

NEWS SHEET

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE OF IRELAND



OUR SERVICE HANDBOOK FOR IRELAND - extracts.

“Our Twelfth Step - carrying the message - is the basic service that the AA Fellowship provides; this is our principal aim and the main reason for our existence. Therefore AA is more than a set of principles; it is a Society of Alcoholics in action. We must carry this message, else we ourselves can wither and those who haven't been given the truth may die.” Bill W.

For our group purpose, there is but one ultimate authority, a loving God as He may express Himself in our Group Conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants, they do not govern. (Tradition 2). This Tradition is the sole authority for AA Services, whether for Groups, Area Committees, Intergroup Committees or for the Fellowship as a whole.

The General Service Conference, therefore, begins with the Group Conscience. It also leads back to the Group, since the Group has the final responsibility for carrying into operation the decisions agreed upon by Conference.

The General Service Conference of AA in Ireland is the means by which AA in this country functions and is therefore

the heart of AA's Third Legacy of Service. If Conference is to do its work effectively, it must operate according to acceptable and orderly procedures, the aim of which should be to involve the Fellowship as widely as possible.

AA in Ireland continues to adhere firmly to the principles contained in the Twelve Concepts of World Service, the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions and to the Big Book “Alcoholics Anonymous”. These are the yardsticks by which the activities of AA in Ireland must be measured.

Responsibility Declaration



I am responsible.
When anyone, anywhere,
reaches out for help,
I want the hand of AA always to be there.
And for that: I am responsible.



.....Our AA Service is anything whatever that helps us to reach a fellow sufferer ranging all the way from the Twelfth Step itself to a phone call and a cup of coffee, and to AA's General Service Office for All-Ireland and international action.

The sum total of all these services is our Third Legacy of Service.

The views and opinions expressed in The News Sheet are not necessarily those of the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous in Ireland as a whole.

This is a handbook, then, of suggestions drawn from AA experience all over the world to help group members keep informed, to look beyond ourselves and to other people in other groups and get a glimpse of what it can be like to be fully fledged, grown-up member of the worldwide AA family, where all AA adults know they are responsible, not only for themselves, but also for their fellow members.

Most of us learn that recovery from alcoholism is not just a gift to be clutched selfishly for oneself. It also means responsibility for service to others, in many ways inside AA as well as outside.

The General Service Conference agreed in March 2018 to provide the Fellowship with suggested aids to service at various levels of our Structure and these are to be distributed to all relevant levels of the Service Structure presently.

Updated Group Financial Guidelines & Record Book



Replaces Treasurer's Notebook & Former Guidelines

Group Treasurer Record Sheet (extract)

€ / £		€ / £		€ / £	
Date:	___ / ___ / ___	Contribution	Less Expenses	Balance	
First Signature: _____		Second Signature: _____			

AA Group Treas. Report to Group Conscience (extract)

AA Group Treasurer - Financial Report to Group Conscience

Date of this Group Conscience Meeting (GCM) _____ / ___ / ___

€ / £

Incoming balance from last GCM _____

Contributions received since last GCM _____

Total Funds _____

Expenses since last GCM _____

Total Funds less Expenses _____

Template for Area C'ttee Financial Report (extract)



Meeting of Area _____ held on ___ / ___ / ___

Group Contributions:

Group Name	Group No.	Contribution € / £

Template for Intergroup Financial Report (extract)



Provincial Intergroup Meeting Financial Report

Meeting of _____ Intergroup held on ___ / ___ / ___

Area Contributions:

Area	Contribution € / £

Declaration of Unity

*This we owe to AA's future:
To place our common welfare first;
To keep our fellowship united.
For on AA unity depend our lives;
and the lives of those to come.*



APPROVED FORTHCOMING MINI CONVENTIONS AND ONE DAY EVENTS



FORTHCOMING MINI CONVENTIONS IN IRELAND

DATES	AREA	VENUE/THEME
18th-20th May 2018	Galway East Area Convention	Raheen Woods Hotel, Athenry, Co. Galway. Theme: Experience, Strength and Hope
25th-27th May 2018	Cork County Convention	Quality Hotel, Redbarn, Youghal, Co. Cork
1st-3rd June 2018	Antrim Area Convention	Drummond Hotel, 2 Main Street, Ballykelly, BT49 9HP. Phone: 028 7722121, Website: www.drummondhotel.com
12th-14th October 2018	Donegal Area Convention	Mount Errigal Hotel, Ramelton Road, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal. Phone: 074 22700. Website: www.mounterrighal.com

FORTHCOMING CONVENTIONS ABROAD

DATES	COUNTRY	VENUE/THEME
27th-29th April 2018	6th International Convention. Area 21 - Alicante (Spain)	Hotel Kaktus Albir, Paseo de las Estrellas, 11, El Albir, 03581 - Alfaz del Pi, Alicante (Spain). Tel: + (34) 96 6864830. www.kaktusgrup.com
17th-20th May 2018	24th AA Convention in Greece	Grand Bleu Sea Resort Hotel, Eretria Evia, Greece. Theme: HOPE (Happy Our Programme Exists)
12th-14th October 2018	2nd Biarritz AA Convention in France	Radisson Blu Hotel, Cote des Basques, 64200 Biarritz, France. Theme: A Vision For You
16th-18th November 2018	Costa del Sol Convention 2018 in Spain	IPV Palace Hotel, Fuengirola, Spain

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62nd All Ireland Convention



Great Northern Hotel
Bundoran, Co. Donegal

26th - 28th April 2019



- Theme -
THE 12 STEPS



For bookings Great Northern Hotel 071 9841204
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A.A.'s Twelve Steps are a group of principles, spiritual in their nature, which, if practised as a way of life, can expel the obsession to drink and enable the sufferer to become happily and usefully whole.

*From the preface of the
Twelve and Twelve*

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The News Sheet is intended as an aid to SERVICE throughout the Fellowship in Ireland.
Your suggestions as to form and content of the News Sheet will be especially welcome.

Service Structure of The Fellowship in Ireland

Each Group is entitled to send two GSRs to Area

Each Area send four members as Delegates to Intergroup

Four Delegates, known as Conference Delegates, represent their Provincial Intergroup at Conference

AA Conference includes the Board, the Board Secretary, the four Intergroup Delegates and Intergroup Secretary together with our two World Service Delegates

The Board itself is made up of four Alcoholics Trustees and three non-Alcoholics Trustees.

A.A. Groups

Area

Intergroup

Conference

Board

Alcoholics Anonymous has been called an upside-down organization because, as the structure chart shows, the Groups are on top and the Trustees at the bottom.

Bill W. wrote in Concept 1 "The AA Groups today hold ultimate responsibility and final authority for our world service....". Then in Concept 2, Bill made it clear that the Groups "delegated to the Conference complete authority for the active maintenance of our world service and thereby made the Conference... the actual voice and effective conscience for our whole society". Bill's early vision was of a worldwide structure. However, the Conference structures in countries outside of the U.S./Canada evolved as autonomous entities.



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