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**New Year's Message
from CEO of the Third
Trust, Sam Mauger**

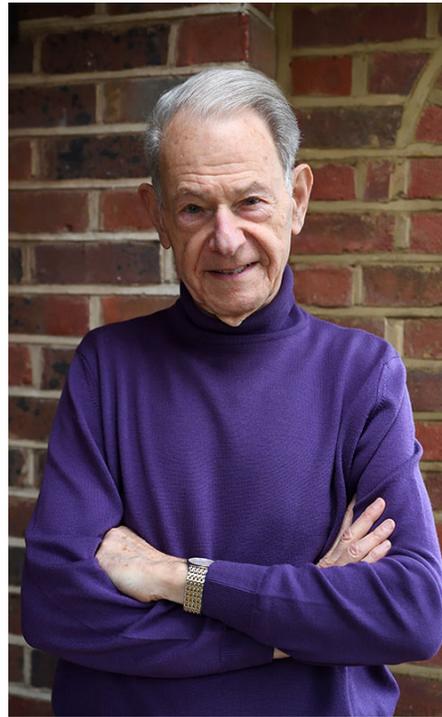
Watch a New Year's Day message for 2021 from Sam Mauger, CEO of the Third Age Trust, on our YouTube channel - see transcript in the button below.

[Transcript of Sam's New Year's Day Message](#)

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Photos: u3a members featured in TAM this year - Croydon u3a member Suhail Aziz who recently published his memoir, 'Breakthrough: Memoir of a British Trained Bangladeshi' - John Hajdu photographed by Karwai Tang who received an OBE earlier this year for his work in Holocaust education.

TAM Editor Joanne Smith

'My first year as editor of Third Age Matters has been overwhelming – I have spoken to many wonderful and inspiring people, although mostly, of course, by telephone or video conference. I hope next year to be able to resume meeting members in person when we can get back together again. Of course, I am totally reliant on members sending in their stories, so please continue to [email me](#).'

Read more of Joanne's reflections on the year on our [Sources blog](#).

Your Stories

"Over the last year, Barnsley u3a has discovered the benefits of video conferencing. We have up to 70 meetings each month with our 'Presentation Hour Group' which meets three times and has seen 240 members signing up.

Whilst everyone is keen to get back to face to face activities some of the video conferencing, such as the Executive Committee meetings which are taking place twice per month, will likely continue on Zoom in the longer

term. It's not all doom and gloom when you have Zoom."

– Alan Swann, Barnsley u3a



u3a Eye

Over the last year, u3a members have been consistently submitting incredible photos into our photography challenge, u3a eye. Why not have a look through the [u3a eye page](#) to see all the themes so far?

[Submit your photos](#) now for the current theme, **'A Picture Tells 1000 words.'**
The deadline is Thursday 7 January.

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