Edinburgh and Midlothian Intergroup
Service Role Descriptions

ROUNDABOUT MAGAZINE REPRESENTATIVE

Purpose of the Role

The role of the AA Roundabout magazine representative for Edinburgh and Midlothian is to serve as a vital link between the *Roundabout* magazine and the local AA groups.

Term: Typically a three-year term, to be confirmed by the Intergroup

Responsibilities:

1. Encourage Members to Share Stories and Write Articles:

- **Promote the Magazine as a "Meeting in Print":** The representative's primary duty is to explain to members that *Roundabout* is a platform for sharing their "experience, strength, and hope." It's a way for members to connect with others, especially those who may not be able to attend physical meetings.
- **Actively Seek Contributions:** The representative encourages individuals to write and submit articles. This can be done by:
    - Announcing at meetings that *Roundabout* is looking for contributions.
    - Highlighting specific themes or topics for upcoming issues (e.g., a specific Step or Tradition).
    - Explaining that articles can be long or short, and that they can be published anonymously.
    - Making the process easy for members by providing the necessary contact information (email address for submissions).
- **Showcase the Value of Sharing:** Share how contributing an article is a way of "giving back to the Fellowship" and an act of service.

2. Encourage Groups to Purchase Magazines:

- **Promote the Magazine's Purpose:** The representative explains that *Roundabout* is a self-supporting publication and that purchasing copies helps the magazine continue to operate and carry the message.
- **Facilitate Group Subscriptions:** The representative encourages groups to order multiple copies of the magazine to make it easily accessible for members and visitors at their meetings. They can provide the necessary order forms and help with the subscription process.
- **Explain the Value of Group Copies:** The representative can highlight the benefits of having magazines available at meetings, such as:
    - Providing literature for newcomers.
    - Offering a "meeting in print" for members who live in isolated areas.
    - Acting as a resource for those who can't make it to a meeting due to health or other commitments.
    - Serving as a tool for Twelfth Step work, as copies can be left with people in hospitals, prisons, or doctors' surgeries.

3. General Responsibilities and Skills:

- **Serve as a Communication Link:** The representative is the main point of contact between the local Edinburgh and Midlothian groups and the *Roundabout* editorial team.
- **Attend Service Meetings:** The representative attends local intergroup meetings to report on their activities and receive updates from the regional level.
- **Uphold AA Traditions:** Like all service positions, the representative's actions should align with AA's Twelve Traditions, particularly the spirit of anonymity and self-support