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Information on how to access the resources and support available to those working with or responsible for children and young people.



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Find out more and connect with us

Find out more – You can find out more about all of Britain Yearly Meeting's work by reading the Trustees' annual report. Copies are sent to every meeting in April or visit www.quaker.org.uk/annualreport. *Quaker News* is a free magazine about the work of Britain Yearly Meeting. It is distributed via local meetings. You can also subscribe by email, access electronic back issues and read it online at www.quaker.org.uk/qn.

Connect with us – Contact details for specific areas of work are provided throughout the Directory of Services. The general contact details for Friends House are:

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London NW1 2BJ
www.quaker.org.uk
Email: enquiries@quaker.org.uk
Switchboard: 020 7663 1000.

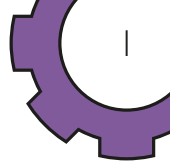
Quaker Centre Bookshop

You can order books, book boxes, resources and posters from the Quaker Centre Bookshop at Friends House, London.

Quaker Centre Bookshop, Friends House, 173 Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ

www.quaker.org.uk/shop
quakercentre@quaker.org.uk
020 7663 1030/1031.

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Introduction

“Rejoice in the presence of children and young people in your meeting and recognise the gifts they bring. Remember that the meeting as a whole shares a responsibility for every child in its care. Seek for them as for yourself a full development of God’s gifts and the abundant life Jesus tells us can be ours. How do you share your deepest beliefs with them, while leaving them free to develop as the spirit of God may lead them? Do you invite them to share their insights with you? Are you ready both to learn from them and to accept your responsibilities towards them?”

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Children and young people are a valued part of Quaker communities. We foster their engagement and spiritual development at local meetings and regional and national events.

Resources

The following printed or electronic materials support those who work with or are responsible for children and young people.

Godly Play resources

A number of Godly Play storytelling sets are available to loan. They may be borrowed by people in meetings who have attended a ‘Storytelling as theological reflection’ workshop delivered by the CYP team or Godly Play training delivered by another faith or church. Visit www.quaker.org.uk/cyp-all-ages for details of the sets on offer.

Policies and procedures

The policies, procedures and guidance that determine our practice for work with children and young people in a Quaker setting are available online at www.quaker.org.uk/cyp-policies-procedures. These can be adapted for use in other settings.

Resources and support for children and young people’s work catalogue

This catalogue sets out the free resources that are available, the training that can be accessed by individuals or meetings, the

support that exists for those working with children and young people, and the range of events that take place for children and young people. It is available online at www.quaker.org.uk/cyp-dos, or you can request a printed copy from our Children & Young People's Work Administrator (see the 'Key contacts' section below for how to get in touch).



Resources for working with all ages:

- **'Connecting as a community'** – a set of activities to develop community in meetings, with a focus on linking with 12- to 18-year-olds.
- **'Spring into all-age worship'** – a resource pack with guidance on organising all-age worship.

These resources are freely available from our Children & Young People's Work Administrator. Alternatively, you can download them from www.quaker.org.uk/cyp-all-ages.

Resources for working with children aged up to 12

- **'Being ready for children in your Quaker meeting'** – a guide to being ready for children in meetings where children do not currently attend.
- **'Building our children's meeting for worship: How do we do it?'** – an exploration of, and suggestions for, a children's meeting for worship.
- **'Journeys in the Spirit for 0- to 4-year-olds'** – a simple guide to being with children up to 4 years old in a Quaker setting.
- **'Journeys in the Spirit: Children's work edition'** – a monthly resource for engaging with children aged 5 to 12 years.



- **‘Quaker meeting and me’** – an illustrated booklet to help young children find a way into Quaker worship.
- **‘What about children in our meeting?’** – a resource with worksheets to help a meeting plan its provision for children.

All resources listed above are freely available from our Children & Young People’s Work Administrator. Alternatively, you can download them from www.quaker.org.uk/cyp-children. ‘Journeys in the Spirit: Children’s work edition’ is available free through subscription at www.quaker.org.uk/journeyschildren.

Resources for working with young people aged 12 to 18:

- **‘Be the Change’** – introducing ways young people can take action on issues such as nuclear disarmament, inequality and sustainability.
- **‘Journeys in the Spirit: Youth work edition’** – ideas and resources for working with 12- to 18-year-olds.
- **‘Living as a Quaker’** – a six-session programme to support young people in exploring their Quaker identity.
- **‘Quakers: a guide for young people’** – a leaflet introducing the Quaker way, written in a style suitable for teenagers.
- **‘Quaker youth work handbook’** – covers everything you need to know when working with young Quakers.
- **‘Relationships, sex and sexuality’** – material to help meetings, link groups and events to engage with this topic.
- **‘Sharing our journeys’** – an activity pack to enable young people and adults to explore their spirituality in a Quaker context.
- **‘Spiritual development’** – a booklet exploring how our understanding of spiritual development affects our work with young people.

- **'Ways to connect'** – a set of eight cards to develop the way we think about young people in Quaker meetings.

All these resources are freely available from our Children & Young People's Work Administrator. Some of them can be downloaded from www.quaker.org.uk/cyp-youth. 'Journeys in the Spirit: Youth work edition' is available free through subscription at www.quaker.org.uk/journeysyouth.

Schools journeys

This is a practical guide to forging links with local schools, and is freely available from our Children & Young People's Work Administrator. Alternatively, you can download it at www.quaker.org.uk/cyp-teachers.

Young Quaker calendar

This is a poster-sized calendar of events for young Quakers, and is freely available from our Children & Young People's Work Administrator.



YQ space

This is a website aimed specifically at Quakers aged 12 to 18. Visit www.yqspace.org.uk.

Support

Children & Young People's Work staff team

The staff team can offer advice and support. Our Children & Young People's Work Administrator will field your enquiry as appropriate (see the 'Key contacts' section below for how to get in touch).

Children & Young People's Work cluster

This Quaker Life Network cluster provides training and advice for local and regional meetings in their engagement with children and young people. Staff support is provided by the Children and Young People's Officer: email cypadmin@quaker.org.uk or phone 020 7663 1160. To join the Quaker Life Network, visit www.quaker.org.uk/qlnetwork or contact the Quaker Life Network Development Officer at qlnetwork@quaker.org.uk or on 020 7663 1007.

Godly Play cluster

This cluster shares with meetings the opportunity to use storytelling as a means of theological reflection. It advocates this approach to engage children and young people with Bible and Quaker-specific stories. Staff support for this cluster is provided by the Children's Work Officer: email cypadmin@quaker.org.uk. See above for details on how to join the Quaker Life Network.

Quaker Youth Group Affiliation Scheme

This is a scheme to value and support groups that are working with young Quakers aged 11 to 18. To find out more, visit www.quaker.org.uk/young-quakers or contact our Children & Young People's Work Administrator.

Quaker Youth Work Recognition Scheme

This scheme is intended to support young people working at Quaker events, enabling them to identify how their skills have developed as a result of their participation on the event team. To find out more, contact our Children & Young People's Work Administrator.

Young People's Participation Network

This network is for young people aged 13 to 18. It promotes opportunities and information from within Britain Yearly Meeting and beyond, including campaigns, consultations, volunteering and training. To find out more, visit www.quaker.org.uk/young-quakers or contact our Children & Young People's Work Administrator.

Training and events

Bespoke day/consultation visit

Bespoke days or consultation visits are available to meetings that wish to explore a particular area of concern in its work with children and young people. To find out more, contact our Children & Young People's Work Administrator or visit www.quaker.org.uk/workshops.

Events for children and young people

To find out more, visit www.quaker.org.uk/young-quakers or contact our Children & Young People's Work Administrator. The following events take place every year:

- **Children's Programme (at Yearly Meeting/Yearly Meeting Gathering);**
- **Junior Yearly Meeting;**
- **Young People's Programme (at Yearly Meeting/Yearly Meeting Gathering);**
- **Participation day for young people alongside Meeting for Sufferings.**

Other events (such as 'Living as a Quaker', 'Exploring worship', 'Quaker Pilgrimage' and the 'Family Day') take place on a three-year cycle.



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Facilitation and leadership weekend

This is an annual training weekend aimed at young people who have an interest in working as a facilitator and leading a group. It is provided by Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre in partnership with Britain Yearly Meeting.

A wide range of events is available for different age groups, as well as all-age events and regional events. To check the current options,

visit www.quaker.org.uk/cyp-events or contact our Children & Young People's Work Administrator.

Quaker youth work conference

This is an annual conference aimed at those who engage with Quaker young people aged 11 and over. The day-long event gives participants the opportunity to discuss issues of common concern, as well as to network and learn from one another. To find out

more, visit www.quaker.org.uk/cyp-conferences or contact our Children & Young People's Work Administrator.

Workshops

Meetings can request workshops on the topics listed below. The host meeting needs to provide a suitable venue, supply refreshments and guarantee at least six participants. There is a small charge per person (£5 at time of going to press), which is payable on the day. Example workshop topics include:

- **All-age worship;**
- **Being ready for children in your meeting;**
- **Building relationships in children's meetings** – nurture and discipline;
- **Storytelling as theological reflection** – exploring Godly Play;
- **Working with small numbers and a wide age range.**

To find out more, contact our Children & Young People's Work Administrator or visit www.quaker.org.uk/workshops.

Key contacts

- **Children & Young People's Work Staff Team**
Children & Young People's Work Administrator:
cypadmin@quaker.org.uk; 020 7663 1013
- **Britain Yearly Meeting Safeguarding Officer:**
safe@quaker.org.uk; 020 7663 1023.
- **Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre**
Woodbrooke is a major provider of learning for Quakers in Britain and Europe from its site in Birmingham, via its travelling teaching service and through online courses and learning materials. Visit www.woodbrooke.org.uk, email enquiries@woodbrooke.org.uk or phone 0121 472 5171.

Other organisations

- **Godly Play:** www.godlyplay.org.uk.
- **Leaveners:** www.leaveners.org; enquiries@leaveners.org; 0121 414 0099.
- **Link groups**
Many local or regional groups offer meetings and events for children and young people. Dates and contact details are published annually in the Young Quaker calendar, which is available for free from our Children & Young People's Work Administrator.
- **Organisations hosting summer events for Quaker children and young people**
A number of Quaker organisations offer summer events for children and young people. Dates and contact details are published annually in the Young Quaker calendar, which is available from our Children & Young People's Work Administrator.
- **Young Friends General Meeting (YFGM)**
YFGM is the national organisation for young adult Quakers in Britain. It holds three general meetings each year, which take place at Quaker meeting houses around the country in February, May and October.
www.yfgm.quaker.org.uk; yfgm@quaker.org.uk; 020 7663 1050.

Supporting information

Safeguarding – Safeguarding is protecting children, young people and vulnerable adults from harm. For more information visit www.quaker.org.uk/safeguarding. Here you will find a link to Meeting safety, which outlines the responsibilities for Quaker meetings in Britain. We recommend that area meetings join the Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service. Visit www.ccpas.co.uk or email info@ccpas.co.uk.

For general safeguarding advice, as well as Quaker advice on how specific safeguarding matters may affect the pastoral needs of individuals and the meeting community, contact our Safeguarding Coordinator at safe@quaker.org.uk or on 020 7663 1023.

General issues relating to a Quaker meeting

– If you have concerns about issues in your Quaker meeting that you would like to talk over, contact our Support for Meetings Officer at supportmeetings@quaker.org.uk or on 020 7663 1023. Alternatively, contact the Recording Clerk's Office at recordingclerk@quaker.org.uk or on 020 7663 1161.

Information updates – Please keep us informed of changes to the key role-holders in your local and area meetings: clerk, treasurer, safeguarding coordinator, registering officer, clerk of (area meeting) trustees. To let us know of any such changes please contact our Database Administrator at updates@quaker.org.uk or on 020 7663 1119.

Data safety – Quaker meetings in Britain need to store information on their members and attenders in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998, which protects individuals from the unauthorised use of their personal information. Friends House Data Safety Group can offer meetings general advice on data safety. For more information visit www.quaker.org.uk/data-safety. Here you will find a link to Data Safety and Information Security, which offers guidance to meetings. You can also contact our Data Safety Officer at datasafety@quaker.org.uk or on 020 7663 1161.

Complaints and feedback

– Britain Yearly Meeting's complaints and feedback procedure enables anyone to let us know about problems or to give feedback on service received from staff at Friends House. To find out more visit www.quaker.org.uk/contact-us. Complaints can be made in writing to the Recording Clerk's Office at Friends House. Alternatively, email feedback@quaker.org.uk or phone 020 7663 1161.

Quaker faith & practice – *Quaker faith & practice* is the book of Christian discipline of Quakers in Britain. It expresses the breadth of Quaker theology through the experience of Friends and describes our corporate structures. Copies can be purchased from the Quaker Centre Bookshop. It is also available at <http://qfp.quaker.org.uk>.

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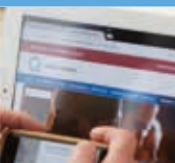
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Information on how to access the resources, support and advice available from the Library at Friends House.



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