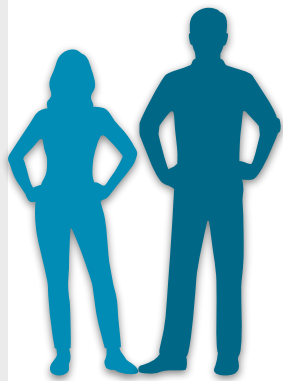


What are the aims of Intergroup?

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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NEWSLETTER

SOUTH EAST LONDON

INTERGROUP (WEST)

SELIG(WEST) SERVICE MINI CONVENTION

SELIG(West) will be holding a service mini convention on Saturday 14th September at Camberwell Green United Reformed Church, Love Walk, SE5 8AE.

Time: 1pm to 4pm. Doors open at 12.30pm. Entry is free.

Speakers followed by an AA meeting. Complimentary light food and teas/coffees etc. available.

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS – A VITAL AA SERVICE

For many, the start of the Coronavirus pandemic in March 2020 was an introduction to the world of electronic communications which no one had expected. The closing of face to face meetings had an unimaginable effect on Alcoholics Anonymous and our Primary Purpose activities. Equally astounding was the Fellowship's response to these challenges. The 2016 Conference of AA Great Britain had fortunately approved the recognition of online groups within the AA Service Structure – unknown to us at that time was how grateful we would be in the future for that decision. There were already several online groups existing by the time of the Pandemic, and with their help, and that of groups around the world, there was soon a rapidly growing network of online meetings. This historical event has thus proved that Alcoholics Anonymous, by helping to ensure the sobriety of others still to come, has ensured our continued sobriety today.

Electronic communications has only been around for a short part of the last 77 years of AA in Great Britain, but during that short time has created many changes in the Fellowship. From the group member sending in the information on their meeting to ensure that the Meeting Finder is up to date, all the way down to the General Service Board enabling these changes to take place, all this vital service work meant that when the Coronavirus did strike, AA was in a position to quickly swivel to online meetings.

Key to electronic communications is the Electronic Communications Officer (ECLO), whose principal role is one of liaison, communication and co-ordination between Groups, Intergroup, Region and the Electronic Communications Sub-Committee, and to facilitate correlation and dissemination of relevant information between these principal service areas. The national AA GB website accommodates content for local web pages (microsites), which are fully integrated into the main AA website and maintained in accordance with AA Traditions and the guidance given in the AA Structure and Service Handbooks. The Intergroup ECLO is therefore responsible for checking the accuracy of any local information posted on the website (ie. meeting list addresses and postcodes, local web page content etc.) to ensure that out of date or misleading local information is not published.

SELIG(West) elected a new ECLO in January of this year who has since re-formatted the home page of the SELIG(West) microsite to make it easier to use, and who is also reviewing the formatting and layout of all the microsite pages with the aim of making them more accessible. The re-designing of the main AA website has provided the opportunity to take a fresh look at the SELIG(West) microsite, and discussions are taking place with a view to designing a survey for GSRs to take back to their groups in order to obtain members' views as to what content they would like to see published on the microsite.

SERVICE POSITIONS AVAILABLE AT INTERGROUP

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All service positions at Intergroup are vital to keep 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:

Responder and Twelfth Step List Co-ordinator

This role involves maintaining a list of local responders and twelfth steppers in order to support the working of the Telephone Service. The suggested sobriety time is one year.

Prison Liaison Officer

The Prison Liaison Officer is responsible for supporting the sponsorship of prison groups. The suggested sobriety time is three years.

Armed Services Liaison Officer (ASLO)

The role of the Intergroup Armed Services Liaison Officer is to establish local links with The Royal Navy, The Army and The Royal Air Force, and any other organisations connected with the Armed Services such as Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association (SSAFA) and Veterans-UK. The suggested sobriety time is two years.

Probation Liaison Officer

The Probation Liaison Officer is responsible for establishing links with the Probation Services and keeping Intergroup informed on a regular basis. The suggested sobriety time is two years.

Employment Liaison Officer

The Employment Liaison Officer has the responsibility of carrying AA's Message to employers within the Intergroup's area; employment specifically concerns any organisation employing or serving staff companies, trades unions and associations, government departments and/or related agencies. The suggested sobriety time is three years.

Share Liaison Officer

The Share Liaison Officer provides the essential contacts between members, groups and the editorial teams, and will actively encourage the contribution of articles and letters, and the promotion of the magazines. The suggested sobriety time is one year.

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. The suggested sobriety time is two years.

Should you feel you could commit to any of these service positions, please contact SELIG(West) Chair, Angela L on 07425 906867 or email: angela.lacey@gmail.com

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 aa-london.com 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 aa-london.com Home 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 25th September 2024 (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.

