



CARRY THE MESSAGE WORKSHOP

INTRODUCTION

- This workshop is based on the OA Responsibility Pledge.
- It provides opportunities for OA members to learn how to and to practice carrying the message of OA recovery.
- Use the Scenarios and Situations provided (or create your own).
- The Things to Consider worksheet can help you to think through and formulate the OA message you *may* want to share.
- The workshop is flexible; it can be done as a small- or large-group activity, with or without a role play. It can be done in a timeframe that fits your needs—from thirty minutes to two to three hours.
- Additional materials that support this workshop are the *Carry the Message* wallet card (#425P) and the *New Prospect Card* (# 450K) available from the OA Bookstore (bookstore.oa.org). Both make good takeaways for this workshop.
- Have fun!



Always to extend the hand
and heart of OA
to all who share my compulsion;
for this I am responsible.

INSTRUCTIONS For Group Discussion

At each table or in your group, you will have a couple of scenarios or situations where the OA message could be shared.

You also have a Things to Consider sheet to guide your discussion and capture your thoughts.

You may also refer to a list of all the Step, Tradition, and Concept Principles.



Select a recorder for your table.

Discuss the scenarios and situations and complete a Things to Consider sheet for each one.

Prepare for your role play. (Who will “act” and how will it be done?)

THINGS TO CONSIDER

Is this a situation where you choose to carry the message? If no, why not?

Briefly, what is the OA message you want to share in this scenario?

What Steps, Traditions, Concepts and/or Principles do you need to consider in your message?

What OA materials could you use to develop your message?

What should you pay special attention to in this scenario, such as anonymity, attraction rather than promotion, etc.? How do you address these challenges effectively?

INSTRUCTIONS For Sharing

You have been paired with another group or table. Each group or table now presents one of its scenarios to each other.

Be sure to answer the final question on your Things to Consider sheet: What improvements could you make after sharing?

The two groups or tables will then take a group conscience and select ONE of the scenarios to be presented to everyone.

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Thank you for carrying the message!