**Our Vision At Work**

**Session Goals**

* Inspire members to think about the role they play in achieving A Vision for NA Service
* Raise awareness about the work of World Services
* Encourage direct contributions to World Services and throughout the service structure

**Session Materials**

* A Vision for NA Service
* NAWS Brochure
* IP #24 & #28

***Opening – Our Vision 5 minutes***

**SLIDE 1: Our Vision at Work!**

Welcome, introductions

How many of you are familiar with *A Vision for NA Service*? *(Show of hands)* If you’re not, you will be after this workshop.

**SLIDE 2: Vision**

Can I get a volunteer to read the vision statement for us?

As you might have noticed, the focus of the vision shifts with each dot point.

* The first focuses on the addict who has yet to find NA
* The second on NA members
* The third on NA service bodies
* And the fourth on NA seen from outside: as a stable, reliable program of recovery that’s recognized by the public at large.

**SLIDE 3: Vision and objectives**

We’re going to take a closer look at each of the dot points in our vision statement and consider how we can contribute to that vision. NA World Services plays a role in supporting our vision, and we’ll share about some of those efforts, as well.

We only have 90 minutes for this workshop so we won’t be able to hear from everyone on each question. We’ll be moving through a lot of ideas quickly today.

*Facilitator: Watch the time. You likely won’t be able to call on all raised hands. That’s okay. Try to recognize people who haven’t shared yet when you move on to a new question.*

***Upon This Common Ground 20 minutes***

**SLIDE 4: A Vision for NA Service: All of the efforts of Narcotics Anonymous are inspired by the primary purpose of our groups. Upon this common ground we stand committed.**

A Vision for NA Service begins with this powerful statement, unifying all our efforts around our primary purpose.

* **How does that commitment shape our efforts, in local service and personally?**

*Call on members to respond. Encourage people to share thoughts about service and personal efforts.*

The commitment to common ground is the practical expression of our unity. It’s from this perspective that our vision comes into focus.

**SLIDE 5: Our vision is that one day:**

* **Every addict in the world has the chance to experience our message in their own language and culture and find the opportunity for a new way of life.**

This is the first dot point of the vision.

For each dot point, we’re going to consider how world services, local services, and each of us individually can contribute.

**What role does NA World Services play in making our message available to addicts in their own languages and cultures?**

NA World Services hears about and supports service efforts in different parts of the world, and serves as a hub of experience, strength, and hope. NAWS often helps make connections or share valuable resources.

NAWS plays an essential role in translations, as well.

**SLIDE 6: Total translated Items published**

This graph shows the number of translated items published at World Services as of the end of the 2023 fiscal year, which runs through June. At that time, we had published 1,341 translated titles.

Local members do the heavy lifting on almost all translations. It takes dedicated members willing to devote countless hours to the work, even when a professional translator is involved. The translations team at World Services supports their efforts, helping to ensure conceptual fidelity is maintained, and organizing proofing, copyrights, layout, and production.

**SLIDE 7: Now available!**

Having literature in our own languages saves lives. Some recent translations include *Sponsorship* in Japanese, *A* *Spiritual Principle A Day* in Spanish, *Guiding Principles* in Brazilian Portuguese, and *Just for Today* in Greek.

**SLIDE 8: na.org/eLit**

All of our booklets and IPs are available online at no cost, made possible by contributions from NA members. Audio versions of the Basic Text are also on the website at no cost.

* **How can we contribute to this part of our vision—improving our outreach to those who might not find the message in their own language and culture—in service and personally?**

*Call on members to respond. Encourage sharing about both service efforts and personal contributions to outreach.*

***Dot Point 2 10 minutes***

Let’s move on to the next dot point of our vision.

*Facilitator: Read the dot point*

**SLIDE 9: Every member, inspired by the gift of recovery, experiences spiritual growth and fulfillment through service.**

**What role does NA World Services play in supporting this effort?**

World Services plays an important supporting role here. NAWS coordinates literature projects like *Guiding Principles*—pictured here—that help our recovery and service efforts. World Services hosts web meetings that provide a forum to exchange best practices.

**SLIDE 10: Service materials**

NAWS also publishes service materials that reflect our collective wisdom and contribute to healthy service experiences for us all. On the screen, you see a few of the service pamphlets available in multiple languages.

* **How can we contribute to this part of our vision – helping each other to experience spiritual growth and fulfillment through service – in service and personally?**

*Call on members to respond. Encourage sharing on both personal and service efforts.*

***Dot Point 3 10 minutes***

**SLIDE 11: NA service bodies worldwide work together in a spirit of unity and cooperation to support the groups in carrying our message of recovery.**

The next dot point in our vision is focused on the role of service bodies.

*Facilitator: Read the dot point*

**What role does NA World Services play in supporting this effort?**

NAWS is responsible to hold the World Service Conference and has facilitated and subsidized collaboration among numerous emerging NA communities.

Opportunities for dialogue and discussion across the Fellowship and around the world also include: Webinars, Issue Discussion Topics, and World Board attendance at service events all open space for the free flow of ideas among members.

**SLIDE 12: Information and resources**

Information and resources gathered from trusted servants, groups and committees worldwide are made available at [na.org/localresources](http://www.na.org/localresources)

Information and tools are made available in a variety of formats: *Virtual Meeting Basics* is a recent example of a short, easy-to-translate tool.

* **How can we contribute to this part of our vision – working together in a spirit of unity and cooperation – in service and personally?**

*Call on members to respond. Encourage sharing about both personal and structural efforts toward unity and cooperation.*

***Dot Point 4 10 minutes***

**SLIDE 13: Narcotics Anonymous has universal recognition and respect as a viable program of recovery.**

Here’s the last dot point in our vision along with our discussion question.

*Facilitator: Read the dot point.*

**What role does NA World Services play in supporting this effort?**

World Services has a global view of Public Relations. The PR team networks with medical professionals and researchers and attends drug treatment and corrections conferences. The model for treating addicts in many parts of the world relies increasingly on medication, so NAWS created a pamphlet to inform medical professionals about what we offer in NA.

Over the years, NAWS has developed tools to support local PR efforts. *PR Basics* helps individual members and PR teams prepare to represent NA to professionals.

**SLIDE 14: Membership Survey pamphlet**

The results of the membership survey are published periodically in the form of a helpful pamphlet. (Available at [na.org/pr](http://www.na.org/pr)).

* **How can we contribute to recognition and respect for Narcotics Anonymous personally and in our local services?**

*Call on members to respond. Encourage sharing about both personal and service efforts to support recognition and respect for Narcotics Anonymous.*

***Ending statement 10 minutes***

**SLIDE 15: Honesty, trust, and goodwill are the foundation of our service efforts, all of which rely upon the guidance of a loving Higher Power.**

Our vision ends with another powerful statement.

At the beginning of the Basic Text, the section on Our Symbol reminds us that goodwill is “doing the right thing for the right reason.” When we serve selflessly, from a place of goodwill, we are more able to locate and stand on that common ground the opening of the vision statement talks about. Honesty and trust contribute to one another: When we trust each other it’s easier to be honest, and when we are honest and transparent in our efforts, it’s easier for the groups to trust us in service.

*Facilitators: Speak from the heart briefly on this one. Ask the group:*

* **How do we manifest honesty, trust and goodwill in our efforts, personally and in service?**

***How We Contribute 20 Minutes***

In this workshop, we identified many ways we can contribute our time and effort toward fulfilling our vision.

One thing we know about NA is that if everyone does a little, we can accomplish a lot.

There are so many ways we can contribute to NA: our time, our skills, our presence at meetings are all essential.

**SLIDE 16: Map & “Where Our Basket Money Goes” from Funding NA Services**

Every day, around the world, NA members are creating Narcotics Anonymous. NA isn’t some finished thing we go to, like a store or a class. *Guiding Principles* reminds us that “We are Narcotics Anonymous, and what we do—the empathy and care we show each other, the experience strength and hope we bring—that is “NA, as such.”

Although our message is free, carrying it is not. It takes money to maintain phone lines, bring literature to inmates or to a PR presentation, to translate our literature and supply it to developing NA communities. This graphic is from IP #28, *Funding NA Services*.

**SLIDE 17: IP #24 *Money Matters: Self-Support in NA pie chart***

IP #24 is another helpful resource. It lists some ways to contribute. This pie chart also represents the way many groups divide what’s left of the Seventh Tradition contributions after they’ve covered expenses.

We have no dues or fees, and we never will. But many of NA’s services take money to accomplish. Groups and members’ direct contributions to World Services help us all get closer to achieving our vision.

**SLIDE 18: When We Share**

Many of us who have the means to do so consider setting up a regular contribution at [na.org/give](https://na.org/contribute/give/). Direct contributions take the pressure off of literature sales to fund services, and allow our services to experience a steady, predictable flow from the members who are most able to give to the efforts to reach those most in need.

Our most important contribution to Narcotics Anonymous is our membership. When we keep coming back, we are a vision of hope. There is no price we can put on a single knowing smile. Our attention is a priceless gift: whether we listen in a meeting or take a member’s call, just being there for another addict can change their lives.

Our Vision for NA Service is broad, but it begins and ends with each of us showing up at a meeting, in person or online, to carry and to hear a message of hope. And it continues when each of us finds ways to contribute that are sustainable, consistent, and true to our values in recovery.

**SLIDE: Repeat of Title Slide**

Thank you for participating in this workshop. Thank you for all you do for NA and to carry the message to the still-suffering addict.