



Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart

Invitation to Consultative Meetings during May and June 2026

Dear friend,

As you may be aware, the Association has been discussing changes to the organisation for many years, following the handing over of the governance of the Association to a voluntary Board of Directors by our colleagues in the Jesuit Order circa 10 years ago.

During the past 6 months these discussions have culminated in the Association structuring itself into a Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG) while retaining its charitable and voluntary status. The Board of Directors is very appreciative of the assistance the Central Council of the Association and the members of the Irish Bishops' Conference have given to this process.

Now that we have reached this structural milestone, we are keen to consult with you, the members, on how we can develop the Association in terms of the following: increasing membership, involving young people safely, developing our range of activities and enhancing our prayer-life both as individuals and as an organisation. As always, our focus will be on the values of the Gospel and on the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

To assist with these objectives, we have organised information/consultation meetings throughout the island. These meetings will take place in May and June of this year during evenings and weekends depending on advice received. We have chosen the locations we believe are close to significant numbers of active members. See the attachment for a list of locations and dates. Whether you are an active member or not, you are welcome to attend any of the meetings, whichever time and location is most convenient to you. We will also have an online meeting in June to facilitate anyone who would like to attend, but who cannot attend any of the in-person meetings

The meetings will last no more than two hours each and will be facilitated by Liam O Dwyer who is assisting the Board of Directors with the development of the Association. Liam may be known to some members from his work with the Society of St Vincent de Paul, the Irish League of Credit Unions and most recently the Irish Red Cross. A Board Director will also be present to listen to the experiences and ideas of the members in attendance. This will ensure that our members are at the heart of Association and their voices contributing positively to its development. This feedback will contribute to the development by the Board of Directors of a new strategic plan for the Association. A draft of this plan will be presented at a national meeting of members (General Assembly) later in 2026.



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I as Chairperson of the Board of Directors and Frances Egan as President of the Association encourage you to let other members know about these meetings and attend yourself to ensure your experience and your voice are heard.

Yours in Christ,



Frances Egan, President
Pioneer Total Abstinence Association



Muredach Tuffy, Chairperson
Board of Management

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