

YOUNG FRIENDS GENERAL MEETING (YFGM)

Croydon Friends Meeting House, 19th – 21st October 2007

Minutes

Present:

Co-Clerks: Cáit Gould & Hannah Spiers
YFGM Treasurer: Ellie Colyer
Co-Convenors of Overseers: Mary Estall & Ellen Marshall
Management Officer: Ruth Wood
Co-ordinator: Hugo Finley

Monthly Meeting Representatives:

Bournemouth and Swanage	Mary Estall	Bristol and Frenchay	Andrew Rendle
Chichester	Plog Morris	Colchester and Coggeshall	Maud Grainger
Colchester and Coggeshall	Hannah Leavett	Colchester and Coggeshall	Jez Smith
Darlington	Sally Nicholls	Darlington	Ian Nicholls
Dundee	Paul Dodwell	Hampstead	Rachel Solomon Williams
Kingston and Wandsworth	Annabella Krol	Manchester and Warrington	Amy Macpherson
Norwich and Kings Lynn	Ruth Wood	Notts and Derby	Marie Drouin
Shropshire and Worcester	Dawn Filtness	South Wales	Tom Rowlands
Warwickshire	Ed Blann	West Scotland	Cáit Gould
West Scotland	Oliver Robertson	Westminster	Ellen Marshall
Witney	Alyn Still	Worcestershire and Shropshire	Simon Latham
York	Hannah Spiers		

Julia Binns, Adam Boardman, Nicola Bowerman, Helen Close, Oliver Coss, Lucy Entwistle, Kate Entwistle, Toby Freeman, Mark Gartside, Toby Gibbons, Nessa Grimes, Rosalind Haire, Siobhan Haire, Chris Hanning, Catrin Harries, Tom Harris, Ben Jarman, Esther Leighton, Jessica Metheringham, John Nicholls, Anne Norton, Peter Parr, Kate Pearson-Tooke, Helen Percy, John Reid, Nick Rendle, Abigail Robertson, Mark Russ, Niel Ryan, Rachel Sewell, Charlotte Smith, Imogen Smith, Alison Squires, Majk Stokes, Joe Thwaites, Hilary Topp, John Trent, Kris Turner, Edward Ullathorne, Jack Underwood, Luke Waterfield, Hugh Williams, Laura Wirtz, Rachel Xerri

Total: 69

07/38 Opening Minute

We welcome one another to YFGM in Croydon and look forward to sharing our time together. We extend a special welcome to Oliver Coss, an Anglican Deacon who will be leading a workshop on community through prayer.

07/39 Minute of Record – Signatories

We confirm that the following people are the signatories, authorized by our Financial Policy, for the following accounts:

Employment Fund Current Account:

Ben Jarman
Hannah Spiers
Cáit Gould

Employment Fund Petty Cash Account:

Ben Jarman
Hannah Spiers
Cáit Gould
Hugo Finley

Employment Fund Deposit Account:
Ben Jarman
Hannah Spiers
Cáit Gould

07/40 Volunteers

We thank the following people for volunteering to help in the following ways at this YFGM.
Caterers: Ian Nicholls, Lucy Entwistle and Rosalind Haire.
Pan Transport: Ellen Marshall, Sally Nicholls and Tom Harris.
Recycling/composting: Imogen Smith

07/41 Planning Weekend Report

Charlie Smith and Ellen Elliot have reported on the Planning Weekend in September held at Darlington Meeting House. We thank Charlie and Ellen for their report, from a Newcomer's perspective.

07/42 Pardshaw Working Group

We have heard from Majk Stokes of the Pardshaw Moving Forward Group, which was formed in May 2007.

We agree to the formation of a Pardshaw Working Group with the function of maintaining the centre, responsibility for long term management and development of the centre, long term planning, applying for funding and looking at health and safety issues.

This committee will be under West Cumbria Area Meeting with up to three representatives from YFGM, and other interested Friends. The YFGM representatives will continue Young Friend's involvement in the centre.

We ask Nominations Committee to bring names for this role and develop a role description including length of service. This group will work alongside the Pardshaw committee who will continue to be involved in organizing Young Friend Gatherings.

We thank the Moving Forward Group and Pardshaw committee for their work on this.

07/43 ReWrite Appeal

Emily Hunka, Sekani, Tobi, Amari and Busola from our current YFGM appeal, have led a session for us today.

ReWrite is a charity that works to overcome prejudice particularly against asylum seekers and refugees, through empowering tools such as drama and creative writing. We have had the opportunity to see both these skills in action as REACT, ReWrite's drama group performed for us. The powerful performance explored issues surrounding violent crime. We had the opportunity to hear more from the individuals involved in ReWrite following the performance.

We thank Rewrite for giving us a taste of their work.

07/44 Community Through Prayer

Oliver Coss, an Anglican Deacon, explored with us what prayer can mean from a corporate point of view. We shared what prayer meant for us as individuals in smaller groups considering questions which

he posed. We found the word “prayer” to be one which everyone had their own understanding and experience of. This came out during these group discussions.

We thank Oliver for joining us this weekend and sharing this spirituality session with us.

07/45 Epistle

An extract from the epistle of the Friends World Committee for Consultation’s 22nd triennial has been read. The theme of the Triennial was “Finding the Prophetic Voice for Our Time”. We have heard about the increasing involvement of Young Friends in the gathering and its planning. We are grateful to receive this epistle.

07/46 Nominations

We appoint the following people to serve in the following posts for the periods mentioned. We release from service those mentioned, warmly thanking them for all their work on our behalf.

Position	Released from service	Appointed	Until
Overseer	Kris Turner	Lucy Entwistle	October 2009
Quintessential	Marie Drouin	Paul Dodwell	October 2010
	Anne Norton	Nick Rendle	October 2010
	Imogen Smith	Rachel Sewell	October 2010
	Ellie Colyer	Nicola Bowerman	October 2010
Inter-faith Inter Church Secretary Outreach	Hugo Finley	John Nicholls	October 2010
	Herewood Mills	Amy Macphearson	October 2010
	Carried over...	Ian Nicholls	October 2010
	Adam Boardman	Majk Stokes	October 2010
Catering Coordinator Coordinators Support Group	Hugo Finley	Kris Turner	October 2008
	Dominik Kasprzyk	Amy Macphearson	October 2008
	Kerry Schofield	Geoff Blunt	October 2008
	Simon Best	Post laid down.	
Akany Avoko Financial Oversight	Dawn Filtness	Jez Smith	February 2008
ReWrite Financial Oversight	Ellen Elliot	Kate Entwistle	February 2008
Newcomers to Planning Weekend	Rachel Sewell	Abigail Robertson	February 2008
	Charlotte Smith	Helen Close	February 2008
	Maud Granger	Majk Stokes	October 2009
	Guy Milner	Chris Hanning	October 2009
Pardshaw Working Group	Majk Stokes		
	Emily Maddison	Ellen Elliot	October 2009
	Simon Latham	Oliver Robertson	October 2009
Pardshaw	Carried Over	Jack Underwood	October 2010
	Carried Over	Carried Over	
Children’s and Young Peoples Committee Rep.	Susie Harding	Committee Laid Down	
	Blair Hunwick	Committee Laid Down	
Leaveners Management Committee Rep.	Mary Estall	Rachel Xerri	October 1010
YQ Editor	Carried over...	Joe Thawaites	October 2010
Managment Officer	Hand Over Period	Tom Rowlands	October 2010

07/48 Special Interest Groups

At our gathering we have enjoyed the following Special Interest Groups:

- Knitting for peace
- Playing one game of Mafia
- Trip to Borough Market
- Walk with discussion about Quaker presence at Greenbelt
- A discussion about integrity
- Singer Songwriting from the spirit
- Bible Study
- Trip to Unitarian Church on Sunday Morning
- A session discussing the consultation of long term framework within Friends in Britain.

07/49 Minute of Record – Trustees

Further to minute 07/46 we appoint Tom Rowlands as an officer and trustee of YFGM for a period of 3 years.

07/50 Closing Minute

This YFGM in Croydon we have enjoyed spending time together as a community.

We have enjoyed hearing more from our appeal, ReWrite and this has strengthened our commitment to the issue of prejudice in wider society, which ReWrite tackles in its work.

We have remembered Anna James in a memorial meeting. We met to share our sadness and to celebrate and give thanks for Anna's life. We have heard poems and extracts from Anna's writing, which have reminded us of her joy and full life. We will remember Anna as she was asked to be remembered 'a curvy, curly girl who was full of life'.

We look forward to meeting again in Nottingham in February.

Hannah Spiers (co-clerk)

Cáit Gould (co-clerk)

Mary Estall (acting co-clerk)