

# YOUNG FRIENDS GENERAL MEETING

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## Nottingham Friends Meeting House 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> February 2012

### Documents in Advance

**Please remember to bring a sleeping bag with you if you're staying on the meeting house floor.**

Hello,

These are the documents in advance for the YFGM happening 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> February in Nottingham. Please read all the attached information about accommodation. Hugo our coordinator will be in the office the three days preceding the event Wednesday – Friday and you can reach him on the number above.

From 4pm Friday 17<sup>th</sup> if you want to contact YFGM please do so by ringing the YFGM Mobile on:

**07504 146 417**

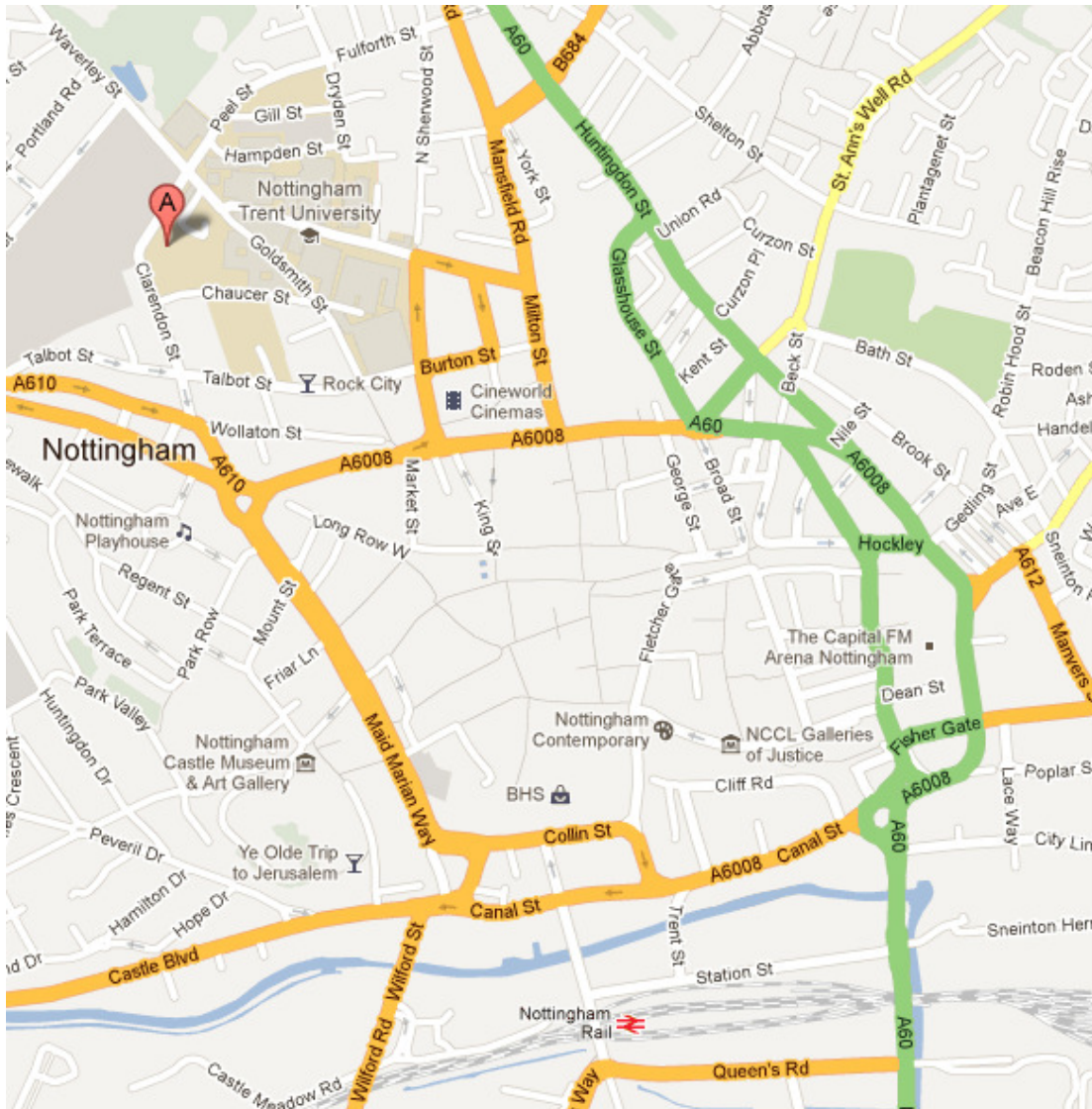
### Essential Information

#### The Meeting House

Quaker Meeting House  
25 Clarendon Street  
Nottingham  
NG1 5JD

#### Coming by Car:

From the south and west you have to go through Canning Circus (8-way junction). As you leave Canning Circus, going east, fork left into Talbot Street and left at the next traffic lights into Clarendon Street. From the north and east reach Clarendon Street from Peel Street or Waverley Street.



## Parking

Starting Monday 14th November 2011 the Meeting House is in a restricted zone (everyday including Sundays, from 8am to 8pm) with pay and display areas. Maximum time is 2 hours, cost £3. Traffic wardens are active, even on Sundays, and will give tickets for cars parked not in designated parking places; or without a valid displayed parking receipt; or for feeding meters; or parking in disabled areas without displaying a 'disabled' badge.

On Sundays you may be able to find cheaper on-road parking on the other side of the tram tracks (Peel Street); cost:-

50p	8am-10am
£2	10am-6pm

50p 6pm-8pm

Beware! many 'Residents Only' spaces, throughout Nottingham, have had their restriction extended to include Sundays.

There are multi-story car parks nearby: they are expensive - typically £2.80 for the first 2 hours and £1.50/hour after that.

Park and Ride. For visitors who are coming for more than a short period there are good Park and Ride facilities provided by the Tram service. For details visit the tram website. Parking is free for tram users.

### **Meeting Coming by train**

Take any tram to Nottingham Trent University - the tram stop GOLDSMITH STREET. The trams display and speak the name of each stop as they approach it.

### **Local shops**

Are a short walk away. The city centre is close by too.

### **Arriving**

YFGM begins Friday nights from 6pm, with dinner served around 7.30pm and the welcome session from 8.30pm / 9pm.

If you know you will be arriving late then please let us know in advance or you can call the YFGM Mobile (07814648882)

YFGM finishes after lunch on Sunday (around 2pm).

### **Sleeping Arrangements**

Sleeping is on the floor at the Meeting House. There is an:

- Early room (lights off at 12, mixed sex)
- Women's room (lights off at 1am)
- Men's room (lights off at 1am)
- Late room (lights off at 2am, mixed sex)

Accommodation is on the **floor** and there are usually no showers. Please remember to bring your own sleeping bag and whatever you need to be as comfortable as possible on the floor.

If you need off floor accommodation and need us to organise this for you then please notify on the form that you would like someone to contact you. Off floor accommodation is found with at the homes of Friends or with B&B. Please contact Hugo in the YFGM Office as soon as possible (Telephone: 0121 472 1998 or E-mail [yfgm@quaker.org.uk](mailto:yfgm@quaker.org.uk)) for details of alternative accommodation.

### **Hassle Free Room**

At all times during the weekend a 'hassle free' room is available if you need some space, some time out – then this room is available and you will not be hassled. If you do need someone to talk to then Overseers are available and will be easily identified by an **O** on their name badge.

### **Special Interest Groups (SIGs)**

Special Interest Groups are hour long activities offered by YFGMers. These can include Flamenco dancing, discussion on current affairs, knitting circles, board games, walks, gardening. They cater for small groups from 2 – 15. If you are interested in organising one there is space on the form to give a brief description.

### **Small groups**

YFGM is a community of equals, and so everyone gets involved to help with cooking, cleaning, and all the other small tasks that are vital to a large group of people spending time happily together. Each group is assigned a coordinator, who is responsible for making sure that everyone within the group knows where to go, and what will be involved in the up-coming task. If you are willing to volunteer for this role at this YFGM, there is a space to say so on the form.

### **Data Protection**

The data collected here will be stored in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 by Young Friends General Meeting. Your data will be used to inform you of events organised by YFGM or other Quaker events which we think are of direct interest to you. Your data will not be shared with any other organisations, unless you have specifically given us your permission by selecting the appropriate privacy option above. We will contact you by your preferred option of email or letter. The other Quaker organisations we currently share information with include BYM Children & Young People's section, Quaker Life, Recording Clerk's Office, Parliamentary Liaison Section, European and Middle Eastern Young Friends (EMYF), Friends World Committee for Consultation (EMES & General Secretary), Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust, The Leaveners, Quaker Council for European Affairs, Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre.

### **Accessibility Fund**

YFGM has an Accessibility Fund, specifically created to give financial assistance to those who need specific help when attending a YFGM. Therefore, please do not let financial concerns deter you from specifying anything we can do to make your time at YFGM easier.

### **YFGM bursaries**

YFGM also has a bursary fund. Money should never be the reason that any Young Friend is unable to attend a YFGM event, so, if you are worried about how you will pay for your transport to the event, or your contribution once you arrive, please contact the Office to find out how we can help.

## **Contacts**

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## **Agenda**

### **Friday**

18.00 onwards	Arrivals
19.00 – 20.30	Dinner
20.30 – 22.00	Opening Session
22.00 – 22.30	Epilogue
22.30 onward	Bed (/ optional evening activities)

### **Saturday**

8.00 – 9.00	Breakfast
9.00 – 9.30	Opening Worship
9.30 – 10.55	Session 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Intro to Quaker Business Method</li><li>• YFGM Appeal Report</li><li>• Economic Justice Report</li><li>• Newcomers to Planning Weekend Report</li><li>• Introduction to Nominations</li></ul>
10.55 – 11.10	Coffee Break
11.10 – 13.25	Session 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reserves Policy</li><li>• Finance</li></ul>
13.25 – 14.45	Lunch
14.45 – 16.00	‘Being Quaker Radicals’ Spirituality Session with Simon Best
16.00 – 16.45	Special Interest Groups 1
16.45 – 17.00	Afternoon tea
17.00 – 17.50	Session 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bursary Policy</li><li>• Leveaners Event</li></ul>

17.50 – 18.50	Speaker Session with Roger Riddell
18.50 – 19.30	Special Interest Groups 2
19.30 – 20.30	Dinner
20.30 – 21.30	Session 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Employment Options</li> <li>• Trustee Structure</li> <li>• Quaker Business Method on the Road Report</li> <li>• Pollard and Dickson Trust Report</li> <li>• Meeting for Sufferings Report</li> <li>• Interfaith Retreat Report</li> </ul>
21.30 – 22.30	Entertainments
22.30 – 23.00	Epilogue
23.30 onwards	Bed (/ optional evening activities)

### Sunday

8.00 – 8.45	Breakfast
8.45 – 9.15	Clean the Meeting House
9.15 – 10.05	Session 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nominations returns</li> <li>• Nominations to Nominations committee</li> </ul>
10.05 – 10.25	Preparation for Meeting for Worship
10.30 – 11.30	Meeting for Worship
11.30 – 12.00	Tea and coffee, mingling with local friends
12.00 – 12.30	Session 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evaluations / feedback</li> <li>• Minutes of Record</li> </ul>
12.30 – 13.00	Closing Worship
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch, final cleaning, departures
14.00	Departures

## **Nominations we are looking for:**

Nominations committee x 1  
Overseer x 1  
YQ Editor x 2  
Quinty x 1  
Finance Committee - General Fund Treasurer x 1  
Planning Weekend Newcomers x 3

## **Simon Best Session – Saturday 14:45 – 16:00**

### **'Being Quaker Radicals'**

The early Friends were religious radicals. The Quaker message is one of religious extremism - beliefs and practices which are far removed from the ordinary. I think present day Friends have lost that extremism in a desperate search for more members. Quakerism in the late twentieth and early twenty-first century has slid into ordinariness.

This session will explore what it means to be radical as a Quaker in twenty-first century Britain and how the Quaker message can resonate with today's world and how we, as individuals, as Quaker groups and as the Religious Society of Friends can be as vibrant, radical and vital as it was in the 1640s and 1650s.

It will be an interactive session involving individual reflection and group discussion.

## **Roger Riddell Session – Saturday 17:50 – 18:50**

Taking a closer look at foreign aid: Should we give it? Does it work? Is it the best way to help?

Roger Riddell has been actively involved in development and aid issue for almost 40 years. He lived in southern Africa (Zimbabwe and Zambia) for 12 years and also worked in South and Central Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean and Israel/Palestine. From 1999 to 2044, he was the International Director of Christian Aid. He has published widely on aid and development issues, and in 2008, he published a book entitled "Does Foreign Aid Really Work?".

## **SIG's**

Special Interest Groups are an opportunity to explore a topic or activity in smaller groups. There are 2 sessions on the agenda. These sessions are normally provided by members of YFGM with a couple of sessions run by other people. Normally there is an opportunity to explore the area around the meeting house,

and a range of fun and serious sessions.

This YFGM we have an opportunity to learn more about the nominations process, and how we can all help ensure the most suitable names are appointed. This is vital to help our community work effectively.

There will also be an opportunity to go into more depth with our speaker Roger Riddell.

Hopefully, we will also be joined by Jasmine Piercy who will run a session about Quaker Voluntary Action and how YFGM can work more closely with them in the future.

For a number of YFGM's we have been talking about how to increase the links we have with local friends in the meetings where we stay. This gathering we're going to start trialing inviting them to join us for one of the SIG slots.

There are still opportunities for people to run sessions. If you would like to run a SIG (or suggest something you'd like to see offered) please email **yfgm.sig@gmail.com** as soon as possible!