

**FIND READERS FOR PREAMBLE, HOW IT WORKS, AND PROMISES BEFORE THE MEETING.** LINKS ARE FOUND HERE: <https://www.alcoholics-anonymous-berlin.de/materials-lgbtqi-thursdays>

## **LGBTQI Topic/Speaker Meeting**

**7:30pm:** Welcome everyone to the 1 hour and 15-minute English speaking Thursday evening meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous with a special focus on LGBTQI issues; everyone is welcome. My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am an alcoholic.

Let's open the meeting with the **Serenity Prayer**: *God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference.*

I've asked \_\_\_\_\_ to read the gender inclusive version of the **Preamble**.

I've asked \_\_\_\_\_ to read the gender inclusive version of **How it Works**.

Now we proceed around the room and introduce ourselves. If you are new to recovery, for the first time at this meeting or an out-of-towner, please let **us** know so we can get to know **you**. I'll start: *my name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am an alcoholic*. I will now call everyone by name - you confirm your presence and may say why you're here. Thank you: ..... (**read names** of people present in order of screen appearance)

**Topic Meeting:** This is a **pitch-style topic meeting** in which anyone can randomly select a topic and then share on it for about five to ten minutes, including LGBTQI issues if you wish.

**Speaker Meeting:** This is a **pitch-style speaker meeting** in which \_\_\_\_\_ has been asked to share their story for about 10 to 15 minutes, including LGBTQI issues if they wish.

After the speaker is finished with their share, they select the next speaker and so on. Please be mindful to be inclusive of all genders when picking. If your share exceeds a length of **three minutes** the timekeeper may signal you to wrap it up. Who would like to be the **timekeeper**?

Don't worry if you didn't get a chance to share, we reserved some time at the end of the meeting for burning desires, and you can always talk to us after. If you took any mind-altering substances today, we ask you to not speak during the meeting but rather listen and come talk to us after.

**Topic Meeting:** And now would anyone like to name a topic and share on it for five to ten minutes?

**Speaker Meeting:** And now please help me give a warm welcome to \_\_\_\_\_ !

**8:15pm:** It's now time to observe the **7th Tradition\*** which states that every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions. Please send your contributions to the accounts that are posted in the chat box. Newcomers please don't contribute as the first meeting is on us.

**\*7th Tradition information found here:** <https://www.alcoholics-anonymous-berlin.de/donations>

Are there any **A.A. related announcements?**

- This group holds its **business meeting on the first Thursday of every month**. Please join us if you are interested in the running of this meeting. *[If applicable: This group has **service positions** available. If you're interested in doing service, please see me after the meeting.]*
- This group supports the tradition of **sponsorship**. Would everyone willing to be a sponsor please announce this in the chat? If you need a sponsor, please contact one of these people there and see them after the meeting.

If there are no more announcements, the meeting is now open for **newcomers with 0-30 days to share first**. *[note to chair: start by welcoming those with 0-30 days to share. pause and wait before continuing]*

- Anyone with 0-30 days is welcome to share.
- Are there people with 0-60 days who'd like to share?
- How about those with 0-90 days?
- Anyone with 6 months or under?
- 1 year or less?
- The room is now open to everyone.

**8:40pm:** It is now time for **burning desires**; anyone with a pressing need to speak may do so now for 2 minutes.

**(8:43pm last Thursday of the month:** at this meeting we celebrate milestones in recovery. Would anyone like a 24-hour Chip? Is anybody celebrating 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 months of sobriety? Is anybody celebrating multiple years of sobriety?)

We've now come to the end of the meeting. I'd like to thank our **timekeeper:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Topic Meeting:** \_\_\_\_\_ for picking the topic and sharing about it.

**Speaker Meeting:** \_\_\_\_\_ for sharing experience, strength and hope.

I've asked \_\_\_\_\_ to read **the promises**.

Now let us close the meeting with **the Serenity Prayer** in the we-form:  
*God, grant us the serenity to accept the things we cannot change,  
courage to change the things we can, and wisdom to know the  
difference.*