

NEWCOMER REP Key Role and Responsibilities:

The newcomer representatives' main aim is to welcome and provide practical support to newcomers during SANAC Convention.

The persons who take this commitment on must commit to attending and be available to speak to newcomers during both the SANAC, fundraisers and the main SANAC Convention in July. In addition, the newcomer reps are also required to attend monthly committee meetings and deliver reports keeping the committee updated on your progress.

The female newcomer rep is allocated to speak to female newcomers and the male newcomer rep allocated to speak to male newcomers. However, at times when one of the reps (either male or female) may not be able to attend the allocated slots for whatever reason the other rep should stand for both and talk to both male and female newcomers (unless someone else from the committee offers to fill in for that rep).

The newcomers' reps (both male and female) must make themselves available at the registration desk at the times allocated within the rota system you create. This rota is usually compiled of 2-4 hourly shifts created by the newcomer reps. It will be your responsibility to elect other trusted servants to manage the shifts you are not able to cover over the duration of both events.

The newcomer reps to liaise with treasurer and the committee to put together an order of literature designed for newcomers (i.e. Sponsorship, What is NA, For the newcomer etc...)

When registration signposts a newcomer to you, both newcomer reps (male and female) stand up and introduce yourselves with a warm welcoming introduction for our members who may be at their first convention. Keeping in mind that you may be the very first representation of Narcotics Anonymous the newcomer may have seen. Remember to be kind and helpful to them. Remember how you felt when you first came into the rooms of NA.

After that one of you makes an announcement which may go as follows:

"Hi, Welcome to SANAC. We are the newcomers' reps. If you are new to NA and would like some information, literature, sponsorship info or just to have a chat, please feel free to ask, I am here to help. Here is a newcomer's pack (Provided by the committee) that explains who we are and what NA is about."

The many ways in which support can be provided to newcomers are suggestions in accordance with the NA program. Examples of suggestions include:

- Offering a SANAC Newcomers Pack
- It is suggested to attend 90 meetings in 90 days
- Read NA literature, especially the NA Basic Text

- It is suggested to find a sponsor (Sponsorship pamphlet)
- To seek out sponsorship and work through the 12 steps
- Asking the newcomer how he/she is and listening to what they have to say

Finally, please be mindful to stick to the NA program's suggestions and avoid giving newcomers advice on other outside issues (i.e. whether they should take medication or not, advice related to their relationship with their partners or family, advice on financial issues, etc).

Remember: You could be the first person a newcomer meets in NA so please keep that in mind

Clean Time Requirement:

6 months

Length of Commitment:

1 year.