

RCM Report to ASC September 2023 – from Brighton

RCM: Ben G

Alt RCM: (Vacant)

Ben G attended both days 09th and 10th September 2023 in Brighton

Next Region:

DAY 1

- Service Prayer
- 12 concepts
- Introductions

Problems with Wi-Fi.

Treasury:

£32,137 opening balance plus 6.5K from UKCNA

UK has historically been a good contributor, but we haven't made any recently, mainly because of increased stipends since end of lockdown have reduced the flow of funds. Suggested that RCMs think about changing guidelines to allow for donations to either RDM or WSO on an RSC-by-RSC basis, i.e. each Region, treasury will suggest an amount that we can afford to pass down. At the moment, we have old guidelines which since the pandemic, mean we never meet the criteria to pass any money down.

Treasurers (Adams) term coming up but we have Benita to step up as vice-vice, a qualified accountant. Adam was given permission to work with Bonita and her ability to introduce herself at the next Region.

UKComms Report (Website and Helpline)

Meets. 19:30 meeting last Thursday of month

Really struggling for service.....it's a desperate situation. They will start putting flyers in Literature Orders. PLEASE announce in ASCs. There is a backlog developing.....Fellowship becoming impatient but no one coming forward. Get sponsees to do service within Comms. Kerry-Anne will also speak to FD.

***Most* urgent positions:**

Helpline staff (2 hours per week being able to answer calls)

Website: Chair/Vice, Secretary/Vice all required

UKNA Prison Sponsorship report (20 minutes)

Been very busy sending literature and cards.

Most urgent positions are:

Chair: Clean Time 5 years. Fulfil the position for 2 years.

Sponsor liaison

Post Person (x 2)

See Pre-Region report.

More male and gender fluid sponsors required.

UKSO:

See Tradition 9...UKSO are a service board who employ special workers.

Literature sales not so strong this month but the office is above budget year to date on sales and net surplus.

We have had a look at meetings opening bank accounts and can see no easy solution apart from individual treasurers opening an account in their name. This may change when we have a defined status with HMRC.

We were tasked along with Comms committee to come up with a proposal re website development. This proposal will be presented separately as a proposal in the agenda.

There will be a discount for larger orders coming up.

There is a problem with folk not collecting literature they have ordered.

UKNA Archive report (20 minutes)

Vision statement read out.

RCM Workshop

We broke into groups of 6 to address some questions about how the RSC functioned and what could be done better. The responses were discussed back with all attendees and were collated by the RD for review and feedback at the next RSC.

Fellowship Development

Responds to requests for support from groups. What do you need help with?

Fairly strong committee at the moment. Positions are vacant (see Pre-Region report). They have regional representatives, quite a large area covered. There will be some Glasgow Unity days, they may put in a bid to host Region. Work around the country was described. Workshop on Delivering Stronger Home Groups was delivered at the Devon Campout. A new Environmental Scan has been released, kind of like a Survey. Only 59 completed it last time (disappointing)....it was useful and has informed the direction of workshops.

RCM reports: Highlights:

One Area engaged meetings without GSRs by asking to do service shares there.

Day 2

Introductions

Motions:

Greater Manchester: UKCNA to supply Financial reports for each Region: It was discussed and there was agreement to amend the subcommittee guidelines to make the provision of financial reports a requirement for each Region.

Making the Website developer a Special Worker: Job description read out. The current person has been doing this service for 10 years, which is unfair. The motion is that the position should be done by a special worker under the UKSO. The UKSO have financial surpluses that they would pay for the special worker. The worker would be answerable to UKSO. This was approved by the RSC.

Greater Manchester: Motion around sourcing of literature: There was a strong feeling that literature should be ethically and responsibly sourced and so the motion was carried...the questions will be raised to the WSO.

Treasury: Update of treasury guidelines to enable more request donations to the EDM and WSO. Discussions held yesterday. Treasury will go off and update guidelines.

Farsi (Iranian): Production of a pamphlet called "Prayer and Meditation". There will be something prepared for the next Region. Maybe really helpful for people who have an issue with prayer and meditation.

Guidelines

There was a discussion around whether RCMs should share rooms when attending Region. There was no requirement for the admin committee to do this. General feeling was that prudence is the key. This will go back to the ad hoc committee.

Inappropriate behaviour: Next meeting 18th Sep 20:00 until 21:00. Members attending seeking answers which can't necessarily be answered as guidelines are still being formed. The meetings are going well though.

Alternate Regional Delegate report

European Delegates Meeting: RD and AD have to end 'CP (conference participant) webinars' every 2 months.

Changes to the World Board for the next cycle.

There were 'small group discussions': revitalising service, inappropriate behaviour, gender neutral language, World Convention in Washington in 2024.

NAWS spending more than it brings in. NAWS is funded by literature but wants to move towards funding by member contributions.

NA Survival Kit....

EDM was in Budapest:

There was a steering committee report. There were questions from different countries.

Zonal Delegates brought forward question of an inventory of the EDM.

Zonal delegates represent unseated Regions. Discussion around how to bring in unseated Regions.

EDM is a legal entity based in Belgium, they are looking at this.

There was a report for ECCNA239...in Helsinki. ECCNA is a fundraiser for EDM so there is a desire to make a profit. Dates have changed due to a Coldplay concert, it will now be.....11-14th July 2024.

Winter EDM will be in Bulgaria.

Next ECCNA will be Rotterdam.

There was a discussion and vote around service continuity for the RD/AD...'Option 2' was voted for..

UKCNA

Decided not to go ahead with NYE fundraiser.

New business

Changing terms of Chair and Vice Chair from 1 to 2 years...approved!

Treasury

Current Balance £30,707 (expenditure not yet logged though)

£26,457.00 surplus of £3,597

UKPI

Government Liaison: GLO is continuing to get back into relations with Government bodies.

Prisons: HMP OnLine - Pilot well under way. HMPPS administers it. UK H&I oversees for NA. HMPPS staff presented it at NA UK Convention in July 2023 – has been very well received. H&I will continue to run 'in-house' meetings.

Events RCN - Royal College of Nurses at Brighton May 14th – 18th - now dealing with follow up. Reading festival – 4 Area PIs attended over 4 days – good work. Leeds Festival done. GPs Conference in Glasgow: 19-20 October 2023.

Campaigns Group;. ATMs: In discussion with NCR Agency for rolling ATMs over 18 months at 2 per month. Bus Campaign: final report from agency received. Festivals: Co-ordinating various to be managed by local Area PIs. Dos & Don'ts for Area PIs running Festivals to be produced by CG