



## A Message from the Chair

### **Urgent Closure of U3AC Bridge Street Office and Rooms from Thursday 17 October until Monday, 28 October**

Following regular water testing, I must let you all know that Legionnaires' Disease bacteria (*Legionella*) have been detected in our water supply. These can cause a severe form of pneumonia - lung inflammation - which may be caught by inhaling the bacteria through water. Sprayed water is one of the main forms of transmission, and luckily we do not have showers or other such equipment. Hopefully, therefore, the risk should remain low. However, as a proper precaution, we must close the building until the water can be treated. The water supply was turned off immediately this morning.

I am pleased to inform you that our water will be re-sampled on Monday, 21 October. We very much hope that we shall be able to receive the results of this testing by Friday, 25 October.

If these results are then clear, we shall re-open Bridge Street, as planned, on Monday, 28 October.

In the meantime, there will be no classes or meetings held in Bridge Street, and the Social Area is closed. You will not be able to visit the Office in person while the building is closed.

Classes which are held in locations other than Bridge Street can, of course, continue as normal. Later, we shall consider extending the Autumn Term by one week to allow tutors to complete their courses.

Thank you all for your patience in this matter, **but your safety must be our prime concern.** I should like to thank the staff for their efficiency in dealing with this challenge, and I ask for your forbearance with the staff during this demanding closure.

We shall keep you fully informed.

Philip

Philip Stott,  
Chair, U3AC

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