

NETWORK4MEN GUIDELINES FOR GROUPS

The Network is for men with shared ideals. It facilitates introductions to other men in your vicinity. It facilitates the formation of local meeting groups.

Groups are autonomous and self organising. Freely associating individuals each play a part in the success of their group.

There are already many successful groups, and these guidelines have emerged from their experience.

If you participate in a group, please take time to consider the spirit of these guidelines.

Network Men

Network meetings are founded on a shared ideal.

- Founding groups have summarised this ideal as a compassionate interest in the welfare of men and boys.
- Men who meet through the Network have reached certain conclusions. They have concluded that much of the current Western narrative disrespects and discredits men. They have seen that education, media, and even the law, operate in ways that often disadvantage men. They know the Feminist campaign for equality is a dishonest ruse that advantages women, with little concern for men. They observe that Feminist rhetoric is fuelled by falsified research, confused thinking and a lack of care for men and boys.
- Those connected through the Network seek to challenge this false narrative and act out of compassionate concern for the welfare of men and boys.

Meetings

These guidelines are invitations and suggestions for the smooth running of groups. They have emerged from the experience of successful groups:

- Groups thrive if they meet regularly. You are encouraged to commit to regular meetings for the benefit of your group.
- The Network was inspired by a recognition of the value of men meeting with other men. You are invited to give a central place to friendship and support of your fellow group members.
- When you agree a meeting place, consider the environment. What conditions will be conducive to a harmonious, undisturbed meeting? A pub may, or may not, be the best environment!
- Play your part to encourage aspiration within your group. Meet to befriend, learn, evolve and act.
- Challenge each other. What does the current gender political situation need? What is a helpful response that will benefit men, boys and wider society?
- Use the expertise within the group to educate each other. Make use of the many excellent resources such as web materials and the emerging [MHRM wiki](#). Consider building a library of shared books and literature.
- Consider taking on a group project that helps men and the wider men's movement. The Network itself emerged from the generous voluntary efforts of one such group. If you are short of ideas, others in the Network have plenty of suggestions.
- From time to time 'Moby' may contact your group with details of a potential group member in your locality. It is helpful if each group has a nominated contact person for 'Moby'.
- When you have a new applicant for your group, it might be helpful for one person to initially meet and explore if the applicant would complement your group.
- Finally, and most importantly, **place ethics at the heart of your meetings**. A suggested code of conduct follows overleaf.

Code of Conduct

Contemporary gender politics contributes to the suffering of men and boys. This suffering arises directly from unethical behaviour inherent in Feminist ideology. Suffering arises as a consequence of untruthful statements, falsified research, confused thinking and rationalised shameful behaviour.

We, in the men's movement, need to operate on a different basis. We need to place ethics at the heart of our activity.

- When quoting data or research results, check the integrity of the information and quote accurately and truthfully
- Acknowledge the human tendency for 'confirmation bias' and the habit of using arguments that bolster our pre-conceived notions. Place a premium on clear thinking . Hold views lightly. Be willing to revise views as you encounter wiser perspectives.
- Feminist ideology is promulgated by men as well as women. Challenge the ideology and complicit individuals, rather than women as a group.
- Whenever possible, focus on the solution rather than the problem. Cultivate care and concern towards men and boys without it being at the cost of women.
- Act generously towards others in your group. 'Charity starts at home'.
- Play your part to ensure the group does not congeal around any political, religious or ethnic groupings. Groups are unified around a shared concern for men and boys and the health of our culture.
- Unless explicitly agreed otherwise within your group, assume conversations are held in confidence.
- Unless explicitly agreed otherwise within your group, assume fellow members wish to preserve anonymity.
- Groups should strive to be harmonious and ethical in conduct, and you should reject any form of harassment, intimidation or violence towards anyone inside or outside the Network.
- If difficulties emerge then, with consensus, an individual may be asked to modify their behaviour or leave. Better honest collision than dishonest collusion.
- The Network is a trusted and important part of the communication infrastructure of the men's movement. Please play your part in preserving the good reputation and integrity of the Network.
- Remember your actions are your responsibility. Nobody represents, acts or speaks on behalf of the Network, not even 'Moby'

***Go well,
'Moby'***