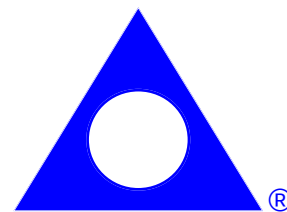


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**Al-Anon
Family
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GROUP REPRESENTATIVES: THIS LETTER GIVES MEMBERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE WORK YOUR TRUSTED SERVANTS ON THE GENERAL SERVICE BOARD DO ON THEIR BEHALF, SO PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO READ IT IN FULL TO YOUR GROUPS.

Dear Members

The General Service Board (GSB) met at Westmead Hotel, near Birmingham, on the 12th, 13th and 15th September 2024, before and after Conference. It was a very full agenda and the key items of discussion are listed below.

All Group Representatives read this and other information letters in full to their Group, but in addition each member can sign up to the GSO eNewsletter via the members area of the website

<https://al-anonuk.us8.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=8fe25009c590f76d492c761a9&id=d8779f77d3>.

Reports: The Interim Reports from the Chairpersons of the Standing Committees (Conference, TEC, GSBNC and PI), the Chairperson of the GSB, the Chairperson of the Executive Committee, General Secretary, the IAGSM Delegate and the Regional Trustees were received, discussed and approved.

Finance: The Treasurer gave the Board an Interim Report. She reported the financial situation after the first quarter is stable and on budget. The budget for 2024-25, agreed at Conference 2023, was updated. A budget for 2025-26 was discussed and agreed. Both budgets were later approved by Conference.

TEAM Events Committee: At the UK & Eire Service Conference 2024 a motion was passed to cease TEAM Events. Areas are still encouraged to organise events to promote the benefits of Service, such as, Regional Focus days.

Alateen: A Thought Force will be created to look at the issues discussed at Conference 2024, concerning Alateen Group attendance and will be reported back to Conference 2025.

GSO: Volunteers with good IT skills who are willing to work on a regular basis are required to assist at GSO. GSO need volunteers to send receipts for Group donations and the Gift Aid process. If anyone is interested please contact accounts@al-anonuk.org.uk. Volunteers are always required for the Helpline service. For further information please see the members' area of the website or call GSO on 0044 (0) 20 7593 2070.

Public Information (PI):

The title of the PI Campaign launched at Conference will be 'You Are Not Alone'. A PI resources pack with templates for shares and a new downloadable poster are available to download from the website free of charge.

Editorial: : The autumn issue of *Al-Anon Today* (e-zine) is available to download via the members' area of the website. The Editorial Committee expressed gratitude to members' submitting articles.

The winter edition is in the process of being produced and members are warmly invited to submit shares to www.al-anonuk.org.uk/share/ via the members' area of the website.

Online Al-Anon Meetings Working Party: The Trustee with responsibility for the Virtual Region reported that the three year trial is going extremely well with 101 online Groups. These Groups were represented at Conference by the first Area Delegate. A further 42 in-person Groups also offer an online facility. A new Area for all online Groups in Eire will be created to comply with the legal requirements.

Guidelines: Guideline UKG22 *Safety in Al-Anon Meetings* was amended and approved by the Board. This is available to download from the members' area of the website.

Young People in Al-Anon: WSO have been kept informed about the minimum age requirement to attend Al-Anon meetings and no further updates received from professionals rescind the decision.

Appointments:

A nomination for the Chairperson, Executive Committee for a three-year term, received traditional approval by Conference and Karen Murdoch will take up this role in February 2025.

There are three unfulfilled vacancies for 2025, Regional Trustee for England West & South Wales, Regional Trustee for England North & North Wales and Regional Trustee for Ireland West, North East & North Midlands.

Trustee vacancies for 2026 are:

Chairperson, Conference (three-year term)
Chairperson, Editorial Committee (three-year term)
Regional Trustee, Virtual Region (three-year term)
Regional Trustee, Scotland (three-year term)
Regional Trustee, England South & East (three-year term)
Regional Trustee, England West & South Wales (two year term)
Regional Trustee, Ireland West, North East & North Midlands (two-year term)
Regional Trustee, England North and North Wales (one-year term)

If your Area is in one of these Regions it is imperative that vacancies are discussed at your next Area Assembly to give potential candidates time to consider the role. Anyone wishing to apply for Regional Trustee should be nominated by their Area Assembly prior to the 14th May application deadline. Applications are then graded by the GSB Nominating Committee in June.

Closing date for applications: 14th May 2025.

Yours in Fellowship

Angela

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