

# NEWS SHEET

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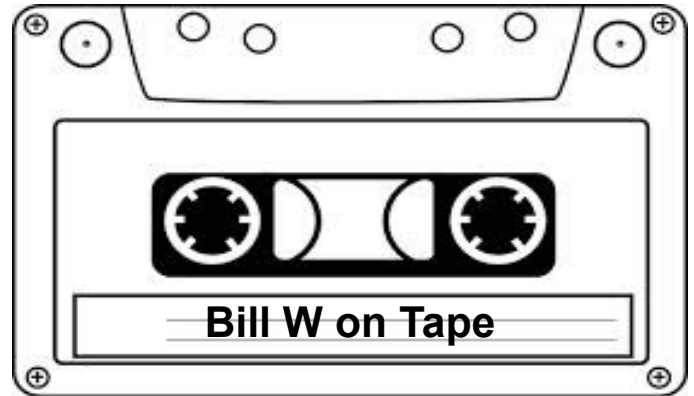
**LOGO**



Above we have the Trade Mark (Logo) of Alcoholics Anonymous here in Ireland. This Trade Mark is registered with the patent office. The patent was last renewed in October of last year and the patent itself will not expire till October of 2022.

It is within the remit of Intergroup to grant permission to Groups and Areas to use the patented logo. It is suggested that when permission is given that the exact symbol of A.A. Ireland be used. Once permission is granted, Intergroup Secretaries can furnish a copy of the logo to the respective Areas and Groups.

As you can see the triangle does not touch the circle and the Three Legacies are arced in a circular fashion around the triangle.



“Above us we see a banner that shows a circle which is A.A. circumscribing the world. Within it is a triangle...The base of the triangle (is the foundation) of recovery on which we stand. The left of the triangle symbolises our unity, and the right of the triangle our arm of service. Such is the symbol of A.A.

I first saw it in Norway in 1950, but this symbol is not new with us. We have attributed a particular significance to it, but in actuality, its significance is very old.

Students of ancient days tell me that centuries ago it was regarded by priests and witch doctors alike as the symbol by which evil spirits could be kept away. And may that symbol ever stand guard over the society of Alcoholics Anonymous.”

**Bill Wilson—Co Founder, Alcoholics Anonymous**

**July 3, 1935**

**Alcoholics Anonymous**

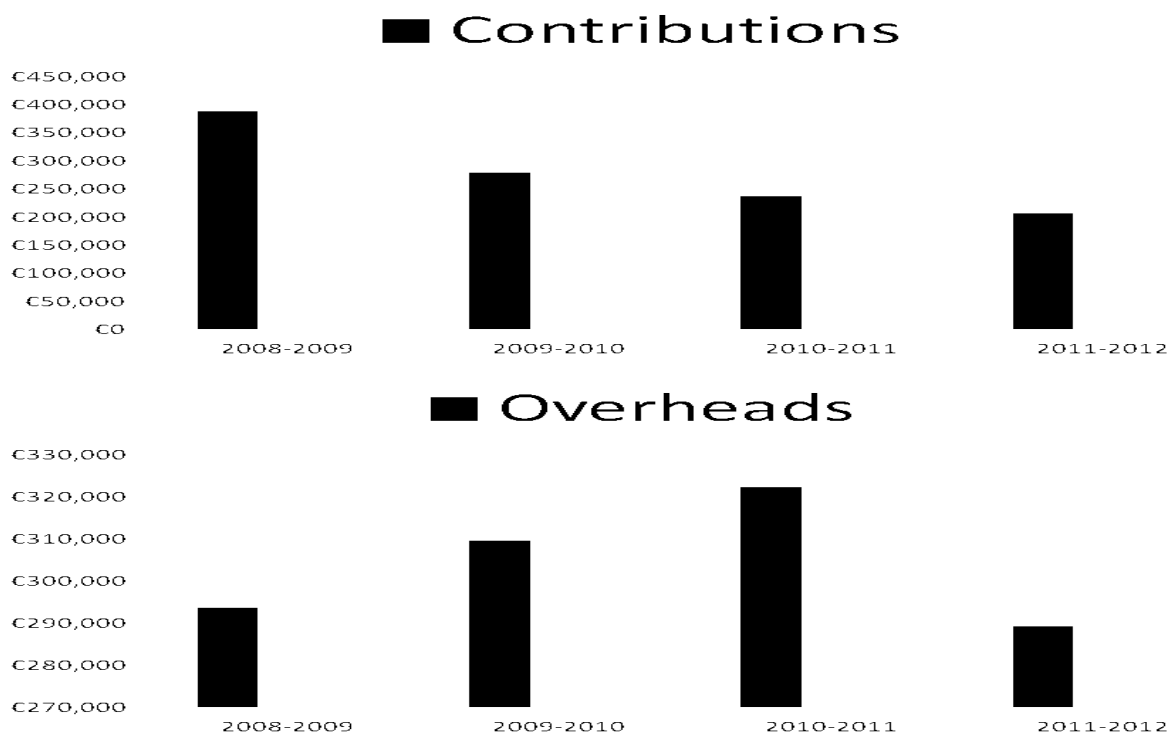
**57th All—Ireland Convention**

*“There is a Solution”*

**10th, 11th, 12th and 13th of April 2014**

**Castletroy Park Hotel, Dublin Road, Limerick**

## Contributions Continue to Fall



We are halfway through our financial year now. The Prudent Reserve is €395,000 (Financial Year...Nov 1st – 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 2013), which is made up by the sum of last year's running expenses plus stock and debtors. The downward trend in contributions (subscriptions to GSO) continues. The Board and GSO have cut costs bringing our overheads down by 10.25% on the previous financial year.

*Table top contributions have fallen by 12.8% compared to this time last year.*

## CENSUS 2009

<b>Male</b>	4431
<b>Female</b>	2030
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>6461</u></b>

### Lengths of sobriety

<b>1 day—1 year</b>	16 %
<b>1—5 years</b>	27 %
<b>5—10 years</b>	17 %
<b>10 years plus</b>	40 %

There have been three census's conducted within A.A. here over the years. In 2009/2010 there was a 56% return to GSO of forms sent out to the Groups. In 1988 the Groups returned 97% of all forms.

Making simple extrapolations the fellowship has increased from 7,155 in 1988 to **11,538** members in 2009.

## UNDER 30'S

The 2009/2010 census indicates that 7% of our fellowship are less than 30 years old. It could be estimated that we have **807** members in their twenties or younger in the fellowship today.

## Motion to Conference— March 2013

### Connaught Intergroup

#### From the Renmore Group

**“This Conference adopts the attached suggested format “Agenda for Group Conscience “ as approved AA literature. This suggested Agenda will be circulated to Groups in the appropriate publications”**

The motion was put to a vote. 14 voted in favour, 10 against with 1 abstention. As the motion received a simple majority, it will be further debated at next year’s Conference.

## Motions to Conference— For September

### Munster Intergroup

#### Skibbereen Group Motion

**THE SKIBBEREEN GROUP OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** request that **all members of Conference**, as trusted servants of our Fellowship, Guardians of our AA Message and Protectors of our AA Traditions, subject **the script** of the DVD “The Road Back” to the rigorous and thorough examination necessary to ensure that the message it carries is the Message of AA and the message of AA only, consulting with the AA Groups, as necessary. We request that **each and every member Of Conference** examine the script, phrase by phrase, **to ensure that it maintains the integrity of our AA Message and further, that it upholds our AA Traditions**, thus carrying out the duty entrusted to them by the Fellowship.

#### Morton Street Group Motion

The Morton Street Group of Alcoholics Anonymous suggests that whenever the Board makes a recommendation to Conference, on any matter affecting this Fellowship as a whole, including any change in our literature, that prior to the decision of Conference, the AA Groups be fully consulted and their views and experience sought and listened to, thereby fully utilising the Collective Experience of the Fellowship.

#### Kinsale Group Motion

That the ‘Big Book’ be made available through Irish.

### Leinster Intergroup

#### Coolock Village Group

That cost of “THE ROADBACK” DVD be reduced to €5.50 including v.a.t

#### Graiguenamagh Group

Conference include both Irish Sign Language and subtitles for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community on the DVD “The Road Back”

#### Coolock Village Group

That the Conference decision to provide the leaflet ‘Message to young People’ free of charge be rescinded and that the leaflet ‘Is AA for you’ be provided free of charge for PI instead of the above mentioned leaflet.

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*Conference Minutes will be with the Groups soon.*

*P.I. Reports will be discussed at the Reconvened Conference in September.*

***Nominations for new World Service Delegate needed for September***

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## Conventions Ireland

<b>Cork County</b>	<b>June 7th-9th</b>	Maritime Hotel, Bantry, Co Cork	
<b>Antrim Area Convention</b>	<b>June 14th-16th, 2013</b>	Drummond Hotel, Ballykelly, Limavady, Londonderry, BT49 9HP. 02877722121	
<b>Galway East Area Convention</b>	<b>July 5th-7th, 2013</b>	Ard Ri House Hotel, Milltown Road, Tuam, Co Galway	Theme: <b>Back To Basics</b>
<b>Tipperary Area</b>	<b>Aug 23rd-25th</b>	Clonmel Park Hotel, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary	052-6188700
<b>Mayo Area Convention</b>	<b>Nov 29th –Dec 1st, 2013</b>	Breaffy House Hotel, Castlebar, Co Mayo	Theme: <b>One Day at a Time</b>
<b>Galway West Area Convention</b>	<b>Jan 10th-12th, 2014</b>	The Galway Bay Hotel, Salthill, Co. Galway	

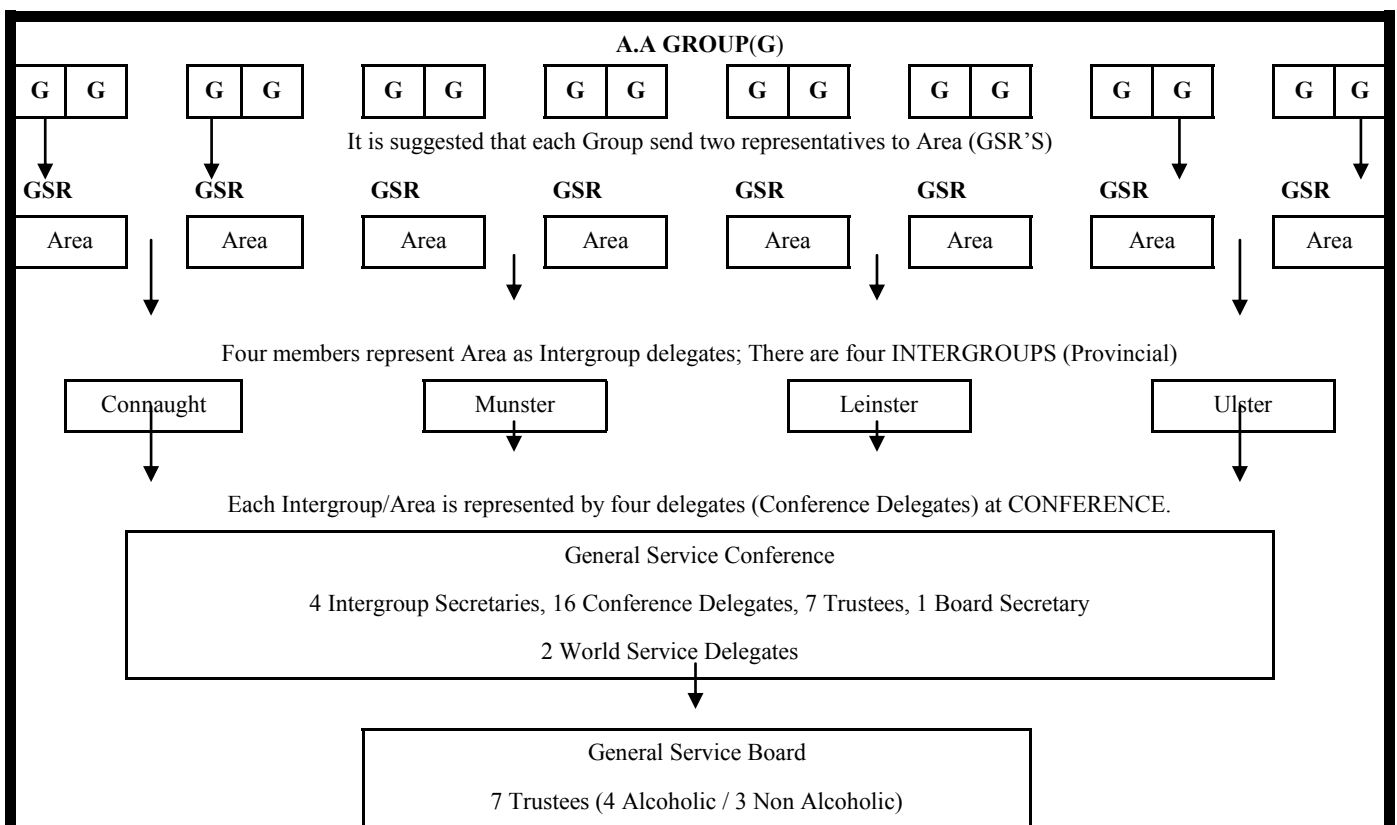
## One Day Events Ireland

<b>Armagh Area DOG</b>	<b>Aug 17th, Sat</b>	Newry Arts Centre, Newry.	Theme: <b>Live and Let Live</b>
<b>Down Area DOG</b>	<b>Sep 29th, Sun</b>	The Burrendale Hotel, Newcastle, Co Down.	
<b>Belfast Area DOG</b>	<b>Nov 9th, Sat</b>	Farset International, 466 Springfield Road, Belfast, Co Antrim, BT12 7DW	

## Conventions Abroad

<b>Greece (19th AA Convention)</b>	<b>May 16th -19th</b>	Anavyssos, Attica, Greece	<a href="http://www.aa-europe.net">www.aa-europe.net</a>
<b>EURYPAA 2013 Malta</b>	<b>June 21st-23rd</b>	Seashells Resort at Suncrest, Qwara, Malta.	<a href="http://www.aamalta.org">www.aamalta.org</a>
<b>Mongolia 15th A.A. Conv</b>	<b>July 26th-28th</b>	Baga Bayan Camp, Approx 30km from Ulaanbaatar.	<a href="http://www.aa.org.mn">www.aa.org.mn</a>
<b>6th Annual English Speaking Convention, Costa Blanca</b>	<b>Sept 13th-15th</b>	Hotel Cabo Cervera, Ctra. Torerevieja a La Mata, 03188, Torrevieja, Alicante, Spain.	<a href="http://www.aa-europe.net">www.aa-europe.net</a>

## STRUCTURE OF THE FELLOWSHIP IN IRELAND



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