



# Young Friends General Meeting

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## Information & Practicalities

Young Friends General Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> May

Liverpool Quaker Meeting House, School Lane, L1 3BT



This is the information & practicalities document for YFGM's May gathering which will take place at Liverpool Quaker Meeting House. Please read the information below, and the hearts and minds document before the event.

### Contact information

#### Before YFGM:

Phone the YFGM coordinator on 020 7663 1050 or email [yfgm@quaker.org.uk](mailto: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 planning weekend begins on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May from 6:30pm 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 it helps us if you keep us informed).



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The event will finish after around 2pm on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May.

## Access

The meeting house has wheelchair access, a wheelchair-accessible toilet. There is also a hearing loop system. Please contact the YFGM Coordinator if you have any other specific requirements, or provide details on the registration form. As you know, we're keen to accommodate everybody at YFGM.

## Travel Information

The venue for this YFGM gathering is:

Liverpool Quaker Meeting House  
22 School Lane  
Liverpool  
L1 3BT

## Getting there

The meetinghouse is situated off Hanover Street in the centre of Liverpool, next door to the Bluecoat Centre.

## Arriving by rail:

Both Liverpool Lime Street and Liverpool Central are within 10 minutes walk of the Liverpool Quaker meetinghouse.

Liverpool central train station is a 5 minute walk from the meeting house. From the train station, Google Maps instructs you to walk west on Ranelagh Street towards Church Street. Then turn right onto Church Street, turn left onto Peter's Lane, turn left and the meetinghouse should be on the street.

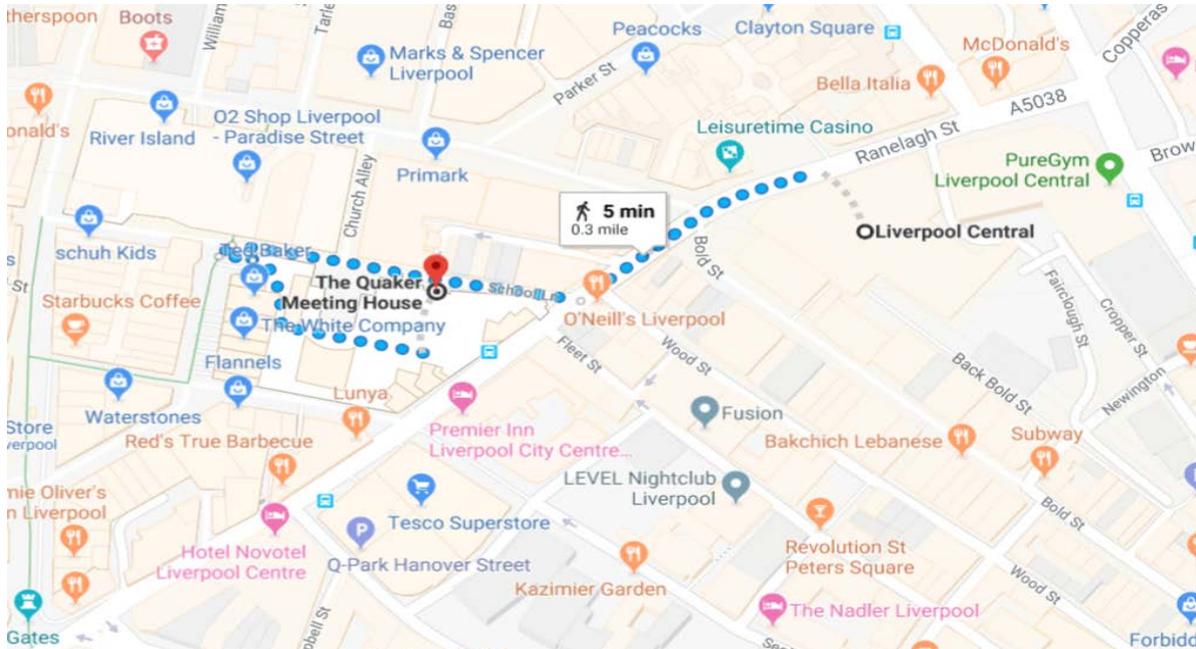
See map below for more information from Liverpool central train station to LQMH:



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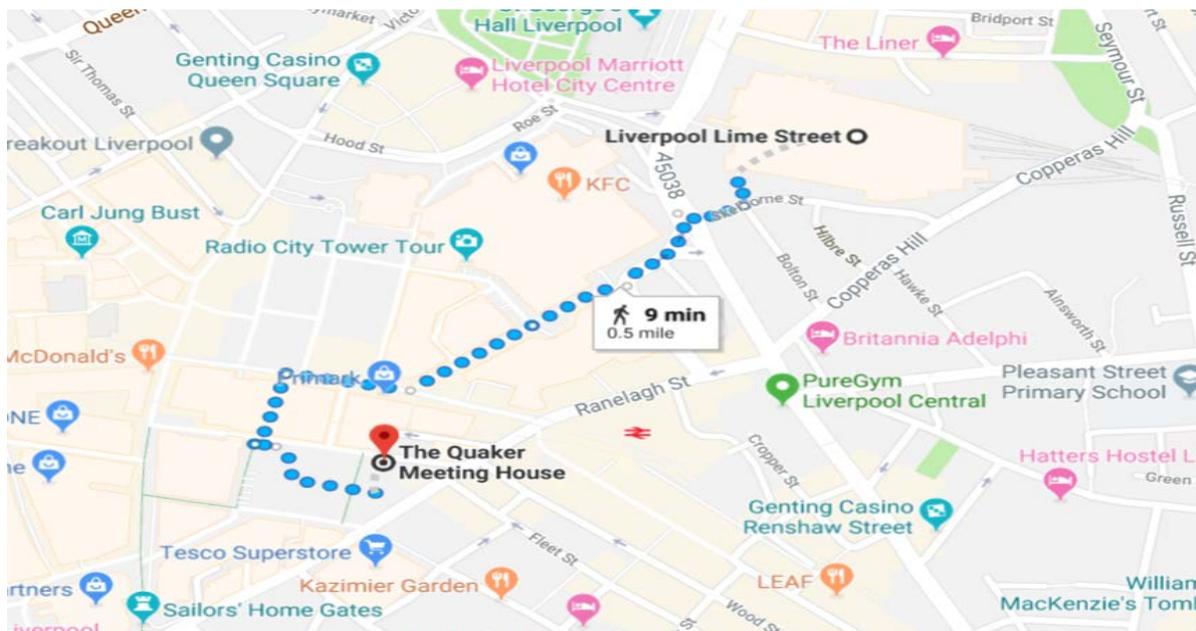
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Liverpool Lime Street is a 10-minute walk from the meetinghouse.

Leave Skelhor Street towards Bolton Street and turn left onto Elliot Street. Turn right, and then immediately turn left on to St Johns way. Turn right on to Parker Street/ Elliot street. Turn right on to Church Street and then left onto church Alley. Arrive at church alley where you will find Quaker meeting house.

See the map below for directions:





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## Arriving by car

For environmental reasons, we try not to encourage people to travel by public transport. However, some people might need to travel by car for accessibility reasons.

The closest car park is on Hanover Street, it is a Q Park and it is expensive – here is a link <https://www.q-park.co.uk/en-gb/cities/liverpool/hanover-street/>

The closest council car park is on Mount Pleasant but it is about 15 mins walk from QMH – here is a link <https://liverpool.gov.uk/parking-travel-and-roads/council-car-parks/mount-pleasant/>

## Getting away

### At YFGM: Practical information

#### Sleeping arrangements

Sleeping at YFGM is generally on the floor of the meetinghouse. 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).

Accommodation is on the floor. Please remember to bring your own sleeping bag, and whatever else you need to be as comfortable as possible.

If you need off-floor accommodation, we expect that you do this yourself, however if you require it for medical reasons YFGM can help cover the costs. Contact the YFGM coordinator (020 7663 1050 or [yfgm@quaker.org.uk](mailto:yfgm@quaker.org.uk)) for more information.

#### 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

### 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 eat or sleep at the meeting house 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 contact the YFGM coordinator 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 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.



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## 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 explore Liverpool during our time there, here are a number of things to explore in the city. Why not make a new Friend and invite someone to go along with you?

A few suggestions of activities to do over the bank holiday weekend are:

- **Visit the Albert Docs**

The Royal Albert Dock is a complex of dock buildings and warehouses in Liverpool, which opened in 1846. It was the first structure in Britain to be built from cast iron, brick and stone, with no structural wood. As a result, it was the first non-combustible warehouse system in the world.



- **Visit the Beatles museum**

- Liverpool is the city where the famous British Pop group, the Beatles were born. The museum tracks the history of the four young men who were propelled into the lime light of the 1960s.



- **Visit one of Liverpool's parks.** Getting a bit of green space as a break from YFGM is to be encouraged! A few of the parks in Liverpool are:

- wolver tree
- The mystery
- Sefton Park.



- **Visit the Tate museum**

- The Tate is free to visit, apart from the regular paid attractions. It is part of a group of museums also located in London, Merseyside in England, and st ives, in Cornwall.





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