**Quaker Life Representative Council (QLRC)**

**What is a Quaker Life Representative?**

Your area meeting appoints Quaker Life Representatives, usually for three years at a time. Area meetings can also choose a backup person (often called a deputy). You can find the official details about this role in [Quaker faith & practice Chapter 8.09 - 10](https://qfp.quaker.org.uk/passage/8-09/)

As a Representative, you act as a communication link between your local and area meetings and the wider Quaker community. You gather information to share with other Representatives and then bring back what you learn to your own meetings.

**What kind of person makes a good Representative?**

Active in their Quaker community: They should be actively involved in being a Quaker in their local community or meeting. They don't necessarily need to be heavily involved in area meeting business, but they should be engaged with Quaker faith and practice.

Good communicator: They need to be confident and enthusiastic about sharing information. Most importantly, they should genuinely care about what happens to Quakers and have a real interest in the role.

Positive attitude: Representatives should bring positivity and energy to the role.

Keen to connect: They should be interested in linking up with other Quakers locally and through networks like Local Development Workers.

Interested in the bigger picture: As Quaker Life develops its strategy, Representatives serve as an important connection between centrally managed work and local Quaker communities.

**Other opportunities**

Being a Representative can also open other opportunities. Committing to being a Quaker Life Representative means you are well placed to speak up for Quakers in your area meeting and to increase your understanding and promote the work of Quaker Life.

As a Quaker Life Representative during 2026, there may be opportunities to link with continuing Yearly Meeting and, into 2027, support to the Book of Discipline Revision process.

**Gathering information to share**

**How to collect information:**

* Talk to people at local and area meetings
* Check meeting websites and email groups
* Read newsletters and meeting minutes
* Make announcements at area and local meetings

**What to share:** Look for interesting news, events, developments, or challenges happening in your Quaker communities. Share the most relevant and engaging information with other Representatives at QLRC sessions. This helps everyone learn from each other and makes the discussions more meaningful.

**Reporting back after QLRC sessions**

After attending QLRC meetings, you need to share what you learned with your local and area meetings.

**Ways to report back:**

* Speak at area meetings
* Post updates on websites or email groups
* Write articles for newsletters
* Send reports to local meetings
* Facilitate workshops or visit local meetings
* Lead special interest groups

**What you'll receive to help:** Within a couple of weeks after each Representatives session, you'll get a follow-up pack with copies of talks, Quaker Life news, and other information from the meeting. During the session itself, you may receive handouts.

**Top tip for reporting back:** Focus on what you personally found most interesting or relevant. Even though this gives a selective view of what happened, you'll communicate it much better because you're genuinely engaged with the content.