E&M Intergroup Minutes September 2022

Present - Grace (Chair), Richard (Sec), Lisa S (Happy Wednesday), Maria (Treasurer), Sarah (EPP), Chloe (LWTW), Colin (CoTGS) Nat J (Gayfield), Joe (Observer), Dougie (1st Ed), Sam, Ash (EPP), Donna, Ewan, Norrie, Gerry, George (Stockbridge), Denise, Steven, John (BB@BEDTIME), Mary (West End), Jeanette, Mark W (COtGS), Amy, Eleanor

Apologies - Jemma, Ed 1st

Approval of last months minutes -

Approved - Yes

Proposed - Maria

Seconded - Sarah

Great turnout, thanks to all who have attended.

Agenda Items -

First item, what is intergroup? Grace shared some slides from AA literature explaining what intergroup is and does. Started off with the inverted triangle structure.

Who attends Intergroup? GSR's, Region Rep, Liaison officers, group officers (PI, Health, Phones etc). Anyone (AAmembers) is welcome to attend intergroup. IG meeting details available on the website.

We meet once a month on the kasr Thursday of the month. Agenda Items are set by groups. GSR's are asked to send reports but there is no requirement to do so. Groups can decide not too send them in.

Often sub groups are set up to further discuss issues raised. Previous IG minutes are available on the website.

Brief overview of what IG does I.e. website, working with community organisations, sharing info between groups etc. One of the main things is the passing of the 7th tradition and paying the public liability insurance that enables to protect groups from problems.

Service structure handbooks available on the AA GB website. Links to these handbooks will be emailed out to groups.

Item 2 - Over the summer IG did a group inventory. A few points came out. One of the questions raised was about raising awareness for the groups.

Richard has a list of meetings, asked that IG attendees speak to their groups about IG visiting and discussing what IG is about. Richard asked that everyone email him confirmations of what groups give the ok. Richard will update the spreadsheet and will contact any groups who are not represented at IG. Richard provided his email for everyone.

West end last Monday of month 6pm zoom gave ok.

Item 3 - Ritson clinic - asking for input again. Richard to try and get the working group going again. Lisa S interested in joining the sub group with a view to taking on Health LO role once discussing it further.

Item 4 - EPP asking that through intergroup we request the summary reports from Region. Action Point for Jemma.

Item 5 - Ed 1st possibility of having IG go back to face to face perhaps bi-monthly. Comment that perhaps we consider hybrid, group members who are not local. Comment that IG stay on line but there is an introduction of face to face workshops etc, to keep access open to as many as possible. Possibly throwing away a good advantage by moving away from zoom. Possible trial of a hybrid to see if it works (test of change), get advice from existing hybrids on setup/cost, possibly use existing equipment from a hybrid. Possible sub group to do face to face then feedback to main group. Murrayfield possibly OK to lend equipment, needs to be discussed.

Norrie to speak to the Convent on Monday 3rd about potentially trying a hybrid IG in October.

Comment made that trial needs to be done in the venue prior to the actual meeting.

Plan to do hybrid IG end of October if OK with the Convent. Agenda to be kept light and no binding decisions to be made in case of technical issues.

This trial period will put us in an informed position to vote on the future of IG and how its delivered. Will also give IG time to visit groups and get a sense of whether this is a wider concern/thing to look at.

General consensus that we will try and get this moving for October meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Report emailed

Slight typo, 1st Edinburgh was one of the bigger donations. She will rectify that and apologises.

PI Report

No report provided

A few school enquiries come in. Dougie happy to do these with someone abd show them how the talks are done. Anyone interested to speak to him and Dougie happy to do them, he doesn't want them cancelled.

YP Report

No report provided

Literature Report

No Report Provided

Employment Report

No report provided

Armed Forces Report

No report provided

Archivist Report

No report provided

Website Report & Emails

No report provided

Prisons

No report provided

Telephones Report

No report provided

Roundabout

No report provided

Health

No report provided

Region Report

Report and Region minutes emailed

AOCB

Discussion about vacant positions and sobriety requirements. Group reminded that IG voted about suggested 1 year sobriety for LO roles and 6 months for team members.

Dougie suggested IG buying structure handbooks to be given/taken to groups. This has been added to October's agenda.

All group and liaison reports to be with Richard for 19/10/22 by 5pm (ish) 

Date of next meeting - 27/10/22 (7 for 7.15)