Interchurch/interfaith secretary

3 years

Purpose

Representing YFGM to members of other churches and faiths.

Bringing a greater understanding of other churches and faiths to YFGM.

Duties

Being YFGM's representative on the Quaker Committee for Christian and Interfaith Relations (QCCIR). Attending gatherings organised by Quakers or other churches and faiths to gain a greater understanding of other religious groups. Finding speakers or other interested parties to attend YFGM and share their own faith with YFGM, leading to a greater understanding on both sides. Keeping YQ magazine informed of your activities, or finding interesting things for them to print from other churches or faiths.

Skills required

An understanding of Quakerism and an ability to talk about it with others, who may only have a small understanding of our faith and ways of worshipping.

A willingness to have your faith and ways of worshipping stretched, and to be willing to try new ways of experiencing the divine that may, sometimes, be uncomfortable.

An ability to find opportunities to explore your faith with a minimal amount of support from your committee; this includes overseeing a small budget line, with the support of the Outreach financial oversight person.

Time commitment

Attending January Planning Weekend and the Enquirer's Gathering (usually held at February YFGM). Attending QCCIR meetings twice a year.

Additional time spent will be up to the representative, though the more time is spent, the more the rep, and YFGM, is likely to benefit.

Outreach Committee

Purpose

To provide information about YFGM to Quakers and others, encouraging attendance at YFGM and other Young Friends' events.

Duties

Running an Enquirers Gathering once a year and ensure it is properly advertised.

Informing university chaplains of YFGM and upcoming events.

Producing and maintaining materials to promote YFGM, including an Enquirer's Pack of basic information. Advertising YFGM events. Promoting YFGM at other events (Areas Meetings, Festivals, Freshers' Fairs, other Quaker events), as appropriate.

Skills required

The ability to understand and communicate with people who may not be familiar with Quakers or are from different religious backgrounds.

A good understanding of YFGM and the ability to impart that to others.

Creativity about ways of informing people about Quakers.

Time commitment

Attending the YFGM at which Enquirers Gathering is run and the Planning Weekend preceding this.

Working on outreach between YFGMs (about an hour a month at present).

Attending other events to promote YFGM, as appropriate