

# Meeting for Sufferings Rep

Up to 3 years, 2 people

## Purpose

Meeting for Sufferings (MfS) is the standing representative body entrusted with the care of the business of Britain Yearly Meeting (BYM) through the year. It has a visionary and direction-setting role, as well as fostering communication across BYM, testing concerns, receiving regular reports from trustees, giving guidance on policy issues, and handling BYM matters between Yearly Meetings.

## Duties

- Attending Meeting for Sufferings, and contributing to its discernment
- Being aware of leadings and concerns within YFGM, and seeking views or discussion from interested YFGMers on topics that are coming to MfS - particularly where YFGM or YFGMers may have particular interest or insight
- Reporting back to YFGM on the work of MfS - the format and frequency may vary depending on what's been coming up, but reps should ensure that this is sufficiently frequent and they are remaining in contact with YFGM about the work
- Taking an active interest in the work of MfS, particularly in current issues concerning Young Friends or the Religious Society of Friends in general.
- You might also undertake further tasks as a member of MfS, e.g. serving on one of MfS's working groups (usually appointed to from within MfS)

## What you could gain

- A deeper understanding of the workings of Britain Yearly Meeting as an organisation
- Context on Concerns and leadings of Friends across BYM
- Contacts and links elsewhere in Britain Yearly Meeting

## Skills Required

- To be able to represent the views of YFGM to MfS and MfS to YFGM.
- To function without a lot of support from within YFGM, and to manage the necessary contact/communication with YFGM yourself

## Time Commitment

Two representatives split attendance at MfS between them, attending approximately half each. There are currently 4 meetings per year, on the first weekends of March, July, October, and December, plus some online preparation meetings. One of these will be a weekend residential, the rest are usually single Saturdays in Friends House, London, or (at time of writing) online.

No specific YFGM events are required, but you should attend enough to remain in good contact with YFGM.

## Other Requirements

None