

A Narcotics Anonymous meeting, whether it is open or closed, is an addict sanctuary. It is the one place where a drug addict can go and hear about and participate in recovery from the disease of drug addiction. As much as we might sometimes like, we cannot be all things to all people.

1. N.A. Open Meeting Definition

An open meeting is an N.A. meeting which may be attended by anyone interested in recovery from addiction. However, verbal participation is limited to N.A. members only. An open meeting in Narcotics Anonymous serves several functions. It allows people from outside of the fellowship (for instance, judges, probation officers, professionals, family members) to observe what Narcotics Anonymous is and how it functions. It provides a place for anyone to gain information regarding the disease of drug addiction and how to find recovery. This can be very helpful to those individuals who are striving to reach a decision regarding their personal status as an addict. An open meeting in Narcotics Anonymous is one method our groups use to achieve their primary purpose of carrying the message to the addict who still suffers.

2. N.A. Closed Meeting Definition

A closed meeting in Narcotics Anonymous is only for those individuals who are there because of their own drug addiction problem. These meetings do not generally exclude people who are undecided about identifying as an addict; however, participation is still limited to drug addicts only. A closed Narcotic Anonymous meeting provides the freedom which is necessary for a more personal and intimate sharing by Narcotics Anonymous member.

Note: Definitions are from World Service Bulletin #15

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