

What are the aims of Intergroup?

The aims of Intergroup are to aid the constituent groups in their common purpose of carrying the AA message to the still suffering alcoholic and, by using their combined strength and unity, to improve and maintain good relations with all organisations in the community.

What are Tradition 7 contributions to Intergroup used for?

Contributions to Intergroup are used to further our Primary Purpose of helping the still suffering alcoholic. AA's services such as the Telephone Helpline, AA Website and other services managed by York need to be paid for, and therefore all Groups are encouraged to make Tradition 7 contributions to Intergroup on a regular basis.

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SELIG(WEST) ANNUAL MINI CONVENTION

Following the success of the Intergroup's 30th Anniversary Celebration at Love Walk in Camberwell back in June, SELIG(West) has voted to hold an annual mini convention from 2024 onwards.The annual convention at the Lambeth Mission was always the major event of the Intergroup's calendar until 2019, after which the venue was no longer available due to re-development of the site. During the pandemic, the convention moved online for the following two years, 2020 and 2021, after which the then Social Secretary of SELIG(West) rotated out of service. With the appointment of a new Social Secretary, and everything now back to normal, the Intergroup is once again able to hold events and offer members the opportunity to gather in this way and share their experience strength and hope.

CARRYING THE MESSAGE TO EMPLOYERS

Since the early days of our Fellowship, AA has sought to carry its message to Employers, and it can be said that Employment is the only service discipline that has its own chapter in the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*.

These days, Intergroups will appoint an Employment Liaison Officer whose responsibility is to carry AA's message to employers within the local Intergroup's area; employment specifically concerns any organisation employing or serving staff companies, trades unions and associations, government departments and/or related agencies.

The service discipline started life in AA Great Britain as 'Industrial', with serving officers referred to as 'Industrial Liaison Officers' until 1998, when Conference approved the name change to 'Employment Liaison Officer'.

Supported by the Intergroup and guided by our Traditions, the Employment Liaison Officer can, while acting as a contact for employers within the Intergroup's area, offer our programme of recovery to all problem drinkers who come to the notice of employers and, with an Employment Liaison Officer now in place at SELIG(West), plans are afoot to start contacting employers in the Intergroup's area, in an endeavour to reach the still suffering alcoholic.

HEALTH, PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EMPLOYMENT MEETINGS

Quarterly Health, Public Information and Employment meetings are now being held at:

The New Cut Housing Co-Operative, 106 The Cut, SE1 8LN

This is a Regional Initiative and meetings are for all serving officers holding outward-facing service positions across all 6 Intergroups in the South London Region, as well as any other members interested in finding out more about the outward-facing Intergroup service disciplines. Meetings run from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. The next meeting will be held on Monday 20th November. Should you require any further information prior to attending, please contact Stephen M on 07384 406861 or email <u>archiesjm@googlemail.com</u>

SERVICE POSITIONS AVAILABLE AT INTERGROUP

All service positions at Intergroup are vital to keeping AA running and healthy. There follows a list of service commitments currently available at SELIG (WEST) that you, someone in your group or a sponsee would benefit from doing:

Electronic Communications Liaison Officer (ECLO)

This service role principally involves maintaining the SELIG (West) Microsite, and amongst other things, also involves attending ECLO London committee meetings.

Health Liaison Officer (HLO)

The Health Liaison Officer is responsible for establishing links with health professionals and co-ordinating all aspects of carrying the message within the healthcare system.

Public Information (PI)

The Public Information Officer is responsible for ensuring that information about the AA message and programme of recovery is conveyed to outside organisations to the best possible advantage. The service commitment will thus involve working with any outside events or institutions in order to attract the still suffering alcoholic to A.A.

Probation Liaison Officer

The Probation Liaison Officer is responsible for establishing links with the Probation Services and to keep Intergroup informed on a regular basis.

Regional Representative

The Regional Representative is the link between the Intergroup and Region in a similar way that the GSR is the link between the group and Intergroup.



Young People's Liaison Officer (YPLO)

The YPLO will be someone who came into AA at the age of thirty or younger. The service commitment will involve establishing close working relations with other service disciplines, in particular the Public Information Officer to assist with presentations where the audience is likely to include a significant proportion of young people, such as talks to schools, universities and young offenders' institutions etc.

Should you feel you could commit to any of these service positions, please contact SELIG(West) Chair, Nigel M on 07910 141916 or email nigel_intergroup@yahoo.co.uk

HELP NEWCOMERS TO FIND MEETINGS.....

It is very important that correct details of AA meetings are available online, as many newcomers start their search for a meeting either online or by ringing the AA helpline (which uses the online information). Please therefore keep the <u>aa-london.com</u> website informed with the current status and details of your meeting.

Existing meetings can be updated by clicking on "ADD OR UPDATE A MEETING" on the aalondon.com meeting page.

Any details updated with aa-london.com will be automatically forwarded to our General Service Office to be updated on www.alcoholicsanonymous.org.uk (unless members opt not to), thus avoiding the need to update twice.

Next Intergroup meeting

SELIG(West) will be holding its next meeting at Camberwell Green United Reformed Church, Love Walk, SE5 8AE on Wednesday 29th November 2023 (7.15pm for a 7.30pm start).

Please note that any AA member is welcome to attend as a visitor to find out more about what goes on at Intergroup.