

Interchurch / Interfaith Secretary

Up to 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 TYQ magazine informed of your activities, or finding interesting things for them to print from other churches or faiths.

What you could gain from the role

- An understanding of and engagement with the national work of Britain Yearly Meeting.
- Engagement with national interfaith and interchurch organisations.
- Spiritual growth through the challenges and learning which occur in interchurch and interfaith work.

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

When possible you should attend January Planning Weekend and the Enquirer's Gathering (usually held at February YFGM).

Attending when possible the QCCIR meetings which occur three times 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.

See also: Outreach Committee