

## ENGLISH

### What is MONQYPAA?

MONQYPAA stands for Montréal Québec Young People of Alcoholics Anonymous and we are an independant bilingual AA service committee, working in collaboration with Area 87.

One of our goals is to help young alcoholics connect with the 12 steps, the 12 traditions and service in AA. We organize events, provide a network to young alcoholics and participate in Area 87 service committees.

Our ultimate goal is to bring back the ICYPAA conference back to Montréal since it was last hosted here in 1990.

### ICYPAA

ICYPAA is the *I*nternational *C*onference of *Y*oung *P*eople in *AA*. The conference provides an opportunity for young AA members from all over the world to come together and share their experience, strength, and hope as members of Alcoholics Anonymous.

There is no age limit, all are welcome. ICYPAA defines young as anyone who still has growing to do.

### History

Young People's Groups in Alcoholics Anonymous began appearing around 1945 in Los Angeles, Cleveland, and Philadelphia, and now they can be found all across North America.

In 1958, a meeting of young AA's from across the U.S. and Canada started what is now the "International Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous" (ICYPAA), and it has met on an annual basis ever since.

AA members who attend an ICYPAA return home better prepared to receive young people who come to AA looking for a better way of life.

### Local History

In the 1980's a group of AA members started the "Montréal Bilingual Conference of Young People in A.A" which laid the foundation to be selected as the host city for ICYPAA in 1990 with the support of Area 87.

The 33rd ICYPAA 1990 was hosted in Montréal. The theme of the trilingual conference was "Heart to Heart around the world".

The event ran April 12 - 15 at the Queen Elizabeth hotel, included 300 workshops, and welcomed more than 5,000 people and reported in an article published by LaPresse.

## **Today**

Local ICYPAA chapters in cities across North America, like MONQYPAA, submit bids to host the annual Fall conference. To host the conference, it's important the bidding committee can demonstrate involvement in their local community.

Today, MONQYPAA hosts sober events, participates in local conventions and round-ups across area 87; Gratitude Day, West Island Round-up, South Shore Convention, Area 87 Convention and New Year's Eve.

We are also working on a bid to host ICYPAA! In 2024, the 63rd ICYPAA conference will be in Austin, Texas from July 4 -7. You can learn more at **[ICYPAA.org](https://www.icypaa.org)**

## **Contact us**

All ages are welcome! With your help, we can ensure the hand of AA is always there to welcome the young alcoholic.

We are working on a new website **[www.monqypaa.org](https://www.monqypaa.org)** that will be ready soon. To contact MONQYPAA and get involved, email us at **[monqypaa514@gmail.com](mailto:monqypaa514@gmail.com)**