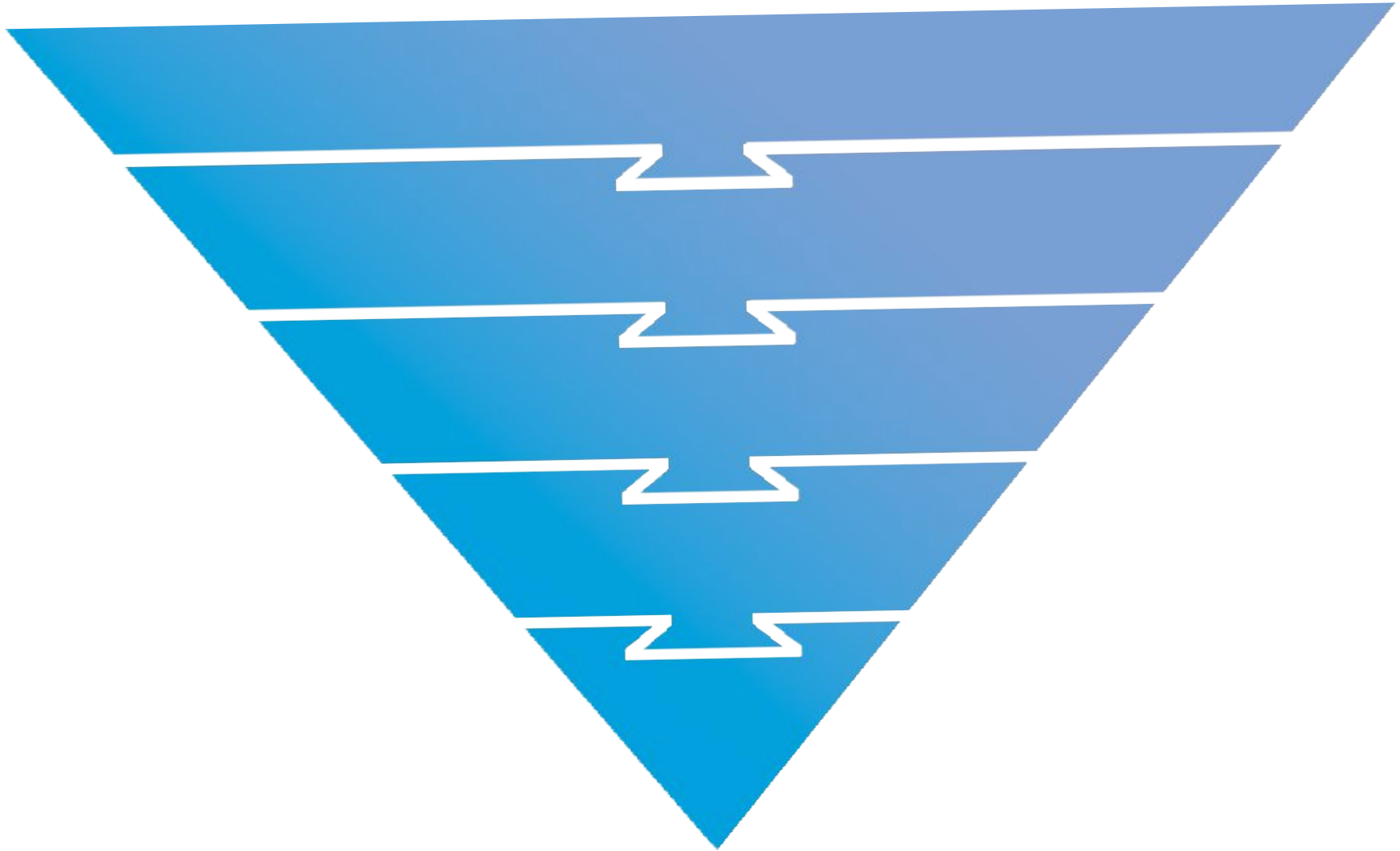


South Beds Intergroup



AA UK Structure



Charitable Status

- AA groups are not Charities but the General Service Board does have charitable status so no money send by Groups to Intergroup and onward to Region and General Service Board are eligible for Gift Aid.
- However any money paid by individual members directly to the the GSO is eligible for Gift Aid, The GSO can recover the Basic Rate of Income Tax you paid on those contributions

Aims of Intergroup

The aims of an intergroup are to aid the constituent groups in their common purpose of carrying the AA message to the still suffering alcoholic and, by using their combined strength and unity, to improve and maintain good relations with all organisations in the community.

South Beds Intergroup

- There are 17 groups who form the Intergroup including 2 online groups
- There is 1 group that is geographically in our area but has decided to join another intergroup
- Set up in 1980
- Works with North Herts and North Beds Intergroup to share staffing of the local telephone service

Intergroup Officers

- Chair
- Vice Chair
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Regional Representatives
- Functional Officers, for Each Service Area

South Beds Intergroup

- Elects 3 members to be part of the Regional Assembly
- Those members can be elected to attend the Annual Conference and onto the General Service Board
- Pays for Public Liability Insurance Cover for all groups affiliated to intergroup
- Is the link between Groups and General Service Board and Conference.

South Beds Intergroup

- Currently meets normally 4 times a year
- Service Manual Suggest Intergroups should meet 6 times a year including an AGM
- Most Officers were elected soon after Lockdown so should come to the end of 3 year period of service together.
- Should we take this into account when deciding when rotation out of major posts takes place
- Has had a history of difficulty in filling all service positions

South Beds Intergroup

- We do not have authority over any group but we should be available to give advice to groups and help them in their primary purpose.
- We shouldn't subsidise new groups who are unable to be self supporting through their own contributions.
- But we should have discussions we any members thinking of setting up new groups so they consider the impact on other local groups

Home Groups

- My home group is Luton Stopsley meeting in this building each Monday.
- We have 11 members 8 of who attend regularly
- 3 women all in their 40s
- 8 men - youngest in early 30s - oldest is 71
- We have a whatsapp group and a Generic email address
- Length of sobriety from a few months to over 30 years

My Group

- We get 2 copies of Share Magazine each month
- We have a chip system
- We alternate between using a passage from the Big Book and the 12 Steps and Traditions each week.
- Our GSR does not hold an intergroup officer position and if our GSR is elected to hold an intergroup post we elect a new GSR.

12 Concepts of Service

- While the 12 steps and 12 Traditions remain the same across the world in AA
- In the UK we have our own version of the 12 Concepts they differ from those originally drafted by Bill Wilson because of UK Trust Law.