



There are many kinds of meetings—just as there are in face-to-face AA meetings (or "f2f" in the jargon of the online world).

E-mail and chat groups of members of Alcoholics Anonymous conduct Big Book meetings, discussion groups, and informal chats. It gives new meaning to the words "our meeting in print."

Some groups are very large; others are small. But it's the same sharing and concern found in AA the world over.

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WHO USES ONLINE AA?

Many AA members use the online medium to supplement their regular f2f meetings. Indeed, Online AA as a rule suggests strongly that newcomers attend regular AA meetings when possible.

There are many, however, who cannot attend regular AA meetings:

- Those with a disability such as hearing loss, or mobility impairment
- Geographically-isolated members, or those living in a foreign country
- AA members in the military or merchant navy at sea

Older AA members, shift workers, or parents with young children who find it difficult to attend meetings outside the home or at particular hours of the day.

There are those, too, who find the online AA medium provides a means of working their program when traditional meetings are not always available or accessible to them. For others, online AA provides a supplement to their face-to-face meetings.

There are also friends who wish to broaden their understanding of AA by exchanging experience, strength and hope with different groups or nationalities.