

# NEWSLETTER

August 2019

FINANCIALS  
and DREAM  
User Group

## Welcome note from our Chairman

I hope you are having a prosperous 2019. If you are using CODA Financials or Dream, you need to be a member of the Financials and Dream User Group. It is led by Users drawn from a broad range of sectors.

We have several workshops on offer to you at locations in the North and South of England. Please see our website for more details. Considering that the annual membership is less than £400, you get excellent value for money for up to five people.

This year we have been working on our website and we hope you like the finished result! The website is the way to finding useful information about the workshops and your Unit4 products.

Your committee is always on the lookout for ways to improve your User experience. We are regularly in contact with Unit4 to bring the User perspective to the development of Financials and Dream and we'd love to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or comments please get in touch with our Administrator, Susan Thompson. Her details are to be found in this newsletter.

**Simon Nobbs, Chairman**

### **REMAINING WORKSHOPS IN 2019**

21 Aug	Mary Sumner House, Westminster	Audit/Change Log/Element W/F
15 Oct	Harrogate	User Group Committee Meeting
16 Oct	Harrogate	Upgrades and Functionality
20 Nov	Mary Sumner House, Westminster	Management Accounting and Currency Reveal

21 Aug	Unit4 Reading	Audit Trail/Archiving & User Reports
15 Oct	Harrogate	User Group Committee Meeting
16 Oct	Harrogate	P2P
20Nov	TBC	Table/Database Structure

**USER GROUP WEBSITE**

The new website will be updated on a regular basis with information and agendas for the workshops and any other relevant membership information along with product information etc. Please have a look at the site and if you require any further information on anything at all, please let Susan know. The link to the website is below -

<http://financialsanddream.com>

**UNIT4 WILL BE ATTENDING THE FOLLOWING EVENTS IN 2019. FURTHER DETAILS AND REGISTRATION CAN BE FOUND ON UNIT4 UKI WEBSITE**

19th September	2019	UKI	The Leadership Conference 2019
16-17 October	2019	UKI	Digital Construction Week
15-16 October	2019	UKI	Local Government Strategy Forum
9-11 October	2019	UKI	Charity IT Leader Conference
20-22 November	2019	UKI	UCISA CISG
3-4 December	2019	UKI	Central Government Strategy Forum

**IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS – USE YOUR MEMBERSHIP VOICE!**

As a member of the User Group please feel free to submit ideas and suggestions that you would like to see with your Unit4 products and use your members voice to influence change! Just contact Susan to voice your ideas and these will then be submitted at our next Committee Meeting for discussion.

## **PRODUCT UPDATE PROVIDED BY UNIT4 R & D AND PRODUCT MANAGEMENT**

- V13/V14 releases continue through the year and is the medium for resolving customer change requests and the introduction minor products improvements and/or new features. Releases in 2019 included:
  - V13 SP 22 (January 2019)
  - V14 R7 (January 2019)
  - V14 (R8 May 2019)
  - V14 R9 (July 2019)
- Next “major” release target for January 2020 will include extensive new features and infrastructure improvements to that include:
  - Element Authorisation, Element Anonymisation, Provisional Year End - You can now choose to run Year End in two modes: provisional or full. Provisional Year End will perform all the processing of a full Year End, but will not close the year being ended, allowing you to continue posting to that year, Browse Transactions improvements – now includes more of the browse details capabilities, Undo Year End - You can now undo both provisional and full Year Ends, Reconciliation date- Reconciliation will now record the date of reconciliation. Continuous software release architecture

Technical infrastructure to support continuous incremental releases

Enables additional feature & function that includes database changes  
Simplifies deployment and time to value

- Proposed product platform roadmap  
Going to get rid of Solaris Oracle and support Unicode at V15

**Key Points:**

From the date of release of V15 we will continue to maintain V14 for an additional 3 years, after this date we would ONLY support V15 and V14 would drop off. V13 drops off at V15 release per the 2 versions rule (possibly +1 year grace as per).

V15 would initially be maintained on 5 Unicode only platforms –

Windows MSSQL  
Windows Oracle  
AIX Oracle  
Linux Oracle  
I-Series DB2

## WHAT OUR MEMBERS SAY

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“We find the UG session very informative run by subject matter experts, great place to network and discuss Unit4 problem areas\ solutions and discuss ideas”

– Perminder Heer, Senior Systems Accountant - PRS for Music



### REMINDER OF CHANGE OF BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

For your information please see below our bank account details which changed late last year. Please update your records accordingly if you haven't already done so. Any problems please get in touch with Susan. Thank you.

<b>Bank:</b>	<b>Barclays</b>
<b>Account name:</b>	<b>Financials and Dream User Group</b>
<b>Account number:</b>	<b>93925552</b>
<b>Sort code:</b>	<b>20-98-98</b>

### Administration

Susan Thompson is your contact for all User Group administration queries. Susan will arrange all workshop attendance and all membership invoicing, but please make sure we have the correct details for invoice submission as this can lead to delays when members wish to attend workshops. Susan can be contacted on – 07787882980 or by email at [susan.thompson@unt4.com](mailto:susan.thompson@unt4.com)