

U3A Queensland and the U3A Asia Pacific Alliance invite you to their international conference in Brisbane, May 2015



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Unusual Sensory Experiences Research Study - please take part.

My name is Claire Mitchell and I am currently studying my Masters (Clinical Psychology)/PhD at the University of Western Australia. We now know that both healthy people and people with medical or psychological conditions report having strange or unusual sensory experiences, which range from being very subtle to quite obvious. My research concerns such experiences in the general population. The aim of this research project is therefore to examine the occurrence of unusual sensory experiences and associated psychological traits in healthy people. For more information [click here >>>](#)



U3A Asia Pacific Alliance international conference: 40 members of Senior Citizens Council of Delhi attended International U3A Conference on "Active Life for Social Change : Promoting Multi-Generational Learning and Sharing" recently at Kathmandu, Nepal which was inaugurated by Chief Guest Hon'ble Shri Parmanand Jha , Vice- President of Nepal . Opening remarks were also offered by Shri M.R. Rangaswamy , Chairperson , Indian Society of U3A on behalf of India, Representatives from Australian U3A, South Africa and Nepal.

J.R. Gupta , Vice- Chairperson , ISU3A North Zone felicitated Hon'ble Chief Guest with a shawl on behalf of 11 lakh senior citizens of Delhi.

The U3A Network Queensland and U3A Asia Pacific Alliance International Conference will be held in Brisbane, Australia on 28-29 May 2015.

The Conference Venue is the recently-restored Brisbane City Hall in King George Square in the centre of the Brisbane business district, and close to transport, shopping, restaurants, accommodation and cultural venues.

Within walking distance of City Hall across the Brisbane River is Southbank, Brisbane's urban playground, as well as the city's cultural precinct - comprising the Performing Arts Centre, Queensland Symphony Orchestra, Queensland Art Gallery, Queensland Museum, Gallery of Modern Art, and the modern State Library of Queensland.



[Click here for more conference details >>>](#)

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History Groups: Ever heard of the Indo-Greeks? I hadn't until I found the maps at http://worldhistorymaps.info/images/Indo-Greeks_100bc.jpg while trying to track down those mysterious blue-eyed Tocharians (aka Yuezhi) described in the Chinese chronicle 'Hou Hanshu'.

World History Maps has been put together and maintained by Thomas Lessman, an *"amateur historian with over 20 years of experience researching world history"*. The level of detail in these maps is astonishing.

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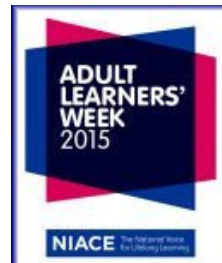
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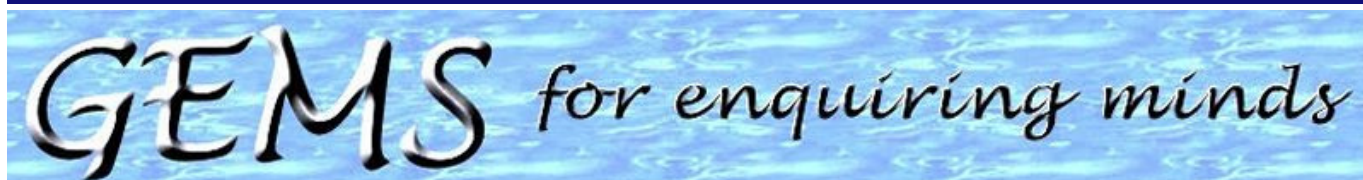
Science Groups and all on medication: Doctor Ben Goldacre is well known for his 'Bad Science' website and writings. Some of the work he has published affects all of us and particularly those of retirement age.

His TED lecture on 'Publication Bias' concerning the effectiveness of widely dispensed drugs sounds a warning that we might all learn about and understand. [Click here to see it >>>](#)

Remarkable individuals, tutors, projects and employers who have used learning to transform their lives and the lives of others, are invited to be part of the country's largest festival and celebration of learning. Nominations for NIACE's 2015 Adult Learners' Week Awards are now open - until 5pm on Wednesday 17 December 2014 - and NIACE is hoping for a record number of exceptional stories that illustrate the power of learning. See <http://www.niace.org.uk/news/inspire-the-world-2015-adult-learners-week-nominations-now-open>



U3A Japan: Your editor is currently living and working in Osaka with Mrs Akiko Tsukatani, President of Age Concern Japan and Chair of U3A Japan. A web entry for U3A Osaka has been completed - please [click here to see it](#) - and preliminary plans are being made for an international conference to be held in October 2016.



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