

# WELCOME

to ISMYPAA

The 2nd International Service Meeting for  
Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous

July 30, 2016

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Presenter: Lauren, A.-V., Chair, ICYPAA Advisory Council

On behalf of the ICYPAA Advisory Council, welcome to the 2nd Annual International Service Meeting for Young People in A.A., known as ISMYPAA. My name is Lauren A.-V., I'm an alcoholic, and I currently serve as Chair of the ICYPAA Advisory Council.

ISMYPAA was created in 2015 as a response to several requests from ICYPAA attendees to provide greater support for YPAAs based outside of the United States. ISMYPAA is based on the World Service Meeting, where representatives from international GSOs meet to share experience, strength, and hope from their respective countries. ISMYPAA seeks to do the same for YPAA groups, committees, conventions, and communities around the world.

The first ISMYPAA took place on August 1st, 2015 via video conference, and included participation by 43 individuals representing 12 international YPAA committees on 5 continents. The program included introductions, committee highlights, sharing on the theme "Relationships between A.A. and YPAA," and an open sharing session. Every international YPAA committee, convention, and community known to us was invited to attend and participate.

# WELCOME

Those in attendance heard an unprecedented variety of experience by young people in AA around the world. We learned of struggles for acceptance in Ireland and Mexico, exciting successes by new YPAA committees in New Zealand and Australia, and the maturation of YPAA conventions in Asia and Europe. The question, “How to start a YPAA?” was raised and discussed from several perspectives. Gratitude and understanding was cultivated through honest sharing of experience and it was decided that ISMYPAA should happen again.

While ICYPAA’s International Participation and Communication Committee organized the first ISMYPAA, we hope that future ISMYPAA’s become international collaborations with leadership in equal parts from around the globe. The second ISMYPAA is a huge step forward in this respect. This year’s organizing committee includes active participation from AA members in Japan, Ireland, and across continental Europe, in addition to members from ICYPAA and EACYPAA here in the U.S. We hope that next year’s organizing committee is even more diverse.

ICYPAA is proud to be a part of this vibrant international community of young people in AA. We are hopeful that participation in ISMYPAA will help deepen our collective understanding of the principles of the AA program, and strengthen our ability to carry the message of recovery from alcoholism. Thank you all for being here and welcome to ISMYPAA.

# STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Presenter: Simon H., MONQYPAA

Hello, my name is [*first name, last initial*] and I am alcoholic. I currently serve as [*service position*].

## Statement of Purpose

ISMYPAA, the International Service Meeting of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous, is an annual, online gathering for international YPAA conventions, committees and communities. All A.A. members are welcome to attend.

Modeled after the GSO's World Service Meeting, the purpose of ISMYPAA is to improve communication between international YPAA committees through the sharing of experience, strength and hope.

As new YPAA committees and conventions form around the globe, we hope that they can find hopeful support and spiritual strength from their fellows and join us to help ensure that message of Alcoholics Anonymous is carried to all those in need.

# ROLL CALL

Presenter: Hiro K., AZYPAA

Hello, my name is [*first name, last initial*] and I am alcoholic. I currently serve as [*service position*].

Welcome to the roll call session. In this session, every person in attendance will have the opportunity to introduce themselves briefly. Please state your name, sobriety date, age you got sober, the YPAA entity you serve, your service position, and current city/country.

Please introduce yourself by first name and last initial only. This event is being recorded and may be distributed online.

When you hear your name, please make sure you are un-muted and say hello. If you have other people with you, please let us know. Names will be called in the order they logged into the meeting.

# ROLL CALL

All Attendees will have the opportunity to introduce themselves:

- **First Name, Last Initial only**
- **Sobriety Date**
- **Age You Got Sober**
- **Service Position**
- **YPAA Entity**
- **Current City/Country Location**

[Names will be called by gotowebinar organizers.]

Welcome everyone! I will now turn the meeting back to the organizers.

# THEME SESSION

Presenter: Doug G., Past Delegate, Area 6, Panel 53

Hello, my name is [*first name, last initial*] and I am alcoholic. I currently serve as [*service position*].

Welcome to the Theme session. The topic of this session is “Small Part of a Greater Whole.”

This session will feature two 5-minute speakers and one 10-minute speaker to address the theme from multiple points of view.

# THEME SESSION

[Presenter: Please introduce each participant by committee and name. Time the speakers and a give gentle interruption when there time is up.]

Theme Session: “Small Part of a Greater Whole”

5-minute speaker:

Anita B., SCANCYPAA/EURYPAA

5-minute speaker:

Emily D.-S., SAYPAA

10-minute speaker:

Noel P., IREYPAA/EURYPAA

Thank you to everyone who shared. I will now turn the meeting back to the organizers.

# COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

Presenter: Nicole M., ESCYPAA

Hello, my name is [*first name, last initial*] and I am alcoholic. I currently serve as [*service position*].

Welcome to the committee highlights session. In this session, we will hear reports from each participating international YPAA convention, committee and community. Each speaker will have 2 minutes to report on the highlights of their recent activities.

Participants: Please watch the timer on the screen and make sure to stop speaking when your 2 minutes are up.

# COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

[Presenter: Please introduce each participant by committee and name. At the 2 minute mark, please gently interrupt the speaking participant, then wait for them to finish their sentence.]

## Committee Highlights Session

58th ICYPAA – Phillip C.

ACTYPAA – Jesse B.

AUSYPAA – Justin D.

AZYPAA – Hiromi K.

EACYPAA – Rob T.-E.

EDYPAA – Kyle F.

EURYPAA Board – Noel P.

EURYPAA Host – Paul G.

FINYPAA – Antti L.

FNQYPAA – Aven C.

ICEYPAA – Ings V.

IREYPAA – Robbie M.

ITALYPAA – Michelle R.

KIWYPAA – David B.

LONDYPAA – William D.

MEXCYPAA – Marytere R.

MONQYPAA – Simon H.

SAYPAA – Caitlin H.

SCANCYPAA – Jo R.

STOCKYPAA – Peter S.

SWECYPAA – Anders H.

TOYPAA – Caitlyn L.

UKYPAA – Gemma B.

WACYPAA – Cait C.

5th Dimension YPAA Group – Fred M.

Thank you to everyone who shared. I will now turn the meeting back to the organizers.

# GENERAL SHARING SESSION

Presenter: Paul G., UKYPAA/EURYPAA

Hello, my name is [*first name, last initial*] and I am alcoholic. I currently serve as [*service position*].

Welcome to the General Sharing session. The topic of this session is entirely up to you. Feel free to share experience, pose questions, express concerns, make requests or describe your spiritual condition in the moment. No responses or answers will be given. This is simply an opportunity for us all to hear what is on your mind.

Each attendee will have 1 minute to share. Sharing is not required. Feel free to pass if you wish. As a reminder, please introduce yourself by first name and last initial only. When you hear your name, please make sure you are un-muted, say hello and begin your share. If you have other people with you, please let us know. Names will be called in the order they logged into the meeting.

[Names will be called by gotowebinar organizers.]

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# CLOSING REMARKS

Presenter: Stacy H., Chair, IPCC

Hello, my name is [*first name, last initial*] and I am alcoholic. I currently serve as [*service position*].

Thank you all for attending the 2nd International Service Meeting for Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous! I would like to thank the members of the Ad Hoc International Participation and Communication committee, Darren F., Joel S., and Jamie P. with the participation of Lauren A-V. This year for the first time, ISMYPAA was organized by an international committee of volunteers from YPAA committees around the world. While ICYPAA provides the web conferencing service and general support, all the decisions that have created this event were made by the collective conscience of our organizing committee. Continued international participation will allow ICYPAA to be but one voice in a delegation of equal partners. We invite all those who wish to participate in the organizing of the 3<sup>rd</sup> ISMYPAA to jump in and get involved. Our goal is to have participation from every international YPAA committee. Please contact us at [ipcc@icypaa.org](mailto:ipcc@icypaa.org) if you have any questions.

Finally, thanks to all of the participating YPAA communities for all the service you do. The great contribution that YPAAs make to A.A. is to ensure that the A.A. message is carried to ALL those in need, regardless of age. No one is too young or too old for A.A.

# CLOSING REMARKS

In these few hours we have all shared, we have affected and touched the lives of those that may need it the most. We have a common bond and each of our experiences can help those that really need it. So thank you for taking the time out today and hopefully in the upcoming year to continue the efforts to help new to YPAA, or those struggling in their communities.

Thank you for your service.

Ad Hoc International Participation and Communication Committee

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