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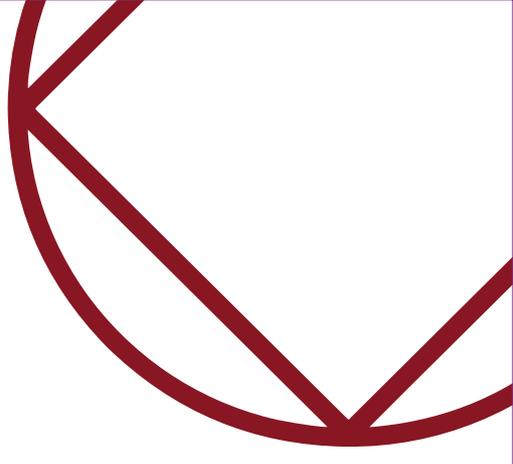
OPEN PARTICIPATION

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WHAT IS OPEN PARTICIPATION?

Open participation involvement in service is as important to the new comer as it is the older member to be involved in the fellowship of NA. It allows us to be involved in the direction and future of our fellowship. Open participation allows us not to create a cast system in our service structure. It brings the best talent of our membership together in the spirit of unity to carry out are purpose. It allows us to serve in the spirit of anonymity.

WHERE WAS THE TERM FIRST USED?

It was first used in the writing of our Basic Text. Were the Fellowship coming to together for the purpose of writing the first ever Book on recovery from the disease of addiction. No one was excluded from being involved in the process of writing our Basic Text. All voices were heard from the addict with one day clean to addict with many of years clean. We Excluded no one.

We hear often that were an inclusive Fellowship, based on the spiritual principle of anonymity. We must be equally inclusive in our literature and service, if we censorship a lot of the voices in our Fellowship, then we censor the voice of God as we understood Him. Everyones experience, strength and hope are equally important, we dont know witch particular share that will save another addict.

Open participation is important because we need all the experience in recovery we can get. Newcomers may think they have nothing to contribute with, but one day clean is a miracle and that is an experience who can

help another suffering addict to stay clean for one day, so why not be of services right from the start.

I cant, but WE can since this is a WE program all of us need to take part of opportunity to be a part of, open participation that grants us the ability to be involved. It grants us the right to be a part of something greater than ourselves, were God guides us through the traditions of NA to better carry the message to the still suffering addicts around the world. There are no boundaries to open participation, everyone has a chance to be a part of the involvement in NA services to carry the message. Without barriers created by others that promote fear trying to control services through what are message sounds like to society. Only an Addict will understand our message of hope from active addiction.

The action of taking part in something is something we can relearn or learn in the fellowship of NA. Many of us have disqualified ourselves for taking an active part in society or our own lives. Getting involved as a newcomer in open participation can be the beginning of growth in many areas in our lives. It gives us recovery in places we did not even know we were sick. We start to see that we have something to offer and others as well, we learn how to be around other people and work together. Being around addicts and doing our part gives a sense of belonging many of us have search for but never found. It gives us purpose and we see we really need each other in this new way of life.

Being clean today and being together with

other recovering addicts is a miracle, when we invite our loving God as we understand him into the process of open participation things happen we did not though possible before. We can help addicts together. Our recovery is a gift we received and open participation is a way for every addict to give back in a way that fits them.

We as addicts are used to not feeling welcome. Our addiction isolated us to the point of no return. When we first set foot in our Fellowship were being welcomed with love and empathy. Were even being welcomed back. Many of us feel like coming home. Shouldnt we be allowed to enter all rooms in a loving home? Why should some services be restricted from the ones this Fellowship is built upon, recovering addicts? There is no therapeutic value in taking away the opportunity for all addicts to get and feel involved. Open participation equals creativity and diversity.

To participate in something is to take part in something, and share. We do not need to rely on professionals or outside organizations to write our literature

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