

Dear AVP groups everywhere,

AVP International invites your local, subnational, or national AVP group or organisation to consider applying for membership with our growing global organisation.

Introduction

There are facilitators and groups holding AVP workshops in over 50 countries around the world. The primary function of AVP International is to support these workshops by sharing materials and knowledge, and connecting our global network. Becoming a member of AVP International means having the support of a global organisation for the work being done on the ground, in the community, in schools, prisons, organisations, refugee camps, etc. It also means being a part of something bigger, sharing information and experiences and learning from and about each other.

Benefits of Membership

More benefits will be added as the membership program grows. The initial benefits available to members, by request, include:

- formal recognition by AVP International, which may include letters of support, among others
- invitations to participate in major decisions affecting the AVP International organisation
- subsite on the AVP International website under the domain: [www.avp.international/\(country\)](http://www.avp.international/(country)), free of charge. This will be accompanied by special tutorials with the AVP International web developer on how to setup and maintain the subsite. *Note: Subsites will be developed at the country level. Member groups within a country will be allocated separate sections on that country's subsite.*

or

links from the AVP International website to already existing member websites

- use of the AVP International logo (*when available*)
- additional organisational and fundraising guidance
- priority in the assignment of national scholarships for world gatherings

AVP International's expectations of Members

- adherence to the AVP principles and commitment to deliver standard AVP workshops, as described in the recognised AVP manuals and Best Practices materials
- striving to apply AVP principles in organisational practice and personal interactions
- annual reporting to AVP International on local AVP activities using the form provided by AVP International (just to let us know what's going on)
- participation in the discernment guiding the direction of the AVP International organisation
- designation of at least 2 contact people to receive and disseminate communications from AVP International and to communicate with AVP International

Who can apply for membership?

Membership in AVP International is open to any autonomous local, subnational, or national AVP group or organisation that adheres to the principles of the Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) and offers or plans to offer standard AVP workshops based on recognised AVP manuals.

When there is more than one known AVP group in a country, these AVP groups are encouraged to work together under a regional or national structure or organisation to apply for membership under the umbrella or national organisation. AVP groups that, for whatever reason, are not comfortable applying for membership as a national organisation are welcome to apply for membership individually.

An AVP group is defined as:

- 2 or more recognised AVP facilitators working together to organise and deliver AVP workshops
- 1 recognised AVP facilitator plus at least 2 apprentice AVP facilitators working together to organise and deliver AVP workshops

A recognised AVP facilitator is an AVP facilitator who is a registered user on the AVP International website.

Instructions

1. Meet and discuss AVP International membership, reaching agreement by consensus on whether or not the AVP group or organisation will apply for membership.
2. Review and complete the Membership Agreement, which is to be signed by the recognised AVP facilitator who is named as Contact Person 1 on the Membership Agreement. (*Note: This should be someone who is active in the AVP group or organisation applying for membership and who lives in the geographical area of the AVP group or organisation*)
3. Scan the signed Membership Agreement and send to president@avp.international
4. Also send to president@avp.international:
 - a) A description of AVP activities (past and present) including a brief history of the group
 - b) And also at least **one** of the following:
 - printed pamphlet used for promoting AVP workshops
 - letter of support from a partner organisation
 - financial report showing income and expenses for the current and/or previous year
 - schedule of planned or completed activities for the current and/or previous year
 - articles of incorporation, bylaws, or other official documentation for a government-registered organisation

Please direct any questions, comments, or concerns you may have to president@avp.international.

AVP International looks forward to hearing from and working with all AVP groups and facilitators worldwide.

Expecting the best!

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