

Young Friends General Meeting

18-20 October 2024

Brighton

Minutes

Those Present: A Ballard, Aaron Longdon, Ade Ingram, Alex Ashton, Alex Foxe, Alexandra Boliver-Brown, Anya Doliczny, Ash Moorley, Aspen Stopard English, Becky Shirley, Bridget Holtom, Calum Freeman, Ceridwen Jenkins, Charlie Appleyard, Chloe Scaling, Dan Dickson, Dominic Rawlinson, Elliot Mears, Finn Longman, Frankie de Vos, Freddie Brasher, Georgia Campbell, Georgie Rix, Gray Wood, Gwen Baines, Hannah Stranex, Hester Hill, Iola Wallace, Iris Oliver, Izzy Hepburn, J (Josh) Edgson, James Pett, Jennie Atherton, Jenny Baines, Jenny Herbert, Jessi Fenn, Jessica Beck, Jez Bolt, John Hill, Kaden Foley, Kenneth MacIver, Kevin McNamara, Kim Edwards, Leone Marangoni, Liam Lawson, Lily Barker-Whyatt, Linda Deanna Worden, Mae Punter, Maisy-May Gilhart, Margarita Towl, Matthew Burnell, Mikolaj Halber, Morgan Gasson, Naomi Cooper, Nat Stacey, Nicole Marr, Osian Gold, Rachael Booth, Reiss Jones, Remy Dimmock, Robin Kemp, Rosa Keene, Rosie Gilbert, Rosie Gray, Rowan Queerly, Sammy Gilbert, Samuel Cooper, Sarah Philpott, Sennen Cork, Skye Dutton, Tas Cooper, Theo Whitlock, Thomas Sutherland, Tim Hall Farthing, Tim Rouse, Vanessa Balogh, Will Reed, Willoughby Densham (78)

Co-Clerks:	Chloe Scaling, Hannah Stranex
Trustees:	Leilani Rabemananjara, Georgia Campbell, Bel Ingham, Kevin McNamara, Liam Lawson
Area & Local Meeting Representatives	Will Reed - York Area Meeting Nicole Marr - West Kent Theo Whitlock - Hardshaw & Mann Gray Wood - Hampshire & Islands Alexandra Boliver-Brown - West Kent

We have heard an introduction to the Quaker business method, delivered by Jenny Baines, one of our elders.

2024.10.2 [Minute of record: Intro to Nominations](#)

Sam Cooper and Will Reed, members of our Nominations Committee, have given us an introduction to the Nominations process.

2024.10.3 [Assistant Treasurer](#)

The Nominations committee has brought us a proposal to create the role of Assistant Treasurer, with service usually lasting three years plus one YFGM handover. Our Finance committee has historically faced difficulties, and the hope of the meeting is that the creation of this role will spread the workload more sustainably across members. We welcome this proposal, recognising that nominating to multiple finance roles at once presents a challenge to Nominations. We ask that the Nominations committee consider ways to mitigate this in the future, by temporarily adjusting the length of service for the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer roles, or other methods. We thank Finance committee members past and present, and hope that this change brings new life to the committee.

2024.10.4 [Report from FWCC World Plenary](#)

Hannah Stranex gave a report on the Friends World Committee for Consultation World Plenary, which was held in South Africa in August 2024. Hannah was appointed by YFGM to be one of the in-person representatives for BYM to the gathering. They spoke about the ubuntu philosophy of community and how that is different to the often individualistic nature of our society. She found the whole gathering interesting and learned a lot, experiencing worship from different sections of the Quaker world and traditions. Hannah found they had previously had a much narrower view of what a Quaker was: even though Quakers in Britain have diverse beliefs, practices and beliefs vary much more widely around the world. At the World Plenary, a "World Executive Committee of Young Adult Friends" was formed and stronger links were made among Friends from around the world. The WECYAF is planning a gathering, which we will hear more about in the future.

2024.10.5 [Report from Planning Weekend Newcomers](#)

We heard a report from our Planning Weekend Newcomer, A Ballard, on the planning weekend held from 6-8th September in Swansea Meeting House. A written version of the report will be appended to these minutes.

2024.10.6 [Report from Switchboard](#)

Georgia Campbell delivered a report from our Switchboard committee, which brings together representatives from each YFGM committee in order to facilitate communication and cooperation in between YFGM events.

2024.10.7 [Report from Sufferings](#)

Chloe Scaling, one of our co-clerks, reported on the two Meeting for Sufferings attended by our clerks since the last YFGM. She reported that June's Sufferings included the topics of Quaker Concern Over Population's renewal as a Quaker Recognised Body, a report from Trustees, and an initial discussion on the subject of language used by official Quaker channels regarding the genocide being committed by Israel in Palestine. The October Meeting for Sufferings concluded this discernment by aligning with the language used by the International Court of Justice, along with discernment on the topic of language used during the marriage declaration, how membership could look in the future (including YFGM and other bodies potentially being able to grant BYM membership), and the progress of the BYM Reparations Working Group.

2024.10.8 [Report from Trustees](#)

Georgia Campbell reported on the work of our Trustees since the last gathering. Trustees have prepared our annual report to the Charity Commission, and have helped to ensure the final version of the accounts is ready for this YFGM.

2024.10.9 [Accounts](#)

Liam Lawson, our finance trustee, reported on the independent examination of our accounts, the initial draft of which were approved by the meeting in May. We approve this final version of the accounts for sending along with the annual report to the Charity Commission.

2024.10.10 [Crash Space at BYM](#)

We have heard a proposal for YFGM to provide a “crash space” for Young Adult Friends during Yearly Meeting, by collaborating with a local meeting house to provide floor space to sleep on. The hope is that this would enable more young Friends to engage with Yearly Meeting. This space as proposed would be organised by volunteers, and financed by YFGM.

We have heard enthusiasm for the end result of this proposal, but hesitation regarding the organisational burden placed on individuals and the financial commitment to funding this space. YFGM is limited in its ability to commit continuing energy and funds, and we acknowledge that with the transition to a continuing Yearly Meeting, this sort of space may become even more crucial, and needed multiple times a year.

We are aware that this sort of space was historically provided by BYM during Yearly Meeting, in order to address the prohibitive costs of travelling to and finding accommodation in London and enable access for Friends of various financial backgrounds. We send this minute to Yearly Meeting Agenda Committee and ask them to consider providing such a space once again.

2024.10.11 Special Interest Groups

Special Interest Groups this weekend were:

- Truth
- Godless Quakerism
- Advices and Queries app development
- Guided meditation
- Pop up choir
- International Conciliation Group
- Intro to Linux and Open Source
- Bible study session zero

We thank everyone who facilitated these sessions for us, and encourage friends to think of SIGs they might like to run at future YFGMs.

2024.10.12 Nominations Returns including Noms to Noms

We appoint the Friends named in the below table to the roles specified. We release Friends as indicated in the table and thank all those named below for their service.

Role	Released	Appointed	Until
Planning Weekend	A Ballard	Remy Dimmock	February 2025

Newcomers	Eve Park Daniel Marrs-Grant	Sennen Cork Aaron Longdon	
Media Officer	Sasha King-Smith	Vacancy carried forward	
Pastoral	Ceridwen Jenkins	n/a	
Trustee	Georgia Campbell (moved to Finance Trustee)	Vacancy carried forward	
Elders	Tas Cooper Sasha Lawson-Frost	Dan Dickson	October 2027
Finance Trustee	n/a, handover period until February 2025	Georgia Campbell, for the remainder of her term as a trustee	May 2026 (including handover)
Treasurer	Tim Hall Farthing	Nicole Marr	February 2028 (including handover)
Assistant Treasurer	n/a, role created	Thomas Sutherland	February 2028 (including handover)
Logistics	Zoe Badrick	Sammy Gilbert	October 2027
Representative to the FWCC World Plenary	Hannah Stranex	n/a	
Nominations	n/a	Gray Wood	October 2027

We release Tim Hall Farthing as a signatory on the bank account, and appoint Georgia Campbell, Nicole Marr and Thomas Sutherland as signatories.

2024.10.13 Co-options

We note the following co-options to committees for this YFGM and thank the Friends below for their service:

- Mae Punter and Rosie Gilbert to Nominations
- Dan Dickson to Elders
- Sammy Gilbert to Logistics
- Kevin McNamara to Pastoral

2024.10.14 Clerks' Offering

Someone said on the first day of this weekend that they had already seen five people laughing until they cried. This weekend we met in Brighton, on the southern coast of England. We had a joyful weekend planned, of special interest groups, light amounts of business and a collaboration with the Future of British Quakerism Conference. Despite the cruel incident that attempted to upset our gathered space, we have had that joyful weekend. Friends came together to walk the streets of Brighton, get in the sea, think excessively of frogs, and spend time in this special intentional community together. The clerks are grateful to be here, and grateful to serve you, and we hope that as we all part ways and journey home, we all remember that we are loved.

Chloe Scaling and Hannah Stranex, co-clerks

Appendices & Further Information

- A. Planning Weekend Newcomers' Report
- B. Report from Meeting for Sufferings
- C. Accounts
- D. Trustees Annual Report

Appendix A: Planning Weekend Newcomer Report

From the 6th to 8th of September, roughly 20 young friends gathered in Swansea Quaker Meeting House for planning weekend. Having began discussions and document sharing using the YFGM discord, we were able to quickly begin constructively analysing the feedback from the previous meeting in Liverpool. This gave us a great insight into everything from opinions on future timetabling to strong preferences on the use of nutritional geese.

Despite being the only newcomer, a great explanation of the structure and function of planning weekend was given early on, and the specifics of the role were well described. Having heard reports from previous PWN's, this weekend seemed uneventful, and the vast majority of things went quickly and smoothly. Threshing was completed ahead of time, which gave us plenty of time for timetabling a more unusual schedule, due to the future of british quakerism conference. Although this

YFGM had a slightly unusual taste, it was most delightful to see Tim Rouse's performance of Hamlet in the middle of threshing.

Catering was provided by Tim Rouse and supported by me, which included a three dessert dinner, vast quantities of potatoes and a brief appearance of nutritional geese. Many of us decided to visit the beach on Saturday night, which was worthwhile despite the 40 minutes of walk in the rain, and was greatly improved by the wide range of aforementioned desserts that we were greeted with when we returned. On Sunday we welcomed Swansea Meeting to a joint worship, and had a shared lunch with them afterwards.

Overall, planning weekend gave me a deeper insight into exactly what goes into planning a YFGM, as well as widening my appreciation for Quaker methods of decision making. I found that my perspective as someone with no prior experience of organising a YFGM was widely welcomed, and the space was very welcoming to new ideas and suggestions.

Big thanks to Swansea Meeting for allowing us the use of their meeting house, and to all those involved in organising and catering planning weekend.

Appendix B: Meeting for Sufferings Report

Meeting for Sufferings is the standing representative body for Quakers in Britain, making decisions outside of Yearly Meeting in session. It is made up of representatives from Area Meetings across Britain, as well as General Meetings and various committees, as well as BYM trustees. For the past couple of years, our clerks have represented YFGM at Meeting for Sufferings.

Meeting for Sufferings has met twice since the last YFGM. Hannah attended in June and, earlier in October, as it was the start of a new triennium for Meeting for Sufferings, both Hannah and Chloe were able to attend. This will be the last term we send representatives to Meeting for Sufferings as it is going to be laid down in 2026. With the Continuing Yearly Meeting beginning then, we will need to think about who YFGM sends as representatives, especially as throughout 2023 and 2024, we have been asked to send representatives to Yearly Meeting Agenda Committee meetings as well.

In June, we heard from Quaker Concern Over Population on the subject of their renewal as a Quaker Recognised Body, which was delayed due to our representative's request that it be put through via discernment instead of on a draft minute. As YFGM we have corporately engaged with QCOP regarding their work and views, but their representatives at Sufferings did not take into consideration what we had communicated to them and claimed that they did not understand our concerns. QCOP was renewed as a QRB for a limited term of two years instead of

the usual five, and asked to consider changing their name and to reflect on the possibility of racism being present in their work and beliefs.

We also heard a trustee report on the issues trustees have faced with comments by Friends on social media and in *the Friends* letters page.

The afternoon was taken up discussing the language used by Quakers in Britain around the ongoing genocide being committed by Israel in Palestine. No conclusion was reached, but we heard detailed contributions from the Ecumenical Accompaniers Programme in Palestine and Israel which were valuable and interesting.

In October, the main item of the morning was about membership. Quaker Life Central Committee have been thinking about non-geographical membership and how this could work within existing Britain Yearly Meeting structures. There has been a proposal that some groups such as YFGM be able to grant membership. So far, it is unclear how this would work as it is in the early stages of discernment.

We were pleased to see YFGM's minute on the marriage declarations mentioned by some responses to the consultation. There was very little time left to discern on this topic and the meeting was not in unity. The issue of changing the declarations was passed on to Quaker Life Central Committee.

Throughout the day, we also heard reports from BYM's trustees, the Group to Review Central Structures and the Reparations Working Group.

The main item of business in the afternoon was about Palestine and Israel. The meeting decided that our words should align with those used by the International Court of Justice, and that Quakers have been asked not to do conciliation work but to bear witness and to speak truth in love.

As usual, the minutes and papers of Meeting for Sufferings are publicly available on the [Britain Yearly Meeting website](#) (link to external site).

[Appendix C: Trustees' Annual Report 2023](#)

Aims and purposes of the charity

Young Friends General Meeting (YFGM) is a registered charity which provides a national community to young adults (individuals of 18 to 35 years of age) who are members or attenders of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) or individuals who are interested in the principles and practices of Quakers.

The overall aim of YFGM is the advancement of religion in accordance with the principles and practices of the Quakers. As part of this work, we seek to advance any corporate concerns adopted by our meeting, and charitable objectives, as defined by the charity commission, undertaken at the discretion of the meeting.

Through a shared life and worship YFGM seeks to give our members and attenders a space to explore and develop our faith, and our ways of living out the principles and testimonies of Quakerism in practice; equality, peace, simplicity and integrity.

Objectives and activities

The principal objective of Young Friends General Meeting is "The advancement of religion in accordance with the principles and practices of the Religious Society of Friends, commonly called Quakers".

The primary activity of YFGM is the running of three residential weekends a year, predominantly within Quaker meeting houses around the UK. In these meetings, attenders gather to worship together, attend sessions led by external speakers and special interest sessions, discuss and work on concerns that members hold, develop their spirituality, talk about their experience of the divine, socialise and build community and attend the business sessions. The business meetings keep the General Meeting running and allow it to serve its function as a representative body within Britain Yearly Meeting, the overarching organisation of the Religious Society of Friends in Great Britain.

Special interest meetings and more informal gatherings supplement these residential meetings. Through the activities of the General Meeting, our members help one another to deepen their understanding of Quakerism, and to live out the Quaker testimonies of equality, simplicity, integrity and peace. When planning our activities, the trustees maintain a level of oversight to ensure public benefit is considered, in line with the Commission's guidance on the benefit created by charities for the advancement of religion.

Structure, governance and management

Collective decision-making

As Quakers, the members of YFGM share responsibility for the wellbeing of the community. Major decisions which concern the life and projects of the meeting are undertaken by the General Meeting in accordance with the Quaker Business Method described in Chapter 3 of our church's book of discipline, Quaker Faith and Practice. Young Friends assemble in silence and stillness and seek to discern what the community should do.

We have specific weekends dedicated to the planning of YFGM business meetings, usually six weeks before the relevant general meeting: any member of the community may bring an item of business to a planning weekend for threshing (consideration). YFGM encourages all members to take an active part in meetings for worship for business; the procedure and its spiritual and practical background is talked through, and actively taught, at every general meeting, so that every attender may understand it and take a full part in the process.

Roles and appointment process

YFGM functions with the support of its members that serve within roles voluntarily to help achieve the organisation's aims and objectives and support work to hold three residential gatherings a year on behalf of the community.

Current committee areas that members currently serve in include:

- Trustees
- Pastoral
- Elders
- Logistics
- Finance
- Nominations

The process by which members are appointed to roles within each of these committees are in accordance with the principles and practices of the Religious Society of Friends. Appointments to and releases from roles shall be made by minute of the General Meeting. The charity in general meeting shall appoint a Nominations Committee. The Nominations Committee shall be responsible for bringing forward nominations to appointments due to be made by the General Meeting. The members at a general meeting need not accept the nomination made by the Nominations Committee, but may make any appointment they deem fit.

Trustees

Trustees are appointed by YFGM to maintain a strategic vision for YFGM and ensure that YFGM comply with relevant legal obligations, reporting duties to the Charity Commission of England and Wales, and is acting within YFGM's constitution.

Their work can include period review of policies to ensure legal compliance, signing off policies and budget to be presented to the Meeting, representing the charity to Britain Yearly Meeting and other charity bodies. Trustees can also convene in emergencies of the Meeting where there is no policy in place, and make decisions on behalf of YFGM that may need to be made between general meetings.

Trustees are appointed via a process in accordance with the principles and practices of the Religious Society of Friends as detailed in the “roles and appointment process” section of this report, found above.

As of 19th of May 2024 the trustees are:

- Convenor of Trustees (chair): Leilani Rabemananjara appt. February 2022, expected release May 2025
- Finance Trustee: Liam Lawson - appt. October 2023, expected release February 2027
- Kevin McNamara - appt. October 2023, expected release February 2027
- Georgia Campbell - appt. February 2023, expected release May 2026
- Bel Ingham - appt. May 2023, expected release October 2026

The following trustees served within the reporting period (1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023):

- Tim Hall Farthing,
- Jenny Herbert,
- Leilani Rabemananjara,
- Tim Rouse,
- Hannah Stranex,
- Gray Wood,
- Sammy Gilbert,
- Row Bashforth,
- Liam Lawson,
- Kevin McNamara,
- Bel Ingham

Achievements and performances

Gatherings

In 2023 YFGM held three gatherings, all of which were in person. All planning weekends were held in person which was a first since the onset of the pandemic. The first gathering was held in Brighton and was attended by 47 people. At this general meeting we affirmed the decision of our co-clerks to decline giving a loyal address to Charles Mountbatten-Windsor as a decision had to be made before YFGM met again. In our business meetings we discussed reforms to lower the number of trustees needed to aid with the filling of roles in the face of the struggles of the pandemic and the creation of a “Switchboard” committee which pulls its membership from across the committees of YFGM.

At the end of May we held an in person YFGM in the glorious sun at Bristol Redlands Meeting House which was attended by 45 people. There were discussions

around membership which were prompted by a call from Meeting for Sufferings the previous year. We also began to consider ways in which we could commemorate the life of our Friend Naomi Haigh and moved towards the early stages of planning a gathering for our community to celebrate and commemorate her life. Outside of Business Meetings, Friends enjoyed walks around the local park and singing together in the Meeting Hall.

In October we held our final gathering of the year in Lancaster and this saw a rise in people attending with 57 people gathered together, despite transport issues caused by storm Babette. We heard reports from our committees including the presentation of the Annual Report and Accounts, which were presented by Trustees. Prompted by considering our accounts, we began to consider ways in which we can better use the money that we currently have in our accounts. Greater administrative support, funds for outreach and training opportunities were raised as areas where we could consider increasing our spending. A variety of Special Interest Groups were held and the Big SIG was Challenging Transphobia in Quaker Spaces.

Special interest groups

YFGM continues to celebrate our member's voluntary contributions to special interest group activities which run during our gatherings. In 2023 these included twenty which were formally recorded including the following:

- Discussing our approach to racism - Hannah Stranex
- Discussing our approach to transphobia - Hannah Stranex
- YFGM Tea Club - Tim Hall Farthing
- Bringing back YFGM on the road (sharing our processes with Local Meetings) - Tim Hall Farthing
- What do we want to see on the Yearly Meeting agenda? - Rachael Booth
- Dance - Rowan Queerly (at two separate YFGM gatherings)
- Intro to British Sign Language - Will Reed
- Feminist Gospels: Mary Magdalene - Jennie Atherton
- Designing YFGM Tea-towels - Becky Shirley
- Singing - Jenny Baines
- Repair Café - Gray Wood
- Jesus Prayer - Jaz Higgs
- Welcome Pack - Dan Dickson & Ceridwen Jenkins
- Challenging Transphobia in Quaker Spaces - Chloe Scaling and others
- Quaker Socialism - Lawrence Hall
- Getting in the Sea - Jenny Baines
- Moravian Side-wound Theology - Sasha Lawson-Frost
- Godless Quakerism - Lawrence Hall
- Responding to call for discernment on Membership - Tim Rouse

Trustee reforms

2023 saw YFGM undergo significant reform to our Trustee body and the establishing of a 'Switchboard' committee. This reduced the size of our trustee body, focusing it on governance, with the new 'Switchboard' committee having representation from committees across YFGM. We were joyful and excited about adopting this model, hoping that it will bring flexibility within trustees and in the interactions between committees.

Publicly living our values

In 2023 our co-clerk Hannah Stranex reported to the community on an invitation received by clerks in early February, to send two people from YFGM to be part of a Quaker delegation to give a loyal address to Charles Mountbatten-Windsor, called King, on 9 March. Quakers in Britain have historically been a privileged body, invited to make such addresses at significant times in the life of the monarch. Around thirty such privileged bodies exist. Quakers in Britain received this invitation without sufficient time that there was not the opportunity for discernment on the invitation by Meeting for Sufferings who were set to send a delegation. YFGM was invited as a General Meeting within the Yearly Meeting, and to provide representation for young people among the delegation. Facing a deadline to give a response that fell before YFGM, and after discussion with some YFGMers, clerks declined the invitation, giving the following explanation to Britain Yearly Meeting staff: "As this could not go to the General Meeting for discernment in time, the clerks have taken the decision after consulting with a range of YFGMers. We heard - and had - objections including that participating legitimises an institution at odds with Quaker values, that making a 'loyal' address would not be truthful, and that our presence would be tokenistic rather than following the movement of the Spirit. In the circumstances, we feel that YFGM could not in good conscience accept this invitation without the opportunity for full discernment. We're glad to hear that the planned text will include clear calls for full social and legal equality for trans people, and for the dismantling of racialised privilege throughout society. We hope that in "speaking truth to power", the address focuses on truth without the cushioning of unearned honour or false flattery." The gathering, and community of YFGM, thanked clerks stating that they supported and upheld clerks' decision which was captured formally within the minutes of a YFGM gathering for making this decision in difficult circumstances on the community's behalf and that it reflected the feeling of the meeting well.

Further to this part of minute 2023.02.6.b, captured on behalf of the community, read "...Christ taught that "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God." Both the riches of the monarch and their claim to dominion over the rest of us are intrinsic to the institution of the monarchy; such an institution is incompatible with our testimony to the 6 equality of all. Quakers have a long tradition of speaking truth to those who

hold power, however deserved that power; but if we are truly being led to speak truth to power then our words and our actions will be illuminated by the living spirit. The rising tide of authentic ministry is undeniable, we quake and shake with it; is this what we are doing when we give a carefully curated loyal address, however nicely worded? The raw unfiltered leadings of the spirit leave no room for curation or royal approval. Our words must be chosen not for their appeal, nor even for how we as individuals agree with their sentiment, but for whether they express the spirit as it moves among the seekers of the light, the friends of truth that we aspire to be. We hope that there is a path for further discussion within British Quakerism regarding both attitudes to the monarchy, and what it means to speak truth to the institutions of power and privilege in this day and age...”

Financial review

YFGM is pleased to report a net income of £3,214.25 for 2023. While this represents a decrease from previous years due to increased expenditures, it's important to remember the context. 2023 marked a significant year for our community. For the first time since the pandemic, we were able to hold all three of our signature YFGM gatherings and planning weekends in person. These in-person events, which are vital for fostering connections and shared experiences among young Friends, naturally come with higher costs compared to virtual gatherings.

YFGM is committed to responsible financial stewardship. We are grateful for the continued support of our members and Friends, whose generous donations helped maintain a steady level of income throughout the year. Additionally, the appointment of a new fundraiser in October 2023 positions us for even stronger financial growth in the coming years. The new fundraiser's expertise will be instrumental in diversifying our funding streams, potentially reducing reliance on individual donations and ensuring a sustainable future for YFGM events and SIGs.

YFGM is fortunate to have healthy reserves of £95,725.19, with £18,654.85 designated for restricted purposes. This strong financial position allows us to look towards the future with confidence. Guided by Quaker principles of discernment and care for the community, the trustees are committed to using these surplus funds thoughtfully and for the enduring benefit of young Friends.

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' annual report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees: Signature: Full Name: Leilani Rabemananjara Position: Convenor of Trustees / Charity Commission Contact Date: 23/05/24

[Appendix D: Finance & Budget](#)

**Young Friends General Meeting
of the Religious Society of Friends
Charity No 1064763**

Income and Expenditure for the year to 31.12.2023

Income

Donations & Private Givings	2 528 30
AM & LM Donations	2 731 90
Legacies	100 00
Interest - restricted funds	215 52
interest - unrestricted funds	169 34
Grants	11 500 00
Friends Trust	951 83
Miscellaneous	120 00
	18 316 90

Expenditure

Conferences & Training	1 424 75
Other Expenses	0 00
Catering	75 36
Provision of Bursaries	299 00
Running YFGMS	6 185 60
Planning Weekend Expenses	1 492 27
Role Holder Travel	2 499 17
Newcomers Travel	169 99
Guest Travel	337 13
Bookkeeping & Administration	2 134 84
Insurance	484 61
	15 102 70

Surplus for the year

Restricted Fund
Unrestricted Fund

215 52
2 998 73
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3 214 25
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	Young Friends General Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends Charity No 1064763							
	Accounts for the year to 31.12.2023							
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year to 31.12.2023								
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
		2023	2023	2023		2022	2022	2022
	Note:							
Income from:								
Grants	2	11 500 00	0 00	11 500 00		9 095	4 905	14 000
Donations	3	6 432 11	0 00	6 432 11		5 748	0	5 748
Other Income (interest)	4	169 34	215 52	384 86		43	0	43
Total		18 101 45	215 52	18 316 97		14 886	4 905	19 791
Expenditure:								
Raising Funds	5	0 00	0 00	0 00		0	0	0
Charitable Activities		15 102 72	0 00	15 102 72		3 249	2 799	6 048
Total		15 102 72	0 00	15 102 72		3 249	2 799	6 048
Net Income / (Expenditure)		2 998 73	215 52	3 214 25		11 637	2 106	13 743
Reconciliation of funds:								
Total funds brought forward	9	74 071 61	18 439 33	92 510 94		62 435	16 333	78 768
Net Movement in funds		2 998 73	215 52	3 214 25		11 637	2 106	13 743
Total funds carried forward		77 070 34	18 654 85	95 725 19		74 072	18 439	92 511

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Statutory Information

Young Friends General Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), commonly known as Young Friends General Meeting or YFGM, is registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales as charity no. 1064763

The registered office address is YFGM Office, Friends House, 173 Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ.

Note 1. Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of accounting

Young Friends General Meeting constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland and with the Charities Act 2011.

1.2 Going concern

These accounts have been prepared on the going concern basis. The trustees consider that, in view of the charity's significant cash reserves at the end of the reporting period, there are no material uncertainties as to the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

1.3 Changes of accounting policy and estimates

In previous periods, the charity has made additional disclosures beyond those required by the SORP, relating to reimbursement of expenses to connected persons. Due to the low number of claims this year, these additional disclosures have been omitted this year to prevent the disclosure of individual names.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) in the period in which the charity is entitled to receipt; it is more likely than not that the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty.

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS102 SORP or FRS102.

The charity has received no government grants during the reporting period, or in the prior reporting period.

The value of voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

1.5 Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources where the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Expenditure is included in the statement of financial activities when incurred and is inclusive of VAT.

1.6 Assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. They are valued on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful economic life.

The charity does not at present hold investments.

The charity does not at present hold stocks held for sale.

Stocks held for distribution as part of charitable activities are recognised where the value of the line of stock at purchase exceeds £500, and a realisable value based on the service potential provided by items of stock.

Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount. Subsequently, they are measured at the lower of cost and consideration expected to be received.

Note 2: Grants Received

	Funds	Funds	Total	Funds	Funds
Note:	2023	2023	2023	2022	2022
Britain Yearly Meeting	-	-	-	5 095 00	4 905 00
North East Thames Quaker Trust	-	-	-	-	-
CB & HH Taylor 1984 Trust	-	-	-	4 000 00	-
Other Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	9 095 00	4 905 00

Note 3: Donations Received

	Funds	Funds	Total	Funds	Funds
Note:	2023	2023	2023	2022	2022
Meetings	-	-	-	2 783 00	-
Friends	-	-	-	2 143 00	-

YFGM Contributions	-	-	-	822 00	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	5 748 00	-

Note 4: Interest received

	Funds	Funds	Total		
	2023	2023	2023		
Interest into Deposit account	169 34	215 52	384 86		
Total	169 34	215 52	384 86		

Note 5: Expenditure

	Funds	Funds	Total	Funds	Funds
	2023	2023	2023	2022	2022
Raising funds	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities:					
Cost of Running YFGM	9 507 75	-	9 507 75	2 031 00	1 610 00
Cost of running Planning Weekends	2 676 52	-	2 676 52	-	-
Cost of Other Events	-	-	-	-	-
Office Costs	3 557 65	-	3 557 65	1 566 00	-
Provision of Bursaries	299 00	-	299 00	-	1 189 00
Grant-Making	0 00	-	-	1 500 00	-
Other Expenditure	0 00	-	-	257 00	-
Exceptional item: Reversal* (Office costs)	-938 20	-	- 938 20	- 2 105 00	-
Total	15 102 72	-	15 102 72	3 249 00	2 799 00

Release accrual for BYM invoices

Over-accrual for office costs i

Note 6: Stock

The charity does not hold stock for resale.

Stock held for distribution as part of YFGM's charitable activities was purchased in 2019.
Being immaterial, this has been recognised as expenditure within the year.

Note 7: Debtors

Note:	Funds 2023	Funds 2023	Total 2023	Funds 2022	Funds 2022
Prepayments	95 22		95 22	58 44	-
Other Debtors			-	-	-
Total	95 22	-	95 22	58 44	-
Insurance - pro rata to cover period	85 22				
Expense plus - paid in advance	10				
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Note 8: Creditors

Note:	Funds 2023	Funds 2023	Total 2023	Funds 2022	Funds 2022
Trade Creditors	802 51	-	802 51	998 58	-
Accruals	-	-	-	-	-
Total	802 51	-	802 51	998 58	-
Trade creditor accruals					
Jess Beck 2023 claim	202 51				
Lancaster Quaker Meeting	600				
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Note 9: Movement in funds (current year 2023)

2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers, 2023
£	£	£	£ £

Restricted funds

Britain Yearly Meeting Outreach	14 269 33	-	-	-	14 269 33
North East Thames Quaker Trust	4 170 00	-	-	-	4 170 00
Interest Received	-	215 52	-	-	215 52
Total restricted funds	18 439 33	215 52	-	-	18 654 85

Unrestricted funds

General reserve	74 071 61	169 34	-15 102 72	0 00	77 070 34
Total unrestricted funds	74 071 61	169 34	-15 102 72	0 00	77 070 34
Total funds	92 510 94	384 86	-15 102 72	-	77 793 08

Examiner's Note: The closing 2022 balance on the Unrestricted Fund was overstated by 74p, probably due to a rounding difference. I have corrected this on the 2023 Accounts, hence the difference between the closing 2022 balance and the opening 2023 balance.

Movement in funds (prior year 2022)

	At 1 January £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers, £	At 31 December £
Restricted funds					
Britain Yearly Meeting Outreach	12 163 47	4 905 00	- 2 799 14	-	14 269 33
North East Thames Quaker Trust	4 170 00	-	-	-	4 170 00
Total restricted funds	16 333 47	4 905 00	- 2 799 14	-	18 439 33
Unrestricted funds					
General reserve	62 435 29	14 885 81	- 3 248 75	-	74 072 35
Total unrestricted funds	62 435 29	14 885 81	- 3 248 75	-	74 072 35
Total funds	78 768 76	19 790 81	- 6 047 89	-	92 511 68

Description of Restricted Funds**Britain Yearly Meeting Outreach Grant**

Britain Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), charity no. 1127633, provides us with a grant to facilitate YFGM's outreach within our community.

Note 9. Trustees & related party transactions

No trustee received any remuneration in respect of services given as trustee in 2023.

The charity's trustees are appointed from among the membership of the charity, and as such are among the beneficiaries of the charity.

Trustees are entitled to reimbursement of expenses incurred in fulfilling their duties, including the cost of travelling to YFGM events. Additional travel and accommodation accessible to all may be applied for by any of the charity's beneficiaries and where grants to trustees are included. **In 2023, the amount reimbursed was** £368 to 2 trustees. (2022: £782 to 2 trustees)

Donations received without conditions from Trustees during the year were £180 (2022: £180).

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