

# Growing community?



Reaching out to... Connecting with... Being enriched by...

## Host an event, which:

- provides opportunities to come together, learn, reflect, practice and plan
- requires a suitable space and at least six participants (it will be made available wider than the hosting meeting)
- will typically run from 10.30–4pm on weekends (but could be a half day)
- costs £5 per participant (payable on the day).

## Request an opportunity to come together as a community focussing on one of the following aspects:

- considering how all can be welcome (this is a half day)
- thinking about worshipping all together
- experiencing storytelling (Godly Play and the Quaker Faith and Play)
- exploring Philosophy 4 Community.

These opportunities could be for all ages together (apart from Philosophy 4 Community, which is not suitable for the very young).

## Request a workshop for adults on one of a variety of topics relating to children or young people:

- being ready for children and families
- babies and toddlers in Quaker meeting
- building relationships with children
- working with small numbers across a wide age range
- exploring the spiritual with young people.

Hosting meetings might offer a childcare facility alongside the workshop, guidance is available for this.

## Who meets the requests?

These opportunities are offered by the Children and Young People's Work Training Team – a part of the Quaker Life Network – supported by the Children and Young People's Work staff in Friends House.

They are Friends with experience in children and young people's work; they are also skilled at facilitating groups of adults. They have a desire for Quakerism to be for people of all ages. Usually two members from this team would meet any request made.

> l gained a lot of information and guidance. It went a long way to dispel doubts and concerns.

l recognise that the adults need to change and be open to children in meeting. The actions we put in place have led to a noticeably more relaxed and expressive children's meeting. I gained a great deal of ideas and inspiration for the children we have, as well as for when they get older, plus a feeling that there is a groundswell of support.

### What happens next?

To take up one of these opportunities, make a request on the form below, or submit it online at www.quaker.org.uk/cyptraining.

Within two weeks of making a request, you will be contacted to confirm the date and to let you know the names of the Friends who will work with you. One of them will be in touch with you to take this forward.

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#### Making a request

Name	Meeting
Telephone Em	ail
We would like to request (please sta	ate topic):

Please state three potential dates for this to happen, avoiding clashes with other local/area Quaker events. Dates should be at least three months in the future, to enable arrangements to be made.

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