

Elder

Up to 3 years, 5 people (including a convenor chosen from within the committee)

Purpose

To uphold the spiritual traditions of the Religious Society of Friends, and nurture the spiritual life of YFGM.

Duties

- Promoting the right holding of meetings for worship for business.
- Considering how the meeting may best be upheld in prayer and guided towards a deeper experience of worship.
- Being responsible for the quiet gathering of the meeting, such as arranging seating, encouraging punctuality, and coordinating doorkeeping.
- Assisting in the preparation and presentation of business items where appropriate.
- Organising worship activities at YFGM
- Ensuring that there are spiritually based sessions at YFGM.
- At planning weekend:
 - Leading sessions of worship.
 - Facilitating threshing sessions
 - Ensuring the planning weekend agenda has been organised
- Facilitating YFGM's involvement with interfaith and interchurch activities
- Encouraging YFGMers involvement with other parts of the Society of Friends (locally, nationally, and internationally), including talking about membership
- One member of the committee should attend Switchboard meetings.
- One member of the committee should attend the annual Strategy Day.

What you could gain

- Opportunity to explore spirituality, and share that exploration with others.
- A deeper understanding of the theory and practice of the Quaker Business Method.

Skills required

- An understanding of Quaker worship, and the ability to express it clearly.
- An understanding of the Quaker Business Method.

Time Commitment

All YFGMs and Planning Weekends, plus any other activities occasionally taken on by Elders between events.

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Other Requirements

You will need to complete a safeguarding declaration to take up this role.