

The 12 Traditions of SIA

1. Our common welfare should come first; personal progress for the greatest number depends upon unity.
2. For our group purpose there is but one authority: a loving Higher Power, as this one may express her/himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.
3. The only requirement for membership is that you be a victim of childhood sexual abuse, that you desire to recover from it, and that you have not abused any child as an adult.
4. Groups should be autonomous except in matters affecting SIA as a whole.
5. Each group has but one primary purpose: to carry its message to the sexual abuse victim who still suffers.
6. An SIA group ought never to endorse, finance, or lend the SIA name to any outside enterprise lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary objective.
7. Every SIA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.
8. Survivors of Incest Anonymous Twelve Step work should remain forever non-professional, but our service centers may employ special workers.
9. Survivors of Incest Anonymous groups, as such, ought never be organized, but they may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.
10. Survivors of Incest Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues, hence the SIA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.
11. Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and films.
12. Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place *principles before personalities*.