

**Young people in AA service questions:** “Do people under thirty face additional challenges, on account of their young age, in engaging with the AA programme, and specifically doing service?” “Have you found any effective solutions to this?” “In your view, is there anything that the fellowship as a whole could do to encourage young people into AA service?” “We already have PI officers at Intergroup and Region: why did the role of Young Person’s Liaison Officer come about?” “What kinds of service can young people do, both within AA, and in terms of carrying the message to the general public?” “What successes have you had in carrying the message outside AA?” “What successes have you had in carrying the message to young people inside AA?” “What is it like to serve at the AA Conference as a young person?” “What can Groups, Intergroup, and Region do to encourage young people to take up service?”

The speakers were almost all young or joined AA when they were young (under 30), six out of the eight were women, and a range of nationalities/ethnicities were represented.

**Quotations from the sponsorship section:**

Through unity I will find recovery; through recovery I will find service.

It is important to find out as much as you can about your new sponsee: say the prayer for empathy on page 67 of the Big Book; ask, ‘how would I behave with their mindset?’

I say to sponsees: I am going to be holding the torch; you’re going to be doing the digging.

There are three relationships to be solved: (1) the relationship with the Higher Power (2) the relationship with yourself (3) the relationship with others.

I am not responsible for anyone else’s recovery—it is the sponsee’s responsibility to surrender to the programme.

Integrity: doing what you said you would do, where and when you said you would do it.

To sponsees: if you are available, I am committed.

**Quotations from the young people in service section:**

I started to trust people in AA because they demonstrated they were reliable and could be depended on.

The Steps are not something I complete once and are done with—they are a loop I go around every day.

Some activities of the National Sub-Committee: helping Intergroups and Regions fulfil their roles; performing functions that cannot be performed at other levels, e.g. designing posters; holding events for ideas and experience to be shared from throughout the country; covering pockets of AA where little or no relevant service is being performed; interacting with other disciplines.

The reason I am sitting here today, 18 years sober, is because I am willing to do service.