

Alternatives to Violence Project International Membership Agreement

This Membership Agreement sets forth the terms and conditions under which an Alternatives to Violence Project (“AVP”) group or organisation becomes a member of Alternatives to Violence Project International, Inc. (“AVP International”), a nonprofit corporation organised under the laws of the state of Delaware, United States of America. This Membership Agreement is made by and between AVP International and the AVP group or organisation named below (the “Member AVP Group”) and shall be deemed effective when signed by both parties.

From the AVP International Bylaws approved at the 2014 World Gathering in Dublin, Ireland:

“AVP International and its Members shall adhere to the following mission statement:

The mission of the Alternatives to Violence Project is to empower people to lead nonviolent lives through affirmation, communication, respect for all, community building, cooperation, and trust. Founded in and developed from real life experience, AVP encourages every person to discover their innate power to positively transform themselves and the world. Though often considered spiritual, AVP is non-religious.

AVP International’s Members offer experiential AVP workshops on personal growth and creative conflict management for adults and youth in all types of community and institutional settings.

AVP International and its Membership shall not discriminate in any of their policies, appointments, or other activities on account, without limitation, of race, gender, sexual orientation, age, religious conviction, or criminal history.

AVP International shall not engage in political action or lobbying and shall not promote any specific political view as an organization. Members may not espouse a political position in the name of AVP.”

Criteria 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) offering standard AVP workshops based on recognised AVP manuals.
- The Member AVP Group will be financially independent of AVP International, however the Member AVP Group may seek the assistance and/or guidance of AVP International regarding fundraising for specific AVP projects or activities.

Responsibilities of the Member AVP Group

- To designate at least two contact people who agree to receive and respond to email announcements, notices, and messages from AVP International and to disseminate such and along with other AVP International-related information, as appropriate, within the local, subnational, and/or national group or organisation of the Member AVP Group.
- To ensure the Member AVP Group is represented at AVP International World Gatherings. One person may represent more than one group. Participation in AVP International World Gatherings by the representative may be in person or remote.
- To actively participate in the major decisions of AVP International, particularly regarding matters involving the AVP region of the Member AVP Group and the AVP International organisation.
- To strive to apply AVP principles in organisational practice.
- To deliver an annual report to AVP International by or before March 1 each year on the activities of the Member AVP Group the previous year using the form provided by AVP International to this effect.

Responsibilities of AVP International

The ongoing operations of AVP International are governed by its Bylaws and by its Policies and Procedures Manual. Additionally, AVP International will:

- Consult the Member AVP Groups on matters of importance as defined in the AVP International Bylaws and other Organisational Documents.
- Formally recognise the Member AVP Groups and provide letters of support on request.
- Provide a forum for the exchange of AVP-related information, experiences, best practices, and others, amongst the Member AVP Groups.
- Engage the Member AVP Groups in collectively pursuing areas of mutual interest.

- Provide to the Member AVP Groups a subsite on the AVP International website under the domain [www.avp.international/\(member_country_name\)](http://www.avp.international/(member_country_name)), or any other root domain AVP International may determine from time to time, free of charge. The subsite will be given the country name and subnational Member AVP Groups will be allocated sections on that country's subsite.
- Offer guidance to the Member AVP Groups on any AVP-related matter.
- Fulfill the benefits of membership as outlined in the AVP International Membership Cover Letter.

Privacy Policy

- AVP International reserves the right to review any content posted to the AVP International website and also reserves the right to remove any content deemed inappropriate.
- AVP International will post no personal contact information on the AVP International website, however the Member AVP Group may choose to show such information on their own website or subsite of the AVP International website.
- All use of Member AVP Group information by AVP International will be announced to the Member AVP Group prior to implementation. If the Member AVP Group does not wish its information to be used as described by AVP International, the Member AVP Group will provide a statement to AVP International to this effect. No Member AVP Group information will be posted on the AVP International website without the written consent of the Member AVP Group, which may be given electronically.

Non-Exclusivity

- Membership in AVP International does not place any restrictions on the right of the Member AVP Group to enter into any other agreements or relationships with other organisations, institutions, agencies, or entities.

Liability and No-Partnership

- Neither party to this Membership Agreement shall be held liable to the other for any indirect, special, incidental, punitive, or consequential damages arising out of or relating to this agreement.
- Neither party to this Membership Agreement is an agent or representative of the other party, except insofar as the AVP International Organisational Documents expressly provide. Neither party shall have any right, power, or authority to enter into any agreement for or on behalf of, or incur any obligation or liability on behalf of, or to otherwise bind the other party.

Revocation of Membership

- Membership may be revoked in the following cases:
 - The Member AVP Group fails to adhere to the terms and conditions set forth in this Membership Agreement, AVP International Bylaws, and other Organisational Documents, to include without limitation the AVP International Policies and Procedures Manual.
 - The Member AVP Group does not respond to communications from AVP International over a period of one year.
 - The Member AVP Group refuses to provide information to AVP International as may be reasonably requested from time to time.
 - The Member AVP Group fails to deliver the annual reports required by AVP International.
 - The Member AVP Group discloses confidential information identified as such.
- On the occurrence of any of the above, the Member AVP Group will be invited to discuss with AVP International the reasons for the action or inaction. Following this discussion, AVP International may, at its discretion, revoke the membership of the Member AVP Group, reserving the right to pursue any subsequent legal action to which AVP International may be entitled.

Name of the Member AVP Group: _____

Mailing address: _____

Email address: _____

Name of Contact Person 1: _____

Email address for Contact Person 1: _____

Telephone number or skype username for Contact Person 1: _____

Name of Contact Person 2: _____

Email address for Contact Person 2: _____

Telephone number or skype username for Contact Person 2: _____

Note: Contact Person 1 must be a recognised AVP facilitator registered on the AVP International website.

Note: AVP International will deliver all communications to the email addresses given for the Member AVP Group and for the Contact Persons; the Member AVP Group is expected to inform AVP International of any change of this/these address/es.

For the Member AVP Group

For Alternatives to Violence Project International, Inc.

(signature)

Name: _____

Name: _____

Position: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

Date Membership

Approved: _____