



Young Friends General Meeting

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Information & Practicalities

Young Friends General Meeting 22nd-24th February 2019

Kibblestone International Scout Camp, Oulton, Stone, Staffordshire, ST15 8UJ



This is the information & practicalities document for our February YFGM which will take place at Kibblestone international Scout camp. Please read the information below, and the hearts and minds document before the event.

About the venue

For our February gathering, YFGM will be going to Kibblestone international scout camp. It is a 98-acre Scout campsite located in the midlands. Kibblestone is an activity center that helps to create confidence in young people through taking part in activities. YFGM might not be taking part in the activities that the venue offers, but we will be soaking in the outdoor space and enjoying the change of location from a city Centre Meeting House.



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Contact information

Before YFGM:

Phone the YFGM coordinator on 020 7663 1050 or email yfgm@quaker.org.uk

At YFGM:

The YFGM mobile number is 07480 306 275. Alternatively, Facebook message the YFGM coordinator.

Arriving and Departing

The YFGM gathering begins on Friday 22nd February from 6:00pm onwards. Please let us know if you will be arriving later than planned (trains can be a pain/life gets in the way, do not worry, but keep us informed).

The event will finish after around 2pm Sunday the 24th February.

Access

The February gathering is not in a meeting House. We have tried to find a location that is as accessible for everyone (within budget and timescale). There are wheelchair-accessible toilets, but not all the venues are as user friendly as we would like. Please contact the YFGM Coordinator if you have any other specific requirements, or provide details on the registration form. As you know, we are keen to accommodate everybody at YFGM.

Travel Information

The venue for this YFGM gathering is:

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Getting there

The venue is situated in Staffordshire. It is not the easiest venue to get to via public transport, and we recognise this, so if you're coming via train YFGM will cover the costs from Stone or Stoke-on-Trent train station to the venue on Friday evening (and back Sunday afternoon). Please organise to meet other YFGMers at the train station so you can share taxis.

Arriving by rail:

The nearest train station is Stone or Stoke-on-Trent. Please let us know which one you are attending via taxi's will be arranged to take you to the venue.

Arriving by car

As ever, we try to encourage everyone to travel via public transport. However, there is space for you to park at Kibblestone, if you need to.

Getting away

The event will finish by 3pm on the Sunday afternoon. Taxis will be available from the venue back to Stone or Stoke-on-Trent railway station. In this instance, the cost will be covered by YFGM. More detail to follow before the event.

At YFGM: Practical information

Sleeping arrangements

Sleeping at YFGM is generally on the floor of the meetinghouse. However, this time, we are at a venue with beds. We aim to provide the following:

- Early room (lights off at 11pm, mixed sex)
- Women's room (lights off at 12/1am)
- Men's room (lights off at 12/1am)
- Late room (lights off at 2am or when participants choose, mixed sex).

Please remember to bring your own sleeping bag, and whatever else you need to be as comfortable as possible.

Small groups

YFGM is a community of Equals, and everyone gets involved with cooking, cleaning, and all the other tasks that allow a large group of people to spend 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 to do. If you are a small group coordinator, you should have received some additional information on guidance.



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Hassle-Free room

At all times during the weekend a ‘hassle-free’ room is available if you need some space or some time out – this room is there for you to use and you will not be hassled. If you need someone to talk to then find your small group coordinator, or one of the overseers. The overseers will be introduced at the beginning of the weekend.

Other Information

Expenses paid for newcomers

If it is your first YFGM you can claim up to £100 in travel expenses. Keep your travel receipts (train tickets etc.) and you can fill out a form to claim the money back at the weekend gathering.

The cost of YFGM

YFGM is an open and welcoming community and nobody is obliged to pay to come to YFGM. However, running an event of this scale costs money, and we ask participants to make a contribution towards the costs of food and accommodation that reflects what they can afford.

If everyone contributed £75 to YFGM, then all of the costs of running YFGM events would be covered. However we recognize that this sort of amount is often beyond the budget of Young Friends.

We encourage friends who are at the whole weekend to make a donation of at least £15. Our recommended contributions are:

Your income after housing costs (per month)	Contribution for the weekend
Less than £250	£15
£250 - £500	£16 - £50
£500 - £1000	£51 - £95
More than £1000	£95+

You can pay in advance by sending a cheque to ‘Young Friend’s General Meeting’ to the YFGM office, or you can pay at the event by cash or online bank transfer. You can also set up a regular contribution to YFGM by direct debit. Please ask the YFGM treasurer for more information about this.

YFGM Bursaries

YFGM also has a bursary fund. Money should never be the reason any Young Friend is unable to attend a YFGM event, so if you are worried about how you will pay for your



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transport to the event, or your contribution once you arrive, please contact the office to find out how we can help.

It is also often possible to get financial support from local or area meetings, and YFGM welcomes people attending as representative of area meetings.

Accessibility Fund

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

Additional information for free-time

For those of you who want to make the most of your time at Kibblestone, bring clothes you do not mind being outdoors in as there might be time to take a walk around the venue. Please note that you will have to walk outside to get between venues on the site so please bring weather appropriate shoes and clothes and a water bottle to remember to stay hydrated throughout the weekend.