

## A Vision for NA Service

**Additional preparations/materials:** Vision session question sheets and blank note sheets on tables.

<b>Set-up</b>	<b>10 minutes</b>
<b>Part one – large group discussion</b>	<b>30 minutes</b>
<b>Part two – small group discussion</b>	<b>45 minutes</b>
<b>Conclusion</b>	<b>5 minutes</b>

<b>Session set-up</b>	<b>10 minutes</b>
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**Purpose of session** – to give attendees a basic understanding of A Vision for NA Service and generate ideas for discussing and raising awareness about the vision on local levels.

Discuss the history of our vision. Include these points:

- **[Slide 2]** As many active trusted servants know, the NAWS Vision was in place since 1996 to guide the work of NA World Services.
- Some zones and regions saw the value of having a vision and adapted the NAWS Vision Statement or drafted statements of their own.
- As part of the Service System Project, the NAWS Vision was expanded to cover all NA services, and A Vision for NA Service was unanimously approved at WSC 2010.

Highlight the introductory text of the Vision.

**[Slide 3]** “All the efforts of Narcotics Anonymous are inspired by the primary purpose of our groups. Upon this common ground we stand committed.”

The role of our groups in fulfilling our primary purpose is clear: providing an atmosphere of recovery in our meetings to allow members to share our message of hope.

Our service committees perform other tasks, both to support the NA groups and to help addicts in our communities find our meetings and our literature.

During the session we will discuss the four bullet points that express the ideals we strive toward when we serve together in NA, keeping in mind how those points help us support the groups and fulfill our primary purpose.

<b>Large Group Discussion: Bullets One and Two</b>	<b>30 minutes</b>
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<b>Bullet One – Bridging Language and Cultural Gaps</b>	<b>15 minutes</b>
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**[Slide 4]** Our Vision is that one day: Every addict in the world has the chance to experience our message of recovery in his or her own language and culture and find the opportunity for a new way of life.

One critical element of fulfilling our primary purpose, and removing any barriers to membership in the spirit of our Third Tradition, is making our message available to all languages and cultures. NA World Services works with local translations committees in communities around the

world to support efforts to translate NA literature. In addition to those efforts, there are things we can do in our own communities to bridge these gaps. [Slide 5]

- What are some examples of the language or cultural differences we are aware of in our communities?
- Considering these diverse populations, what can our groups and service committees do to carry the message?

Take answers from a handful of members on their thoughts.

<b>Bullet Two – Inspiring Service and Personal Growth</b>	<b>15 minutes</b>
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[Slide 6] Our Vision is that one day: Every member, inspired by the gift of recovery, experiences spiritual growth and fulfillment through service.

We're all here in this workshop on the vision (in the middle of ECCNA) because we've experienced this kind of spiritual growth. Take a minute and reflect on that and let's talk about how to get more members to have that experience.

[Slide 7] Large group discussion questions:

- What can we do to help others experience this spiritual growth and fulfillment through service?
- How can we make our service bodies more conducive to this type of experience?

Take answers from a handful of members on their thoughts. Offer feedback where appropriate and allow the large group to offer constructive suggestions.

<b>Small Group Discussion: Bullets Three and Four</b>	<b>45 minutes</b>
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<b>Small Group Setup</b>	<b>5 minutes</b>
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Split the groups up—half the groups will talk about bullet three, the other half get bullet four. The groups should choose facilitators and recorders and spend 10 minutes on each question.

Begin by briefly introducing bullets three and four:

Our Vision is that one day:

- [Slide 8] NA service bodies worldwide work together in a spirit of unity and cooperation to support the groups in carrying our message of recovery.
- [Slide 9] Narcotics Anonymous has universal recognition and respect as a viable program of recovery.

<b>Small group discussion</b>	<b>20 minutes</b>
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[Slide 10] Small group discussion questions:

Third Bullet—Unity and Cooperation:

1. How can our groups and service bodies work together to foster a sense of unity and further our primary purpose?

#### Fourth Bullet—Our Public Image

2. In what ways can our groups and service bodies work to improve our public image so that NA is seen as a viable program of recovery?

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Small group feedback

20 minutes

Hear responses from each of the small groups. Try to identify and capture some of the ideas members have for improving cooperation—both internal and external cooperation.

Encourage members to take ideas they like and try to implement them at home. As always, members are encouraged to share their thoughts and ideas with NAWS.

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**Conclusion**

**5 minutes**

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Foundational Principles

[Slide 11] Honesty, trust, and goodwill are the foundation of our service efforts, all of which rely upon the guidance of a loving higher power.

Just as the Vision is inspired by our primary purpose, our efforts to fulfill the vision are rooted in our principles:

- Honesty
- Trust
- Good-will
- Relying on the guidance of a loving higher power.

Reflect on how we have the opportunity to practice these principles when we work together towards the fulfillment of our Vision, just as we have done in today's session by sharing and listening to each other's ideas and experience.