

Role Description

AM Rapid Response Group Member

General Context of Role

To be part of the Group (about six) responsible to AM for the handling of such external matters as public statements, responses and representations on AM's behalf when the matter is so urgent that it cannot wait for the next AM session. Individual members of the group may also be asked for advice in drafting public statements, representations and responses by LM's.

Experience and qualifications sought

- As statements and representations need to be firmly based on Quaker principles and testimonies familiarity with QFP is essential.
- Some knowledge of-the workings of government and/or other public bodies and some experience of writing to such bodies would be ideal.
- Discernment. Sound judgement. Fluency.

Main Role

To be rapidly available to participate in the decisions on drafting of statements or the making of representations to external bodies or public individuals or the media on behalf of AM.

This role has turned out to be called on no more than 1 or 2 times per annum but informal advice to LM's and individuals within LM's is sometimes sought more frequently.

Because of the need for rapid communications, no meetings are required as most of the work is done by telephone and email or post. Email whilst useful is not essential.

Rewards and Satisfactions

There is no material outlay or reward.

But there is the satisfaction that urgent matters that cannot wait until the next AM can be handled efficiently on behalf of AM and spiritually within the Quaker tradition. There is also satisfaction in helping LM's and others in the process of formulating their concerns.