

The News Sheet

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The General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous

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New Website coming
soon.....added
features for Groups and
AA members

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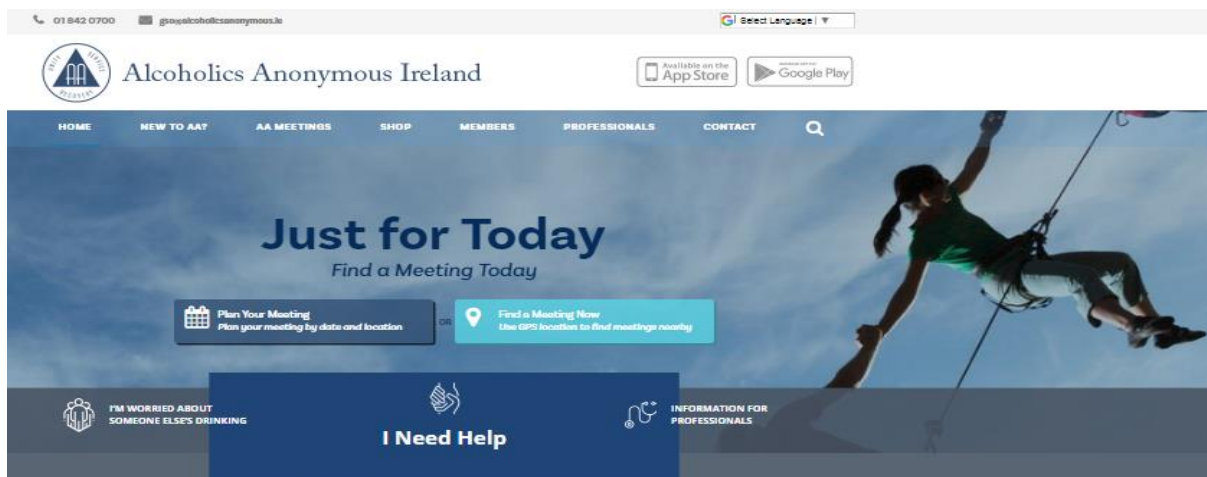
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NEW IMPROVED AA WEBSITE - COMING SOON!!



In 2016, Conference agreed that our existing website had become outdated and decided to modernise it. This task was passed to the then Ulster Trustee, who got the whole process started. It soon became clear that this was a major undertaking, much more complicated than at first sight, and would require input and expertise from many different areas.

Following AA's standard protocol, three quotes for the design of a new website were sought, and after much consideration was given to these, the contract was signed. Little did we know that this was only the smallest beginning and that there would be many thousands of decisions to be made before the website could go live. Early in the process it was felt that an area for members only could serve a useful function between the Groups and the Structure.

This section has been designed to benefit every AA Group In Ireland to streamline access to relevant AA Documents.

It will be used to enter your Group's details onto a Group Information Sheet to make changes/add information to your Group's details which will then be used the Directory of AA Meetings in Ireland, Meeting Lists, Website and AA App. *Please be advised that Contact Numbers provided by each Group will not be published on Meeting Lists, the Website or our App*.

(By submitting a Group Information Sheet, you are confirming that the information contained on this Sheet is correct at the time and has been approved at y Group Conscience).

You will be able to add and access Area/Intergroup Minutes and Conference Minutes.

You will also be able to access an abbreviated Archives section. Full Access to the Archives in GSO is arranged by appointment only by emailing archives@alcoholicsanonymous.ie.

We gave great consideration to how Groups could benefit from the website. Could they keep in touch with the Fellowship as

a whole? How about amending Group Information online? Could we make Conference Minutes available online? Why not Intergroup and Area minutes too? If the answer was to be “YES” how could groups be part of this, how could they give and receive relevant information? To facilitate these and many other new questions it was decided that each Group would be allocated its own email address, with full access to all areas of the website. Over 900 new email addresses were opened and are ready to be sent to the groups. Here are some examples of what your new group emails address will look like.....

L124@alcoholicsanonymous.ie

M244@alcoholicsanonymous.ie

U45@alcoholicsanonymous.ie

C112@alcoholicsanonymous.ie

Once your group has completed the new GDPR Group Information Sheet it will be provided with an email address and password for access. This will be the preferred email address for corresponding between the various levels of AA Structure. Groups which have not yet completed their GDPR GIS should do so as soon as possible, and return it directly to GSO, otherwise the Group’s meeting information will not be available to the still-suffering alcoholic. This is to comply with recent GDPR requirements.

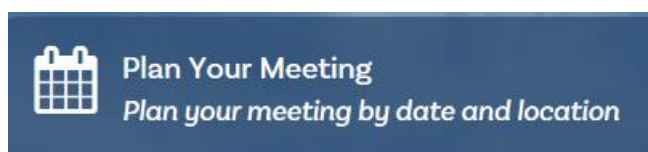
The other areas on the website have also been updated and are easier to access and to more user-friendly.



The Company annual reports and accounts will be available to the public.

This is an exciting development for the Fellowship and helps bring us fully into the technological era. Most information is now transferred and available online and AA in Ireland can be proud to have “Come of Age” in this regard. AA has always made itself available in whatever ways that were open to it.

Our new AA Website continues this tradition and AA is taking full advantage of this technology, as it should, to carry the message of hope and sobriety wherever it is needed. Of course, the most important contact between members will always be the “one-to-one” and nothing can replace that.



We hope the website will make it easier for the still-suffering alcoholic to find help and also easier for groups and the Fellowship to keep in contact with each other.

Thank you to all involved in this undertaking. Your time, effort and diligent work are very much appreciated.

We hope you will make great use of the new AA Website and wish you all many years of sobriety and happy browsing.



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[http://www](http://www.aa.org.uk)

Visit the AA official website:

www.alcoholicsanonymous.ie

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

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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AA All-Island Convention 2019 -- Great Northern Hotel Bundoran 26-28th April 2019
Theme: The Twelve Steps

APPROVED FORTHCOMING MINI CONVENTIONS AND ONE DAY EVENTS		
ALL IRELAND CONVENTION 2019		
26th-28th April 2019	62nd All Ireland Convention	The Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran, Co. Donegal. Theme: The 12 Steps
FORTHCOMING MINI CONVENTIONS IN IRELAND		
DATES	AREA	VENUE/THEME
31st August-2nd September 2018	Tipperary Area Convention	The Clonmel Park Hotel, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary. Theme: I Am Responsible
12th-14th October 2018	Donegal Area Convention	Mount Errigal Hotel, Ramelton Road, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal. Phone: 074 22700. Website: www.mounterrigal.com
18th-21st October 2018	Clare Area Convention	The Auburn Lodge Hotel, Ennis, Co. Clare. Theme: One Day At A Time
9th-11th November 2018	Kerry Area 53rd AA Convention	The Brandon Hotel, Tralee, Co. Kerry. Theme: "Just For Today"
8th-10 March 2019	Sligo/North Leitrim Area Convention	The Clayton Hotel, Clarion Road, Ballytivnan, Sligo, F91 N8EF. Theme: I Am Responsible
ONE DAY EVENTS IN IRELAND		
DATES	AREA	VENUE/THEME
18th November 2018	Belfast Area Day of Gratitude	Ramada Encore, 20 Talbot Street, Belfast, Co. Antrim, BT1 2LD. Theme: "Keep it in the Day"
FORTHCOMING CONVENTIONS ABROAD		
DATES	COUNTRY	VENUE/THEME
11th-14th October 2018	K.I.S.S. English Speaking AA Convention in Greece	Pandrossos Hotel, Parikia, Paros Island, Greece
12th-14th October 2018	2nd Biarritz AA Convention in France	Radisson Blu Hotel, Cote des Basques, 64200 Biarritz, France. Theme: A Vision For You
17th-21st October 2018	Costa Brava AA Convention	Golden Bahia Hotel & Spa, Tossa de Mar (Girona), Catalonia, Spain. Theme: Love and Service
16th-18th November 2018	Costa del Sol Convention 2018 in Spain	IPV Palace Hotel, Fuengirola, Spain

The News Sheet is intended as an aid to Service throughout the Fellowship in Ireland

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 Alcoholic 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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