



Young Friends General Meeting

YOUNG ADULT QUAKERS IN BRITAIN



Documents in Advance I

Information & Practicalities



Young Friends General Meeting 23rd -25th May 2020

This will be the first formal YFGM Gathering to be held online

This is the information & practicalities document for YFGM's May 2020 gathering which will be conducted online due to the ongoing Public Health Emergency. Please read the information below. Please also read the Documents in Advance II: Hearts & Minds prepared.



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Contact information

Before YFGM:

Contact the YFGM Interim admin support officer

Telephone: 020 7663 1050

Email: yfgm@quaker.org.uk

YFGM newcomers can request to join the YFGM Newcomer WhatsApp Group, run by Outreach Committee. This group is for people participating in Young Friends General Meeting for the first time, and those who feel new to the YFGM community. Its purpose is to allow Friends to ask questions about what to expect at YFGM and learn a little about how YFGM functions. Its purpose is also for everyone to get to know each other a little, so nobody logs on knowing nobody!

In the group to answer your questions are a Member of Pastoral Committee, and a member of Outreach (and hopefully an Elder soon).

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/invite/CT7dxchmmxRDf0k8OuozYS>

During YFGM:

The new YFGM mobile number is 07561 694735. Alternatively, Facebook message us.

Start and Finish times

The sessions will run online at the following times with regular breaks. We aim to create a feeling of community, in the same way we would in our usual gatherings, but we recognise that Friends may have other commitments during this challenging time and may not feel they can attend the whole weekend via a computer screen.

Day one will run from 9.30AM-6.30PM with a two hour lunch break.

Day two will run from 9AM-6.15PM with a two hour lunch break.

Day three will run from 10AM-6PM with a two hour lunch break.



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Accessibility

If you have any access needs you would like taken into consideration and that you feel YFGM needs to be aware of, in order for you to engage with the online meeting, please mention it in your registration or alternatively email yfgm@quaker.org.uk and put **Planning weekend access requirement and your name** in the subject heading.

(An example might be: I have a medical condition that causes increased fatigue, so I will not be able to join the meeting until midday)

Downloading and using Zoom

This short [YouTube film by Woodbrooke](#) explains the basics of using Zoom.

For YFGM the Zoom link will be sent you by email rather than being accessed through a website.

This [guide](#), written by Britain Yearly Meeting and Woodbrooke, gives detailed instructions on using Zoom for an online Quaker meeting for worship and is pitched at those Friends who may not be as confident with technology. It does give detailed instructions on how to download the app onto different devices and operating systems. (Please note that Zoom doesn't work on a Kindle Fire).

Please note that from 5th April 2020 Zoom updated its security features so that at the start of every meeting attendees would be put into a virtual waiting zoom, and have to be approved by the meeting host, to enable them to join the main meeting, this is to improve meeting security.

Changing your display name on Zoom

We hope that your display name will act as your name badge throughout the weekend.

Open the "Participants" box on your screen. Rename yourself, adding your role and your pronouns if you wish to disclose them.

E.G Simon, YFGM Coordinator, He/Him



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At YFGM: Practical information

Other Information

The cost of YFGM

YFGM is being hosted online for the first time. As always we aim to make YFGM an open and welcoming community and nobody is obliged to pay to attend a YFGM event. Although our usual event costs for meeting house hire and catering will not apply on this occasion, the charity is still incurring running costs throughout the Covid-19 crisis. A large number of our donations come from collections at Local Quaker Meetings across the UK, which are not meeting in person at the moment, other income comes from Trusts, many of which will be reviewing their giving in light of recent developments. Many Friends, especially Young Adults, will be encountering hardship due to difficulties with employment, however, if you are still able please consider donating a small amount to YFGM. Our office building is currently closed so the best way to donate is through our [Golden Giving page](#). You can make a single donation or set up a regular monthly donation.

Nominations

Nominations is a key part of Quaker tradition, and while much of it takes place behind closed doors, it is central to the life of any Meeting. Every role (apart from staff) within YFGM is appointed to following the process of nominations by Nominations Committee. As such, all of the work of YFGM depends on this being done well. While the key work of discernment is done by the Nominations Committee, the whole Meeting is responsible for nominations, and needs to support the committee in doing their work.

As a Quaker organisation, YFGM uses the Quaker nominations process to find people to fill volunteer roles within the Meeting. You can read more about nominations [here](#).

This YFGM gathering we will be nominating the following roles:



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The bulk of Nominations activity happens at the gathering, however you can nominate names of Friends in advance using this nominations google form.

If you have any further questions regarding Nominations please contact the YFGM office or email noms.yfgm@googlemail.com.