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Public Information Newsletter

Moving forward with PI

Since the pandemic, ways of doing PI have changed dramatically, and we are working hard to move forward and keep up to date. The digital world has given us the opportunity to do PI more broadly, allowing us to have meetings and presentations online with professionals and in the comfort of our homes. Don't worry if you're not comfortable doing PI online, you can still get involved.

If you're unsure about how to do PI, or would like to talk an idea through, email pi@al-anonuk.org.uk

PI Notice Board

- Al-Anon was mentioned in an article on the Belfast Live website (21st March)
- Caroline West-Meads signposted to Al-Anon on you.co.uk (3rd April)
- Al-Anon was mentioned in Ask Fiona Section of The Northern Echo (11th April)
- Al-Anon was mentioned in an article about addiction on the Harper's Bazaar website (28th April)
- The Manchester Evening Standard News online signposted to Al-Anon in two different articles (20th April and 8th May)
- Two staff members from GSO attended the AA Parliamentary event (12th May)
- Members in Area 9 held a PI stall at the Derbyshire Health & Wellbeing Fair in April.
- A member of Area 5 met with their local MP, Priti Patel, to talk about the Al-Anon support available in their community.

Are you signed up to the GSO eNewsletter?

If not, sign up now from the members' resources section to keep up to date with all PI opportunities, group information, and much more.

www.al-anonuk.org.uk/members-resources/

Reminder

- World Drugs Day 26th June UK & Eire
- Men's Health Week 15th – 20th June UK & Eire
- Alcohol Awareness Week Eire 20th – 26th June
- Alcohol Awareness Week will not run this year in the UK, it has been changed to 3rd – 9th July 2023.

Please inform your Area PI Co-ordinator of any Public Information you have done or email: pi@al-anonuk.org.uk

Area PI Co-ordinators: Please keep GSO informed, even if you are unable to take up PI opportunities that we send you.

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Area 21 held a Public Information event in the Forge Shopping Centre in Glasgow.

"On the 17th January 2022 several members volunteered to spend a couple of hours out of their day to provide information to those who expressed an interest. We had a notice explaining that the leaflets were free to encourage people to approach the table knowing that we were not asking for money.

Some people stopped just to take a sweetie from the tub, but some also chatted. On a couple of occasions, members from another fellowship stopped and asked for leaflets for family members.

A young person stopped for a chat. Alateen was suggested and although there are no Alateen meetings in Scotland, they could contact the General Service Office to access an online Alateen meeting. A business card with contact details was provided.

If one person has been helped by this event, then we consider it a success. Of course, we will never know but, we have faith in a Higher Power and if nothing else, we were given the opportunity to carry the message to others, spend time with each other in Service and feel the love and peace of the programme." ***Area 21 Delegate***

