Steps Toward a Local In-person GAA Meeting

This is a checklist of suggested ideas toward the goal of an in-person meeting in an area where there is none. Don't worry about doing all of these things. They are possible ideas, not requirements. The idea is to pick just the next right thing and, ideally with the help of a fellow in recovery, and take a couple of steps in the right direction. Progress not perfection. Together we can do what we cannot do alone!

Ideas for preparing for leading meetings

- ❒ Attend online GAA meetings
- ❒ Check out an open in-person meeting of another fellowship
- ❒ Volunteer to lead an online GAA meeting
- ❒ Read about meeting etiquette in the Meeting Handbook

Ideas for getting the word out

- ❒ Set up group communication (like in a WhatsApp group)
- ❒ Make sure your city is listed on the GAA website
- ❒ Create a GAA contact email account and forward it to your personal email
- ❒ Have your email address added to the GAA email list for your city
- ❒ Read the Building Local Fellowship pamphlet
- ❒ Print copies of GAA fliers and Newcomer pamphlets
- ❒ Contact therapists and mental health centers by email or phone
- ❒ Post flyers at recovery clubs like Alano Clubs
- ❒ Give pamphlets to student counseling centers and churches

Ideas for connecting with local newcomers

- ❒ Organize a video conference call to all meet each other
- ❒ Meet up informally at a park, cafe, or restaurant
- ❒ Attend an open in-person meeting of another fellowship together

Ideas for organizing a local meeting (as a group)

- ❒ Choose a day and time that works well for all who are interested
- ❒ In a location that is fairly central for all involved, find a room at a recovery club, community center, church, mental health institute, or other meeting space
- ❒ Customize the sample meeting format to fit your group and print it out
- ❒ Decide on meeting leader rotation
- ❒ Decide on recovery materials for reading
- ❒ Print a few copies of the Newcomers and Twenty Questions pamphlets
- ❒ If renting a space, choose a treasurer for collecting money and paying rent
- ❒ Order some GAA chips for celebrating game-free milestones
- ❒ Hold your first meeting and have fun!