

February 2022

## Yearly Meeting 2022



Dear Friends,

Yearly Meeting 2022 will take place during the weekend of 27–30 May. This will be a blended event, meaning some Friends will participate online, while others will be physically present at Friends House in London. We all need to approach this new style of event with care, patience and compassion.

**The Headlines:** We will focus on ‘Faith, Community and Action.’ As in 2021, Yearly Meeting Agenda Committee plans to deliver preparatory events online in the run up to the Yearly Meeting itself. This will begin with a welcome session on Saturday 21 May. Theme-related preparation sessions will then be held in the evenings of 24, 25 and 26 May.

Last year this helped Friends to approach our meetings for worship for business with hearts and minds prepared. It will also mean the agenda for the Yearly Meeting weekend is not overly full.

The final Yearly Meeting agenda is like a fully baked and decorated cake, and at the moment, YMAC is mixing the dough. So, while I can share a list of ingredients, I don’t yet know how it will turn out. At YMAC’s last meeting the committee considered the following questions:

**Faith:** How do we experience worship, community and witness?

**Community:** How can we build Quaker communities that respond to challenges and put faith into action?

**Action:** How can we transform thinking and action in Quaker communities and wider society?

**Youth, Children and Families:** For children and young people there will be programmes suitable for different ages. All will engage with the themes of Yearly Meeting. Places will be first come, first served and should be booked in advance. Full information can be found at [www.quaker.org.uk/ym](http://www.quaker.org.uk/ym).

The Children’s Programme is for 0–11-year-olds. Parents/guardians will be able to book children onto this by session.

The Young People's Programme is a residential event for 11–15-year-olds. Parents/guardians will need to book their child/ward onto the full weekend.

The Accompanying Programme is for 15–18-year-olds, a non-residential opportunity to attend Yearly Meeting, with some social activities alongside.

Agenda Committee is planning a huge meeting for 'All Together Worship' on the morning of Sunday 29 May. We hope this might be the largest Quaker meeting for worship to happen anywhere, ever. All Friends are warmly invited to join this celebration of our spiritual community, which will take place in many locations, linked by technology and by our loving hearts.

Registration for Yearly Meeting 2022 opens for all Friends on 10 February at [www.quaker.org.uk/ym](http://www.quaker.org.uk/ym). It is essential to book your place, whether you plan to attend in person, or join online.

Friends, let us do all we can to provide a warm welcome to each other, as we gather together in the spirit of worship.

In Friendship,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Siobhán Haire". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Siobhán Haire

Yearly Meeting Clerk (nominate)