

What do I do at intergroup?

- 1 Express your group's conscience at intergroup meetings rather than your own. As a trusted servant however, in line with the spirit of Concept III (Right of Decision) and Concept IV (Right of Participation), you have the right to cast your vote according to your own judgment and conscience at that time.
- 2 Know your group well enough that if unexpected matters come before the intergroup meeting you have a fair idea of what your group conscience would be.
- 3 Take notes! This will mean that you have a good record of what was said, and you won't have to depend on receiving the minutes.
- 4 Review the intergroup treasurer's report to see that your group's donations are listed correctly.
- 5 If your intergroup produces a list of local meetings, take copies back to your group.

You can also help your group solve problems by drawing upon the knowledge of the General Service Office staff in York, who are ready to relay helpful AA experience from all over the world.

How do I get support?

- 1 Familiarise yourself with the section describing the role of the GSR in *The Structure Handbook of AA Great Britain*.
- 2 Speak to your sponsor.
- 3 Understand the 12 Traditions.
- 4 Ask intergroup for a buddy or mentor.
- 5 Speak with former GSRs in your group to learn from their experience.
- 6 Share experiences with other GSRs in your intergroup.

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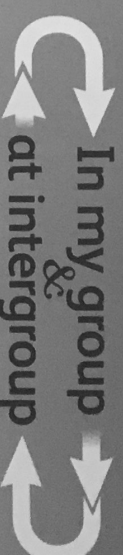


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Now that I'm a GSR

(Group Service Representative)

What do I do?



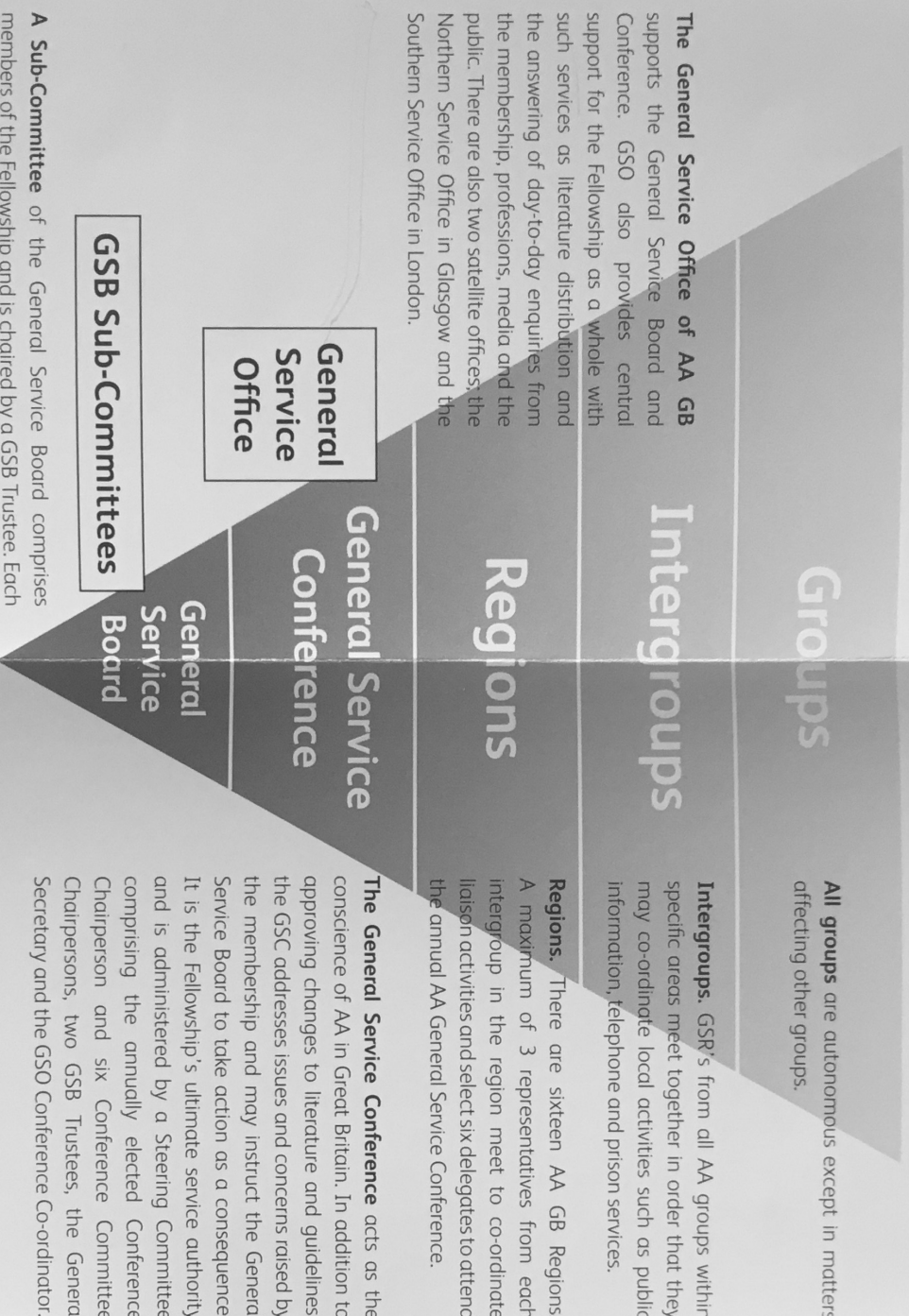
The purpose of this pamphlet is to outline the role and responsibilities of the GSR at group and intergroup level.



The Service Structure of Alcoholics Anonymous (Great Britain)¹

'Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern'

(Extract from Tradition 2)



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'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'.

(Declaration of Unity)

These two pages are taken from The AA Structure Handbook for Great Britain 2019 pg. 6.

What do I do for my group?

The role of the GSR — who should have at least two years' continuous sobriety — is extensively described in *The AA Structure Handbook for Great Britain 2017*, pages 80-82. It is suggested that you familiarise yourself with the guidance in the handbook. The following points serve as suggested practical actions, which will enable you to more effectively fulfil your role of linking your group with AA as a whole.

- 1 Attend all intergroup meetings. If unable to attend suggest a suitable alternative rep.
- 2 Discuss agenda items with your group prior to attending intergroup meetings.
- 3 Submit a written report on behalf of your group to the intergroup secretary.
- 4 If you take your group's donation to intergroup, be sure to collect a receipt from the intergroup treasurer.
- 5 Report back to your group after attending intergroup meetings.
- 6 Ensure that all information about your group officers is up-to-date and communicate any changes with GSO.
- 7 Share with your group all Fellowship mail, communication and news items.
- 8 Refer changes to group information (e.g. new time) to GSO and person responsible for local meeting list.
- 9 Pass contact details of group members willing to go on intergroup 1-2-step calls to the telephone liaison officer.
- 10 Ensure that the AA Service and AA Structure Handbooks are displayed at group meetings.
- 11 Inform your group about the Conference process and facilitate discussion of Conference questions.
- 12 Share your experience of intergroup and encourage other group members to attend.