



# Irish Region Survey 2013

## NA World Service Vision:

“Every addict in the world has the chance to experience our message in his or her own language and culture and find the opportunity for a new way of life”

## Introduction

In 2009, the Irish Region published its strategic plan. A strategic plan aims to uncover problems in an organisation and to find ways that these problems can be solved. It acts like a road map, showing the organisation where it needs to go in order to fulfil its mission. This document aims to gather feedback on Strategic Plan 2009-2012 and to ask what the Irish region would like addressed in Strategic Plan 2013-2016.

## Where the Irish Region could improve

The Irish Region spent three years conducting workshops and asking people to answer surveys to find out exactly where we needed to improve. This is the response they got:

- **Travellers, foreign nationals, old timers, women with clean time and young people missing from our meetings**
- **Not enough people doing service**

- **People not understanding their role**
- **Not enough handover/mentoring**
- **Newcomers not properly welcomed**
- **Few crèche facilities**
- **Not enough step meetings**
- **Few social events**
- **More PR work needed: advertising, speaking engagements, information DVD**
- **Intimidating personalities**
- **Inappropriate behaviour in meetings**
- **Inappropriate outside meeting i.e. gossiping, clicks etc.**
- **Break downs in communication between Region/Area/ Groups/ Individuals.**
- **More protection from 13<sup>th</sup> steppers needed**
- **H&I needs to continue growing**

*These were the issues that this Region believed held us back from successfully carrying the message to the still suffering addict.*

#### Improving Things in Strategic Plan 2009-2012

In response to the issues brought up, the Region created:

- **A Regional Events Chair:** to promote fellowship events.
- **A Regional Literature Chair:** to produce an Irish NA newsletter and to support and assist any locally-developed literature
- **A Regional Parents and Carers Chair:** to liaise with Areas regarding the needs of members with children in their care, and to actively promote child-friendly meetings, crèche facilities and family events.

- **A Plan to Actively Promote and Deliver Service Workshops:** to train and mentor local members in all four Areas.
- **A Regional Service Conference:** to hold a yearly or twice yearly Irish Regional Service Conference.
- **Ongoing Progress Report**

Did it Work?

In 2012, the Irish Regional committee would like to continue meeting the needs of the Irish fellowship and to help it carry the message to the still-suffering addict. To do this we need **YOUR** input. Please answer some or all of the following questions to help us carry this out effectively. Some areas you might think about could be Meetings, Service, Finance, Atmosphere of Recovery, Traditions, Spiritual Principles, Relationships with outside organisations, and Public Awareness of NA.

- **How could Narcotics Anonymous in Ireland better serve its members?**

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- **How could Narcotics Anonymous in Ireland better serve the still-suffering addict?**

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- **Have the actions from Strategic Plan 2009-2012 been effective?**

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- **Do you have any specific suggestions about how we can improve things?**

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