

AA GB 75th Anniversary Convention

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."

A Declaration of Unity

To place our common welfare first; To keep our fellowship united.
For on A.A. unity depend our lives, And the lives of those to come.

Serenity Prayer

God grant me the Serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
Courage to change the things I can, and
Wisdom to know the difference.



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AA GB 75TH ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION

10TH - 12TH JUNE 2022
LEEDS DIRECT ARENA

www.aa75.co.uk



WELCOME ALL!

The convention is a time for AA members, from GB and beyond, members of Al-Anon, Alateen, family and visitors to celebrate 75 years of AA in Great Britain.

VENUES

There is a full programme of meetings, workshops and exhibitions which are spread across three venues:

- Leeds Direct Arena
- The St. George's Conference Centre
- The Leeds City Museum

ACTIVITIES

There is a wide range of activities for you once inside the Arena. These are:

- Sign the Visitors book at the GSO stand
- Add your sobriety date to the 'Sobriety Wall'
- Add a friend to the 'Memory Tree'
- Visit the many AA Services rooms

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



Smoking/Vaping is restricted to designated areas only



Tea and coffee points will be available around the arena for £2 per cup



Free water refills are available from the concession stands



You only need to register once. Please wear your lanyard when in the Leeds Direct Arena



Some meetings will have a BSL Interpreter & the Leeds Direct Arena has a hearing loop



AA Literature & AA 75 Souvenirs Shop Opening times:

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
15:00 - 19:45	09:00 - 10:00 11:30 - 13:30 15:30 - 19:30	09:00 - 10:00 12:00 - 13:00 15:00 - 16:30



AL-Anon Literature Shop Opening times:

Friday	Saturday
15:00 - 19:00	11:45 - 13:15 16:00 - 19:00



Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets are £2 each and you can win some great prizes. Tickets can be purchased from the Raffle volunteers around the arena.

THURSDAY 9TH JUNE

If you are joining us early there are lots of opportunities for: Fellowship, Service and meetings.

ST. GEORGE'S CONFERENCE CENTRE

Address: 60 Great George Street, Leeds, LS1 3DL.

We are holding a wide range of meetings, the Sing-a-long and the volunteering session at the Centre and Church. It is only a short walk from the Leeds Direct Arena and the train station. The Centre is situated next to Leeds General Infirmary and opposite Firehouse Fitness Health Club, beside the footbridge. The entrance is located adjacent to St George's Church steps.

LEEDS CITY MUSEUM

Address: Millennium Square, Leeds, LS2 8BH

The Leeds City Museum is a beautiful space and holds the AA Exhibition with a special archives exhibition for the AA Convention. As well as this amazing exhibition there will be a range of meetings being held.

The Leeds City museum is only a short walk from either the Leeds Direct Arena or the St. George's Centre.

THURSDAY 9TH JUNE PROGRAMME

Time	Event	Venue
10:00 - 17:00	Pre-Registration	St. George's Conference Centre
10:00 - 17:00	Volunteering • Meet your fellow volunteers • Help pack the goodie bags	St. George's Conference Centre
14:00 - 15.30	Open AA Early Bird Meeting	Leeds City Museum
19:00 - 20:00	Welcome to Leeds Meet your fellow members	St. George's Conference Centre
20:00 - 21:30	Open AA Early Bird Meeting	St. George's Conference Centre

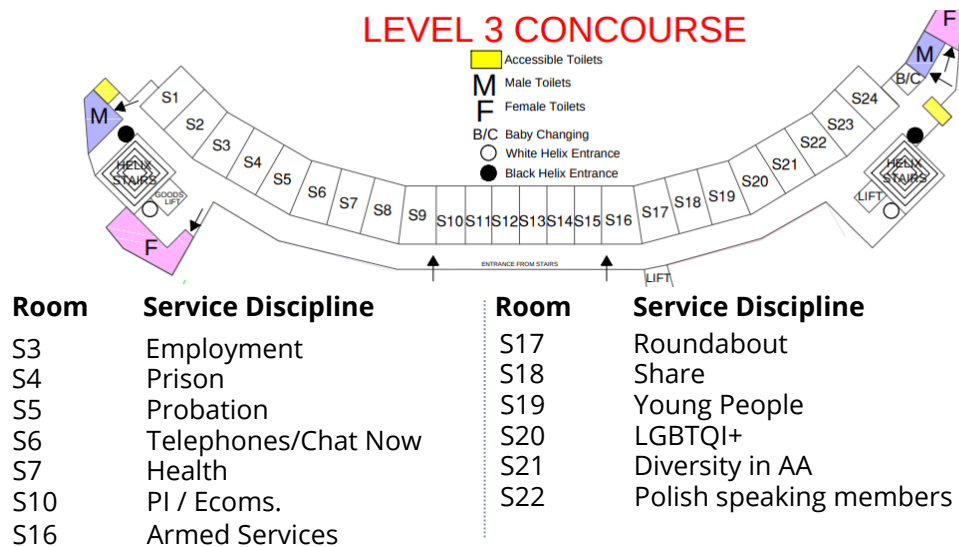




FRIDAY 10TH JUNE

Enjoy all the activities, visit the AA service disciplines and enjoy meeting up with friends and meet new friends.

AA SERVICE DISCIPLINES



FRIDAY 10TH JUNE PROGRAMME

Time	Event	Venue
11:00 - 17:00	Archives Exhibition	Leeds City Museum
15:00 - 19:45	Pre-Registration & Registration Open	Leeds Direct Arena
15:00 - 00:30	Doors Open - Welcome	Leeds Direct Arena
17:00 - 17:45	Meditation Session	St. George's Conference Centre
20:00 - 22:00	Opening AA Meeting - Welcome from Chair - Presentation to the Governor of Wakefield prison 4 AA Speakers	Leeds Direct Arena
22:00 - 00:30	Disco	Leeds Direct Arena
22:00 - 00:00	Sing-a-long	St. George's Conference Centre

SATURDAY 11TH JUNE

A full day of meetings, workshops and exhibitions:

SATURDAY 11TH JUNE PROGRAMME

Time	Event	Venue
08:00 - 08:30	Fun Run - Brew	The Glassbox, Leeds Dock A, LS10 1QD
08:00 - 08:45	Fun Run - Start of Run	
08:00 - 08:45	Morning Meditation	St. George's Conference Centre
08:30 - 18:00	Pre-Registration & Registration	Leeds Direct Arena
10:00 - 16:00	AA Young People's Archive Exhibition	St. George's Conference Centre
10:00 - 11:15	Open Al-Anon Meeting	St. George's Conference Centre
10:30 - 12:15	Open AA Meeting 4 AA Speakers	Leeds Direct Arena
11:00 - 17:00	Archives Exhibition	Leeds City Museum
12:30 - 13:30	AA Polish Speaking Meeting	Leeds City Museum
	Unity in Diversity Workshop	Leeds City Museum
	AA Young Persons Open Meeting	St. George's Conference Centre
14:00 - 15:15	Open Al-Anon Meeting	St. George's Conference Centre
	Closed Alateen Meeting	
14:00 - 15:45	Open AA Meeting - Old Timers draw 4 AA Speakers	Leeds Direct Arena
16:00 - 17:00	AA LGBTQI+ Meeting	Leeds City Museum
16:00 - 16:15	Celebration cake cutting	St. George's Conference Centre
16:15 - 17:00	GSO Roadshow	
17:00 - 18:00	AA Young Persons Open Meeting	St. George's Conference Centre
17:30 - 18:30	Choir practice	Leeds Direct Arena
20:00 - 21:15	Open Al-Anon Meeting	St. George's Conference Centre
20:00 - 22:00	Open AA Shared Platform 3 AA Speakers 1 Al-Anon Speaker - Sobriety Count	Leeds Direct Arena
22:00 - 00:30	Disco & Raffle draw	Leeds Direct Arena
22:00 - 00:00	Sing-a-long	St. George's Conference Centre





SUNDAY 12TH JUNE

Let's celebrate 'Founders Day' in style with the 'Old Timers' meeting who are all 40+ years sober and 'Final Gathering'. Do not forget to bring your Hankie and flags to wave.

CLOAKROOM FACILITIES

On Sunday, there will be a cloakroom available for you to leave your suitcases and luggage. You will be provided with a ticket which will match the one which will be attached to your luggage.

Please Note: Items are left at your own risk.

BANNERS

Once the convention is over, please ensure that someone takes home your Region, Gratitude, Intergroup, Convention and Service banners with you.

SUNDAY 12TH JUNE PROGRAMME

Time	Event	Venue
08:30 - 16:00	Luggage Cloakroom	Leeds Direct Arena
10:00 - 12:00	AA 'Old Timers' Meeting 8 AA Speakers	Leeds Direct Arena
12:00 - 12:30	Quiz Answers Answers to quiz will be shown on the screen	Leeds Direct Arena
11:00 - 17:00	Archives Exhibition	Leeds Direct Arena
13:00 - 15:00	Final Gathering - Step 11 Share - AA & AI-Anon Readers 4 Songs - Serenity prayers in different languages	Leeds Direct Arena

THANK YOU

A huge '**Thank You**' for those who have been in service both before the convention and over the weekend.

SONG LYRICS

Join the choir in singing the song during the final gathering

AMAZING GRACE

Amazing grace
How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed
My chains are gone
I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood, His mercy rains
Unending love, Amazing grace
The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures
My chains are gone
I've been set free (been set free)
My God, my Savior has ransomed me (ransomed me)
And like a flood (like a flood) His mercy rains (mercy rains)
Unending love, oh, Amazing grace
The Earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God, Who called me here below
Will be forever mine
My chains are gone
I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood, His mercy rains
Unending love, Amazing grace (grace)
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind (was blind), but now (but now) I see





SONG LYRICS

HAPPY - PHARRELL WILLIAMS

It might seem crazy what I am 'bout to say
Sunshine she's here, you can take a break
I'm a hot air balloon that could go to space
With the air, like I don't care, baby by the way
Huh (Because I'm happy)

Chorus

Clap along if you feel like a room without a roof
(Because I'm happy)
Clap along if you feel like happiness is the truth
(Because I'm happy)
Clap along if you know what happiness is to you
(Because I'm happy)
Clap along if you feel like that's what you wanna do

Here come bad news talking this and that (Yeah)
Well give me all you got, don't hold back (Yeah)
Well I should probably warn you I'll be just fine (Yeah)
No offence to you don't waste your time
Here's why

Repeat Chorus

Uh, bring me down
Can't nothing, bring me down
My level's too high to bring me down
Can't nothing, bring me down, I said
Bring me down, can't nothing
Bring me down
My level's too high to bring me down
Can't nothing, bring me down, I said

Repeat Chorus twice

Uh, bring me down (Happy, happy, happy, happy)
Can't nothing (Happy, happy, happy, happy)
Bring me down, my level's too high
To bring me down (Happy, happy, happy, happy)
Can't nothing (Happy, happy, happy, happy)
Bring me down, I said

Repeat Chorus twice

SONG LYRICS

ONE DAY AT A TIME - LENA MARTELL

One day at a time, sweet Jesus
I'm only human
I'm just a woman
Help me believe in what I could be
And all that I am
Show me the stairway
I have to climb
Lord, for my sake, teach me to take
One day at a time
One day at a time, sweet Jesus
That's all I'm askin' from You
Just give me the strength to do every day
What I have to do
Yesterday's gone, sweet Jesus
Tomorrow may never be mine
Lord, help me today, show me the way
One day at a time
Do You remember
When You walked among men
Oh Jesus, You know, if You're lookin' below
It's worse now than then
Cheatin' and stealin'
Violence and crime
So for my sake, teach me to take
One day at a time
One day at a time, sweet Jesus
That's all I'm askin' from You
Just give me the strength to do every day
What I have to do
Yesterday's gone, sweet Jesus
Tomorrow may never be mine
Lord, help me today, show me the way
One day at a time



My heart is broken but what care I?
Such pride inside me has woken
I'll try my best not to cry
By and by
When the final farewells must be spoken
I'll join the Legion, that's what I'll do
And in some far distant region
Where human hearts are staunch and true
I shall start my life anew

Verse 2

Good-bye, it's time
I sought a foreign clime
Where I may find
There are hearts more kind
Than I leave behind and so, I go
To fight a savage foe
Although I know that
I'll be sometimes missed by the girls I've kissed
In some Abyssinian French Dominion
I shall do my bit and fall for the flag if I must
Where the desert sand is nice and handy
I'll be full of grit
You won't see my heels for the dust
I'll do or die
You'll know the reason why
When told of bold Leopold's last stand
For the Fatherland

Repeat Verse 2

Good-bye, good-bye
I wish you all a last good-bye
Good-bye, good-bye
I wish you all a last good-by

