

YOUNG FRIENDS GENERAL MEETING

Of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)
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Croydon Friends Meeting House 19th – 21st February 2010

Name _____

Primary (most reliable) Addresses	Secondary address
Phone	Phone
Email	Email

YFGM's database is covered by the Data Protection Act. For details, please contact the YFGM Office.

Please tick if

- a. If your address has changed since the last YFGM
- b. You do not want your address to appear to the YFGM address list (accessible by YFGMers)
- c. You do not want your address to be held on the database (accessible to our employee)

Would you prefer to receive documents in advance by: Email / Post

Will this be your first time at a YFGM weekend? Yes / No

Are you attending on behalf of an Area Meeting? Yes / No

If yes, which Area Meeting

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At the Weekend

All food will be **vegetarian**, do you have any additional dietary requirements?
If they have changed since last YFGM you attended please also mention this.

If you are interested in running a Special Interest Group, please put details below, and specify the best time and method for someone to contact you about it.

Would you be willing to be a small group coordinator? Yes/No

Accessibility

Will you be comfortable sleeping on the floor at the Meeting House? Yes / No
Do you require off floor accommodation? Yes / No
Do you need documents in another format? Yes /No

Please circle as appropriate

Large Print Yellow Paper Pink Paper Light Blue Paper

Will you be bringing a carer / personal assistant? Yes / No
If yes, please complete separate form for them.

Do you have any other accessibility needs?
Please provide details

Would you like someone to contact you regarding your accessibility needs? If, so please state the best way and most appropriate time to contact you.

Phone / Email	AM / PM	Weekday / Weekend
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Medical Requirements

Any information you provide is confidential to the Overseers and the YFGM Coordinator. You are not required to provide this information but in case of an emergency it will be useful.

Do you have any medical condition that Overseers should know about in case of emergency?

Children

If you would like to bring children to YFGM, please contact the Office as soon as possible. YFGM is currently in the process of reviewing its childcare policies.

Cost of YFGM

It currently costs about £25 a head to run a YFGM weekend. Rather than ask everyone to pay this amount, we ask people to contribute what they can afford. We ask that Friends who eat or sleep at the Meeting House make a donation towards food and accommodation by giving at least £10. Since some Young Friends can afford more than others, we suggest the following guidelines to contributions, but basically, how much you contribute to the cost of the weekend is up to you.

Your income after housing costs (per month) weekend	Contribution for the
Less than £250	£10
£250-£500	£11-£45
£500-£1,000	£46-£89
More than £1,000	£90+

You can pay in advance by sending a cheque payable to “Young Friends General Meeting” to the office or you can pay at the event by cash or cheque.

I confirm that I am 18 or over and take the responsibility for myself and belongings whilst at YFGM (please sign below)

Essential Information

The Meeting House

Friends Meeting House
60 Park Lane
Croydon
Surrey CR0 1JE

Traveling to the meeting house is reasonable easy by train, and car.

Coming by Train:

The best station to go to is East Croydon, which is 1/2 mile away from the meeting house.

East Croydon from London Victoria or Kings Cross Thameslink, also trains from Sussex coast and some Virgin trains from Reading, Oxford and Birmingham.

Foot: FMH south-west corner of Fairfield Halls roundabout, by the start of the Croydon flyover. Entry to car park (opposite police station) only from northbound carriageway of Park Lane.

Coming by Car:

You can only enter the car park (opposite police station) from the northbound carriageway of Park Lane (travelling into Croydon, not out of it).

From northern end of M23 (M25 Junction 7) take A23 and then A235 to Croydon, after 4-5 miles there is a section of road with a bus lane. From there follow signs to Addington & then Fairfield Hall, turn right at lights into Coombe Road just before the 1st High rise tower block. The Meeting House can only be approached from Park Lane going North.

Meeting House Access

The meeting house has full wheelchair access, accessible toilet, and a hearing loop.

Local shops

There are all the normal shops in the surrounding area, as the meeting house is a short walk away from a busy shopping area.

Arriving

YFGM begins Friday nights from 6pm, with dinner served around 7.30pm and the welcome session from 8.30pm / 9pm.

YFGM finishes after lunch on Sunday.

Sleeping Arrangements

Sleeping is on the floor at the Meeting House. There is an:

- Early room (lights off at 12, mixed sex)
- Women's room (lights off at 1am)
- Men's room (lights off at 1am)
- Late room (lights off at 2am, mixed sex)

Accommodation is on the **floor** and there are usually no showers. Please remember to bring your own sleeping bag and whatever you need to be as comfortable as possible on the floor.

If you need off floor accommodation and need us to organise this for you then please notify on the form that you would like someone to contact you. Off floor accommodation is found with at the homes of Friends or with B&B. Please contact Hugo in the YFGM Office as soon as possible (Telephone: 0121 472 1998 or E-mail yfgm@quaker.org.uk) for details of alternative accommodation.

You can find some Bed and Breakfast accommodation from the below links:

<http://www.bedandbreakfasts.co.uk/propertysearch.asp?townCity=Brighton>

Hassle Free Room

At all times during the weekend a 'hassle free' room is available if you need some space, some time out – then this room is available and you will not be hassled. If you do need someone to talk to then Overseers are available and will be easily identified by an **O** on their name badge.

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

Special Interest Groups are hour long activities offered by YFGMers. These can include Flamenco dancing, discussion on current affairs, knitting circles, board games, walks, gardening. They cater for small groups from 2 – 15. If you are interested in organising one there is space on the form to give a brief description.

Small groups

YFGM is a community of equals, and so everyone gets involved to help with cooking, cleaning, and all the other small tasks that are vital to a large group of people spending time happily together. Each group is assigned a coordinator, who is responsible for making sure that everyone within the group knows where to go, and what will be involved in the up-coming task. If you are willing to volunteer for this role at this YFGM, there is a space to say so on the form.

Data Protection

The data collected here will be stored in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 by Young Friends General Meeting. Your data will be used to inform you of events organised by YFGM or other Quaker events which we think are of direct interest to you. Your data will not be shared with any other organisations, unless you have specifically given us your permission by selecting the appropriate privacy option above. We will contact you by your preferred option of email or letter. The other Quaker organisations we currently share information with include BYM Children & Young People's section, Quaker Life, Recording Clerk's Office, Parliamentary Liaison Section, European and Middle Eastern Young Friends (EMYF), Friends World Committee for Consultation (EMES & General Secretary), Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust, The Leaveners, Quaker Council for European Affairs, Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre.

Accessibility Fund

YFGM has an Accessibility Fund, specifically created to give financial assistance to those who need specific help when attending a YFGM. Therefore, please do not let financial concerns deter you from specifying anything we can do to make your time at YFGM easier.

YFGM bursaries

YFGM also has a generous bursary fund. Money should never be the reason that any Young Friend is unable to attend a YFGM event, so, if you are worried about how you will pay for your transport to the event, or your contribution once you arrive, please contact the Office to find out how we can help.

Contacts

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