

Britain Yearly Meeting Children and Young People's Work



Event & Activity Management Policy Procedures & Guidance 14

This policy applies to all Britain Yearly Meeting centrally managed work with children and young people (see <http://www.quaker.org.uk/event-and-activity-management>)

This policy is to be displayed at events

Guidance on Smoking at events for children and young people

Introduction

All Britain Yearly Meeting events for Children and Young People will have guidance relating to smoking which reflects legislation, health education advice and Quaker guidance regarding the use of habit forming drugs (Advices & Queries 40). Event smoking guidelines will aim to

- Protect non-smokers from passive smoking and from being encouraged or pressured to start smoking.
- Prevent non-smokers being offered cigarettes.
- Provide appropriate support and information for those who want to give up smoking.
- Provide appropriate smoking areas for those addicted to smoking.
- Smoking refers to both e-cigs as well as cigarettes.

Guidance for events

- Where venues are non-smoking (i.e. outside areas are non-smoking) then the event will be non-smoking.
- Smoking will only be allowed at events that are for those aged 15 and over.
- Where 15 to 18s and under 15s are sharing residential space or meeting space smoking will not be allowed in surrounding outside areas.
- There will be a designated smoking area for those that feel they require it – smoking is not permitted elsewhere at the venue.
- Smoking areas should be safe but away from social areas and, as far as practicable, away from doorways, paths and gathering spaces.
- If there are any e-cig smokers, a burns kit should be part of the first aid provision at the event.
- Smokers will be responsible for keeping any smoking area tidy, including disposing of cigarette butts.
- Smoking areas are for the use of smokers to smoke there should be a principle of 'smoke and go'.
- Smoking should only be allowed during free time or scheduled break.

Boundaries

- Event boundaries should reflect these guidelines and not adhering to the guidelines will constitute the breaking of a boundary and result in appropriate consequences.
- Friends House is a completely No Smoking Building. This includes the courtyard, first floor open terraces and the entrances to Friends House. If participants wish to smoke at Friends House they should do so in the Garden.