## NEWS SHOET

## **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**



GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE OF IRELAND

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Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism.

The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for A.A. membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions.

A.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

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## Archivist at GSO

The voluntary position of Archivist of AA Literature, Photographs and other material of historical interest to AA has become available. This is an unpaid, voluntary position and will require the Archivist to travel regularly to GSO and to attend certain AA functions throughout the year.

Tradition 7 will apply.

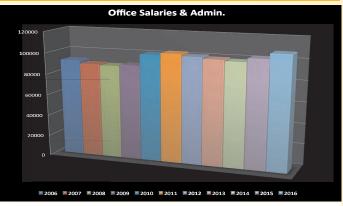
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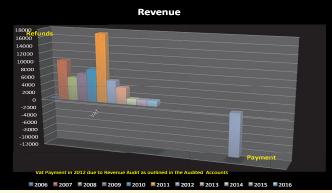
# A Bird's Eye View of AA's Financial Trends

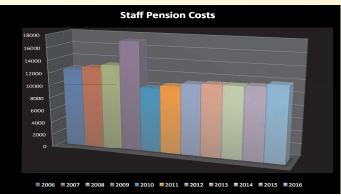
In the interests of accountability, transparency and openness we again illustrate (and will continue to do so) in graphic portrayal of how a specific percentage of your table-top contributions upon reaching GSO are spent and the trending patterns of same over a 10 year period. The colour coded graphs have been designed specifically to dramatically demonstrate the running costs of GSO including literature stocks, sales and the various areas of Service that your contributions help fund.

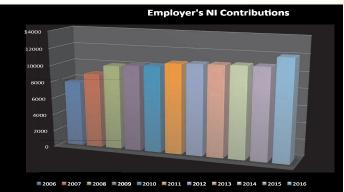
We have broken the expenditure into four areas:

#### 1. Salaries - Pensions etc.



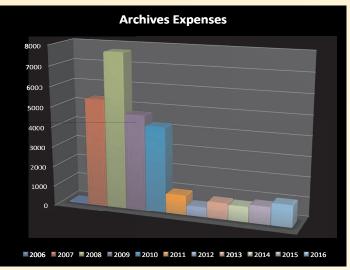


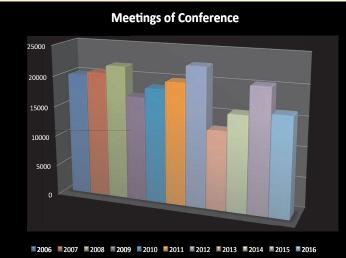


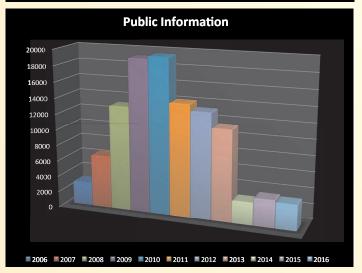


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### 2. Service - Carrying the Message







## Text Service for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

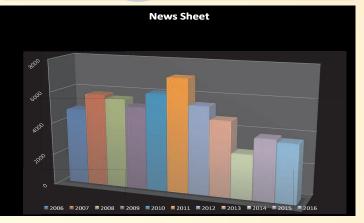
A text-messaging service for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing is now available at GSO.

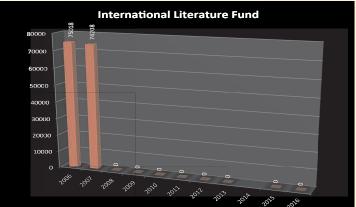
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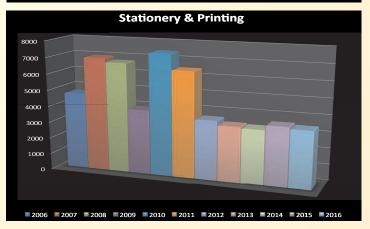
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## **Declaration of Unity**

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.







## **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.



## APPROVED FORTHCOMING MINI CONVENTIONS AND

## **ONE DAY EVENTS**

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The Clonmel Park Hotel, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary.
61st All Ireland Tel: 052 6188700

20th-22nd April 2018 | Convention | Theme: AA Singleness of Purpose

#### **FORTHCOMING MINI CONVENTIONS IN IRELAND**

| DATES                         | AREA  | VENUE/THEME   |
|-------------------------------|---|---|
| 13th-15th October 2017        | Donegal Area Convention                               | Jackson's Hotel, Main Street, Ballybofey, Co. Donegal.<br>Tel: 074 9131021  |
| 20th-22nd October 2017        | Clare Area 28th Annual<br>Convention                  | The Auburn Lodge Hotel, Ennis, Co. Clare. Tel: 065 6821247. Early Bird Meeting Thursday 19th Oct. at 20.30. Theme: Happy, Joyous & Free |
| 9th-12th November 2017        | Kerry Area Convention                                 | Brandon Hotel, Princes Street, Tralee, Co. Kerry. Tel: 066 7123333. <b>Theme: Love and Service</b>                                      |
| 24th-26th November 2017       | Mayo Area Convention                                  | Hotel Westport, Westport, Co. Mayo. Opening Meeting 20.00 on 24th, Closing Meeting 11.00 on 26th  |
| 4th-6th January <b>2018</b>   | Galway West Area<br>Convention                        | Galway Bay Hotel, Galway City   |
| 12th-14th January <b>2018</b> | Wexford Area 14 2018<br>Convention                    | The Amber Springs Hotel, Gorey, Co. Wexford.  Theme: 'I can't, We can'  |
| 9th-11th March <b>2018</b>    | Mullingar Convention, 50th<br>Anniversary Celebration | Mullingar Park Hotel, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath.  Theme: Steps to Freedom  |

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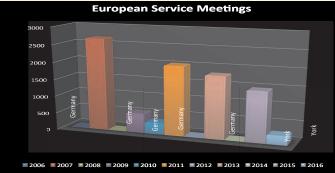
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|                                   | Roscommon/South               |   |
|                                   | Leitrim/Athlone Area Day of   |   |
|                                   | Unity, Service and Recovery   |   |
| Saturday 28th October 2017        | Workshop                      | Hannon's Hotel, Roscommon Town.                             |
|                                   |                               | Beechlawn House Hotel, 4 Upper Dunmurry Lane, Belfast, Co.  |
| Sunday 12th November 2017         | Belfast Area Day of Gratitude | Antrim, BT17 9RR  |
|                                   | Dungannon 3rd Legacy, Come    | Unit 8, Castleview Buildings, Feeny's Lane, Dungannon, BT70 |
| Sunday 19th November 2017         | and Go Meetings               | 1TX. Times: 11.30am, 2pm, 4pm, 6pm and 8.30pm               |
| Saturday 25th November            |                               | The Waterfoot Hotel, Derry, BT47 6TB.                       |
| 2017                              | Derry Area Day of Gratitude   | Theme: You are no longer alone.                             |
|                                   |                               | Silverbirch Hotel, 5 Gortin Road, Omagh, BT79 7DH.          |
| Saturday 20th January <b>2018</b> | Tyrone Area Day of Gratitude  | Registration from 11am                                      |

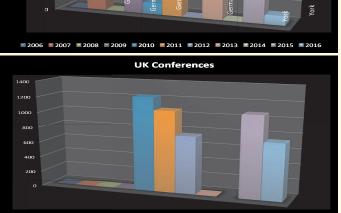
### **FORTHCOMING CONVENTIONS ABROAD**

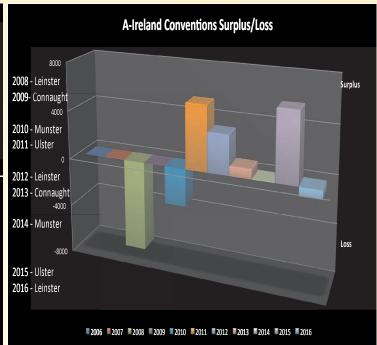
| DATES                                    | COUNTRY   | VENUE/THEME  |
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| 18th-22nd October 2017                   | Costa Brava, Spain,<br>International Convention | Golden Bahia Hotel, Av. Puerto Rico 29, Tossa de Mar (Girona), Catalonia, Spain. <b>Theme: Love and Service</b>  |
| 11th November 2017                       | 29th Celebration of AA in<br>Latvia             | Balozi Cultural Centre, 4 Skolas str., Balozi, Kekava<br>Municipality, Latvia. <b>Theme: AA Unity Is Our Strength</b>  |
| 25th-27th January 2018                   | 2nd International Convention in India           | St. Sebastian Auditorium, Bendoor, Mangaluru, Karnataka, India. Celebrating 60 Years in India and Karnataka.  Theme: To Serve with Gratitude                         |
| 26th-28th January 2018                   | 9th Annual AA Convention,<br>Lanzarote          | Occidental Lanzarote Mar Hotel (formally Barcelo Hotel),<br>Avenida del Mar 5, Costa Teguise, 35508, Lanzarote, Canary<br>Islands, Spain. <b>Theme: How It Works</b> |
| 2nd-4th February 2018                    | 36th Philippines Convention                     | Holy Family Retreat House, Nivel Hills, Cebu City, Philippines   |
| 16th-18th March 2018                     | Highland Gathering<br>Convention Scotland       | Jury's Inn Hotel, Millburn Road, Inverness, IV2 3TR.  Theme: Sobriety is Freedom   |
| 22rd 25th March 2040                     | Malta AA Canvantina                             | Seashells Resort, Suncrest Hotel, Qwara, Malta.  Theme: One Day At A Time.   |
| 23rd-25th March 2018 Malta AA Convention |   | Website: www.aamalta.org/convention/   |

### 2. Service - Carrying the Message









'Each day, somewhere in the world, recovery begins when one alcoholic talks with another alcoholic, sharing experience, strength and hope'

Financial Trends Analysis continued in March/April issue 2018 with 3, Audit/Finance/Prof. & 4, Office Running Costs.

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 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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