

Pastoral

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

Purpose

Pastoral committee are responsible for the 'pastoral care' of those attending YFGM, at and between YFGM weekends.

Duties

- During YFGM, pastoral committee's role is for pastoral arrangements. They need to be aware of what problems people may be having at YFGM, and helping to make sure that everyone is enjoying the event.
- Running Newcomers sessions at each YFGM, to help Newcomers learn about Quakerism and YFGM, and explore spiritual journeys.
- To know who is the Safeguarding Lead and Deputy Safeguarding Lead within YFGM, and to know how and when to raise pastoral issues as safeguarding issues.
- Running social spaces e.g. the Not-the-Pub Space.
- Supporting people's wellbeing between gatherings, including keeping in touch with people who are part of our community but have been unable to attend events.
- One member of the committee should attend Switchboard meetings.
- One member of the committee should attend the annual Strategy Day.

What you could gain

- Getting to know more people, especially newcomers to YFGM.
- Good organisational experience and having a position of responsibility for your CV.

Skills Required

- Ability to work in a team.
- Good 'people skills' - being someone people can feel comfortable approaching.

Time Commitment

All YFGMs, some Planning Weekends (the committee should ensure that at least one of their members is present at each Planning Weekend), plus some between events work as required. One member of the committee should attend Switchboard meetings. One member of the committee should attend the annual Strategy Day.

Other Requirements

Before becoming a member of the Pastoral committee, you will be required to have read and understood your responsibilities in relation to the safeguarding and data protection policies. You will be asked to sign a declaration before taking on this role and will be expected to undertake basic safeguarding training.