

Encouraging Service

Participation in a discussion of encouragement and service

This is one of the Chosen Agenda Items from the 2018 World Service Conference. It comes up almost every year and is very important to the worldwide fellowship. We had a skit on “Welcoming Newcomers” and it focused on how we can be more personally welcoming. This is an opportunity for us, as leaders, to focus on how we can help strengthen groups and by encouraging service make sure that when anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, the hand of Al-Anon and Alateen will always be there.”

Why “Encouraging Service” is important

Individual

- Personal recovery
- Relationship repair
- Sharing what I have
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Group

- Available recovery
- Practicing recovery
- Working together
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District

- Understanding structure
- Support of a larger group
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We have opportunities to encourage service in a variety of ways - not just asking someone to serve in a particular position such as GR or Public Outreach. Let's take a look at some of the benefits I gain when I encourage someone else in these ways. Get shout outs from the audience - fill in a few more on each.

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Area	World Service Conference	WSO
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seeing how others do things• Meeting new people• Expanding my horizons•	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Al-Anon as a whole• Learning new skills• Focus on spiritual principles at work•	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Foundations of spirituality in a business structure• Keeping the focus on recovery• Voluntary support•

How can I encourage someone if I don't know about the Service Structure? What ways has serving at the District and Area helped you learn about the service structure in a way you can hand on to someone else?

Supporting Group Growth



Let's come up with one or two challenges we can take home and perhaps discuss with our Districts:

Spiritual Principles

How can we keep the focus on our spiritual principles as we encourage service?



What are some spiritual principles that are helpful to encouragement?

Legacies as tools

Steps

Traditions

Concepts

Warranties

Let's pick a few Legacies to focus on. What comes to mind, from your experience, that encourages YOU to grow in service?

What can I do?

The Group is fundamental.
It is the basic unit of our
fellowship.

Slogans: Easy
Does It ... Let
it begin with
me

Tools:
Sponsorship,
Service Structure,
Service Manual,
Website

Serenity Prayer

Now try to think of your role as an AI-Anon member in your home group. Or in a group you attend. Not as a DR, DISL or Coordinator. Not as a Delegate, Past Delegate or Event Chair - but simply as a member of AI-Anon.

Maybe you can use this handout as a Meeting topic?