply with this policy.
- Any Member of U3A Deepdene's Committee of Management is responsible for: -
 - receiving enquiries about this policy
 - receiving complaints about an alleged failure to comply with this policy, reporting the incident to the President and bringing the matter before the Committee of Management promptly

Related Documents

- U3A Deepdene Constitution
- U3A Deepdene Code of Conduct Policy