



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.



NEWSLETTER

SOUTH EAST LONDON INTERGROUP (WEST)

SELIG(West) 30th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

2023 marks the 30th Anniversary of South East London Intergroup(West).

From its old meeting venue at the Lambeth Mission to its current meeting venue on Love Walk in Camberwell, 30 years of AA service in South London will be celebrated at Camberwell Green United Reformed Church, Love Walk SE5 8AE on Saturday 17th June to mark this milestone anniversary.

Time: 12.30 to 3.30pm. Doors open at 12 noon. Entry is free. Speakers followed by AA meeting. Complimentary light food and teas/coffees etc. available.

ARCHIVES – A VALUED PART OF TWELFTH STEP SERVICE

Like any other AA service, the Primary Purpose of those involved in archival work is to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous. In 1995, the General Service Board adopted a policy statement, subsequently ratified by Conference which reads:

“Where any civilisation, or society perishes, one condition is present. They forgot where they came from.”

Carl Sandburg

Just as each of us feels that it is essential to recall and appreciate where we came from, and how we got here, so it is with the Fellowship as a whole. Any historical records at the Group, Intergroup, Regional or GSO level can be of archival importance and help us to reach back to the shared experience of the past, and ensure that our original message of recovery, unity and service remains the same, and will continue undiluted and true. Thus the Archive carries the message from yesterday into today and hands it on to tomorrow.

The requirement adopted by Conference 2022 is that AA Regions and Intergroups prepare inventories of their archive holdings to be assessed for deposit at the Borthwick Institute of Archives at York University, with whom AA Great Britain has been collaborating to catalogue and store 75 years of AA GB records held at York, thus providing the Fellowship with an online and physical catalogue of records from AA GB beginnings. This could be especially significant for SELIG(West) with 2023 marking the 30th Anniversary of the Intergroup.

SELIG(West) has been home to two of London's longest running meetings; St Giles Camberwell and Lambeth Mission meetings both founded in 1972. The Intergroup may also be unique in that nearly all its meetings are located in a single London borough, Southwark. With just 17 meetings in 1993, the number peaked at 35 just before the COVID lockdown. The catalogue of AA GB records compiled by the Borthwick Institute shows some major gaps in the records for SELIG(West) which our 30th Anniversary provides the opportunity to address.

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.

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.

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.

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 AA.

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 a 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 who will establish close working relations with other service disciplines 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 be interested in any of these service commitments, please contact SELIG (WEST) Chair Nigel on 07910 141916 or email nigel_intergroup@yahoo.co.uk

Other service opportunities...

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HOSPITAL SERVICE

The AA hospital service at King's College Hospital, Denmark Hill, Camberwell takes place every Tuesday from 4pm. Shifts generally go on for between one and two-and-a-half hours depending on how many patients there are to see. One year's continuous sobriety is required. Should you feel that this is a service to which you could commit, please phone or text Tony H on 07966 280729

HELP NEWCOMERS TO FIND MEETINGS. ***Keep Your Meeting listing up to date***

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 aa-london.com website informed with the current status and details of your meeting.

Existing meetings can be updated via the "Click to notify use of changes" link on their aa-london.com meeting page.

Any details updated with aa-london.com will be automatically forwarded to our General Service Office to be updated on www.alcoholics-anonymous.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 31st May 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.

