E&M Intergroup Minutes – January 2023

Present - Grace (Chair), Richard (Sec), Maria (Treasurer), George (Stockbridge), Colin (CoTGS Wednesday), Steve (Convent), Ewan (Seaside Serenity), Gordon (Uptown&Sober), Christine (Observer), Jemma (Region), Steph (CoTGS Friday), Sarah (EPP), Dougie (Schools), Sara (Royal Ed), Chloe (Lipstick with the Winners)

Apologies - Ash

Approval of last months minutes -

Approved - Yes

Proposed - Dougie and Maria

Agenda Items

Discussion around moving IG to mbi monthly and using the other month for something else.

Potentially running a session on what is a GSR? A session around money and how group bank accounts are set up.

There is a flyer for when you become a GSR.

Session on the traditions, workshop for example.

It might be nice for officers to come together to share experience and do targeted sessions 8e service structure.

We have identified Potentially doing what is a gsr, money and service structure as individual sessions. Already have essentially a 6 month programme.

There are traditions meetings, would we be stepping on their toes? Still keen to try if not getting in the way of the meetings.

Like the idea of Intergroup providing workshops and fulfilling our remit to help groups and offer them out to the wider membership.

There are traditions meetings, but not "the concepts" so we could look at that.

Using the same time slot would probably work best, people are already aware that intergroup is on at this time.

AA approved literature must be used.

Gemma happy to run a GSR session (April)

Grace to run service structure session (February)

Jemma offered to produce a flyer (Thanks!!).

Should we do market research?

In this case probably best to just go ahead and see the uptake.

Should these be hybrid? We have online and in person groups in Edinburgh so we should offer this to provide more opportunity for attendance.

What would the format be? Presentations can get messy in hybrid. The people responsible for the sessions should plan the sessions.

Suggestion of an hour for session.

Will there be funds available fir any expenditure. We can order lots of service structure handbooks as they are very cheap. Jemma might like Now I'm a GSR and the group.

Jemma and Grace to discuss and get funds from Maria, approved by the group.

Item 2

Intergroup visits to groups. Not much uptake but Lipstick with the Winners is keen for a visit. Chloe to come back with date of next business meeting. Grace to follow up with chloe and provide the visit.

Access Practice been in touch for some literature. Richard to get literature from Dougie and deliver to EAP.

Item 3

HMP Edinburgh been in touch about resuming meetings and prison sponsors. Josh is prison liaison. Struggled to get in touch with the prison but is now meeting them w/c 30th Jan. Josh will take responsibility for the sponsorship and if anyone is interested to get in touch. Davie, the Region prison rep, is keen to support Josh.

Sarah would like some more info on prison sponsorship for her home group. Potentially get someone to attend. Grace to speak to josh about attending IG to update us. Also to get the Region prison rep to come to IG to explain more to us. Jemma to invite Region Rep to march meeting. Who pays for the PVG checks? We do but Maria hasn't been approached about this yet. There is money for this sitting when required.

Item 4

Hybrid meeting feedback.

Colin and George both happy to set up the meeting, and if one isn't present, the other can set it up no problem.

Screen at the Convent a bit small but works.

Working well.

A couple of drop outs with audio but in general very good.

Working well. Nice to see more GSRs present. How do we continue without relying on another group (for the tech).

Do we want to continue? If so we will need to get our own equipment. We do have the money to buy all the equipment including a laptop. This item to be added to the next IG meeting. Colin to do estimates on equipment and report back.

Treasurer's Report

Report emailed

Maria did get a refund from the insurance company, detailed in the report.

PI Report

Report emailed

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 emailed

We have 1 Region Rep, we can have 3. Propose and elect new reps next meeting for the purpose of being conference delegates. Jemma responds that scotia Region are looking for 1 delegate and they do not need to be a Region rep. Gordon wishes ti be a conference delegate and IG can put him forward for it. We will discuss next meeting.

Question, what is a service forum. Jemma not entirely sure but will get the answer for next meeting. If anyone wishes to attend the Region questions for conference jemma can get the details to them 07799417113

AOCB

Richard to email out service vacancy list. And send out 3 months of minutes.

Gordon would like to propose an AOCB part to the meeting.

Please have group and liaison officer reports to Richard by 22/03/23.

Next IG meeting is a hybrid meeting 29/03/23 (7 for 7.15).