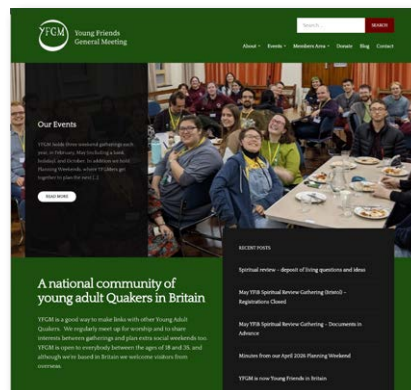




## (General Meeting of) Young Friends in Britain (YFiB)

Young Friends General Meeting (YFGM) has changed its name to General Meeting of Young Friends in Britain. The formal change will take some time and changes to the website will happen over the next few months. You can read about the change on their website where they say:

“At our last gathering in February at Friargate Meeting House in York, we changed our name from Young Friends General Meeting to (General Meeting of) Young Friends in Britain. All the minutes from the weekend can be read here, <https://yfgm.quaker.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/February-York.pdf>”



You can find out more about YFiB and their events and activities on their website, <https://yfgm.quaker.org.uk>.

## Quaker Service Opportunities – Call for offers of service

Our nominating committees and groups want to hear about people with gifts and skills to bring to central service for Quakers in Britain. We have around 30 committees working on a wide range of activities and projects. This [film with Friends talking about Quaker service](#) gives you a flavour of how rewarding this can be.

The best way to let us know you are interested is by submitting a Quaker Service Information Form (QSIF), available here, [www.quaker.org.uk/service-opportunities](http://www.quaker.org.uk/service-opportunities).

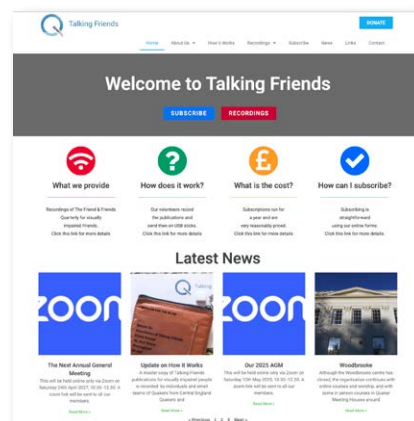


## Talking Friends

Since 1988, [Talking Friends](#), has circulated recordings of Quaker publications to visually impaired Friends and attenders in Britain Yearly Meeting. Volunteers record Quaker publications each week or as they are produced and they are distributed to people who subscribe to the service.

If you would like to find out about Talking Friends for someone from your Quaker community please visit the website, [www.talkingfriends.org.uk](http://www.talkingfriends.org.uk).

There is also a [Talking Friends Information Poster](#) that can be displayed or sent by email.



## Events

# Yearly Meeting 2026

### Yearly Meeting 18 July 2026

The next Yearly Meeting session is taking place on Saturday 18 July at Kings House, Manchester and online.

Please encourage all Friends in your meeting to think about attending, whether online or in Manchester.

Bookings are open now ([www.quaker.org.uk/ym/bookings](http://www.quaker.org.uk/ym/bookings)). Adults who registered for the May session can add the July session to their schedule on Sched (more information on how to do this is on the bookings page). Anyone who doesn't have Sched can fill in a new registration form. For adults, bookings close on 10 July (onsite bookings may close earlier if capacity is reached). For children and young people, bookings close on 29 June and a new registration form is required.

You can find out more about the plans for the session in this article [Welcome to Yearly Meeting 18 July 2026](#) on the Quakers in Britain website, which was recently published in our Hope So! newsletter. Subscribe here to make sure you are always up to date with YM information: <https://mailchi.mp/quaker/hope-so>



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### Engaging with Yearly Meeting

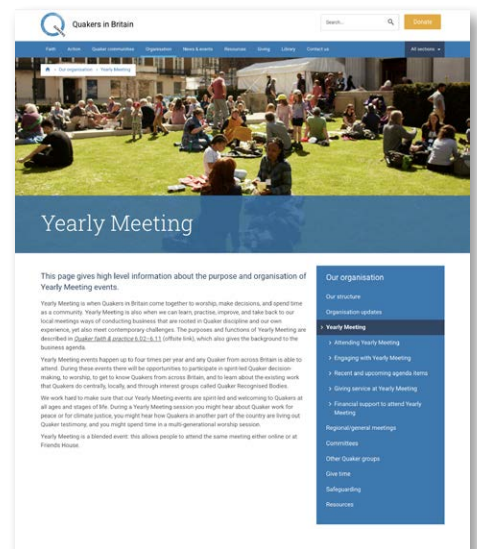
We have updated our website so you can more easily find key information about how Yearly Meeting works.

Visit the Yearly Meeting information page of the Quakers in Britain website at [www.quaker.org.uk/about-ym](http://www.quaker.org.uk/about-ym), and use the menu on the right to find out more about different aspects.

[Engaging with Yearly Meeting](#) on the Quakers in Britain website has information about appointing Yearly Meeting representatives and about sending minutes to Yearly Meeting, including a copy of the Recording Clerk's recent letter to Area Meeting clerks.

Thank you to all those Area Meetings who have told us that they have appointed a YM representative. If you haven't been able to do that yet, please let us know by 30 June.

See you in Manchester or online on 18 July!



## Faith in Action events and support available

The Faith in Action Team at Quakers in Britain are there to support local, Quaker groups and individuals to take inclusive, spirit-led and effective witness for peace, climate justice, sanctuary or other issues close to your heart. For more information visit, [www.quaker.org.uk/support-for-action](http://www.quaker.org.uk/support-for-action).

One group currently receiving accompaniment is the **Quaker Silent Walking Vigil for Peace**, set to take place in Central London and other locations around the country on Saturday, 19 September. Please visit the website at <https://quakervigilforpeace.org> to sign-up to attend the walking vigil for peace and [download and print this poster](#) and share about the vigil in your newsletters and notices.



Michael Preston for Quakers in Britain

The hope is that as many Quakers as possible will hear the call to attend in person in London. However, if you would like to [hold your own vigil](#) in your local area there is support available.

Please let us know if you plan to hold a parallel vigil, share photos and stories, see our [resources page](#) or order some physical copies of our [peace postcards](#) to hand out to passersby through the online form at <https://forms.quaker.org.uk/qpsw-resource-order-form>.

## Youth, Children and Families

### Children and Young People at Yearly Meeting

#### Saturday 18 July in Manchester

Children and Young People's Programmes at Yearly Meeting 2026 are joyful and nurturing spaces for children aged 0-18 to explore faith, friendship, and fun together.

The programmes will run alongside Yearly Meeting in Manchester, offering children and young people their own dedicated sessions while staying connected to the wider Quaker community. They will have opportunities to share what they've learned, take part in age-appropriate activities, and feel included as valued members of our spiritual family. Experienced facilitators create a safe, welcoming environment where every young person can feel heard and supported.

Teens will have the opportunity to join Yearly Meeting sessions at the depth and pace that suits them, or join with their peers in a supportive, welcoming community doing theme related activities and games.

Places are limited and offered on a first come, first served basis. The deadline for bookings is Monday 29 June 2026.

Book using this link, <https://ycf.quaker.org.uk/2026-ycfym-manchester>.



## Training and Learning from Woodbrooke Learning



### Britain Yearly Meeting: What's Changing and Why

*Tuesday 23 June, Monday 29 June & Wednesday 1 July, 19:00-21:00*

As Britain Yearly Meeting moves to continuing Yearly Meeting sessions, the way we gather to make decisions together is changing. This online Woodbrooke session, with Quakers in Britain, explores what this will mean in practice.

Explore the full programme at, [www.woodbrooke.org.uk/BYMChanges](http://www.woodbrooke.org.uk/BYMChanges)



### Sunday Sessions

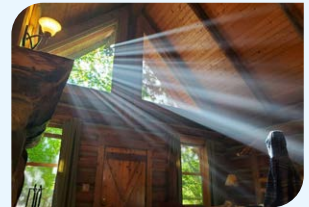
In a new kind of session for Woodbrooke, we are inviting whole meetings to gather after Meeting for Worship, share time together, and join other meetings live online for a shared exploration of faith, practice and community.

Upcoming sessions explore:

- Quaker Ministry, 14 June
- Radical Welcome, 26 July
- Talking Confidently About Our Quaker Faith, 18 October
- Meeting for Worship for Business, 1 November

Suggested discussion questions will be provided to support self-led conversation within your meeting after the session.

Find out more: [www.woodbrooke.org.uk/SundaySessions](http://www.woodbrooke.org.uk/SundaySessions)



### Essentials of Quaker Eldership

*Second Monday of the Month*

Being a Quaker elder can be inspiring but also challenging. This monthly online space is run in partnership by Woodbrooke and Quaker Life for people with eldership responsibilities to come together, reflect and learn how to serve effectively in their Quaker communities.

Find out more: [www.woodbrooke.org.uk/EldershipEssentials](http://www.woodbrooke.org.uk/EldershipEssentials)



## Welcoming Difference: Neurodiversity

*Tuesday 8 September - Tuesday 22 September*

What does it mean to be truly welcoming when people experience the world, faith, and community differently? This online Woodbrooke course opens a thoughtful, honest conversation about neurodiversity and the Society of Friends, exploring how outdated stereotypes, hidden assumptions and meeting practices can shape who feels included and who does not.

Find out more: [www.woodbrooke.org.uk/courses/welcoming-difference-neurodiversity](http://www.woodbrooke.org.uk/courses/welcoming-difference-neurodiversity)



## Grants

### Project grants available

Quakers in Britain has some project grants that you may be interested in finding out about and applying for.

- A small number of Simmons grants in the region of £1,000 to £1,500 are made annually to projects that work to enable rural young people overseas to live self-sufficiently.
- QPSW Relief grants up to £6,000 a year for 1-3 years are available for projects relieving the suffering of those affected by natural disasters, climate change, war or conflict.

The closing date is 31 July. Please see, [www.quaker.org.uk/project-grants](http://www.quaker.org.uk/project-grants), for more details and an application form.

### Faith in Action grants – applications open for a new grant scheme

Faith in Action Grants are small pots of money for groups and individuals doing Quaker related work, activities and events that aim to have a positive impact for social change.

Applications for between £200 and £2,000 will be considered.

Faith in Action coordinators can support you with your application. We will be alongside you, connecting you to like-minded people and projects and supporting you to take more confident, effective and spiritually grounded action.

If a small amount of money could make a big difference to your action, apply now! Applications are open from the start of May to the end of July.

Download the [Faith in Action Grants Poster](#) to display.

For more information and how to apply visit, [www.quaker.org.uk/qpsw-grants](http://www.quaker.org.uk/qpsw-grants).



## Hope Grants

These are small grants to improve the quality of life of Quaker members and attenders who are unemployed or unable to make a living wage. Friends in financial need can apply for a grant of up to £750 towards items or activities that will improve their quality of life. More information and the application form are available from our website: [www.quaker.org.uk/hopegrants](http://www.quaker.org.uk/hopegrants).

## Pastoral Care Grants

These grants supplement funds available to pastoral care role-holders locally and can be used in situations of hardship and suffering through old age, or to support women Friends in need. Please contact the Grants Programme Officer ([grants@quaker.org.uk](mailto:grants@quaker.org.uk) 020 7663 1053) for further information and an application form.