

GLOUCESTERSHIRE AREA QUAKER MEETING ROLE DESCRIPTION

Children and young people's work advocate

The primary responsibility of this role is to promote and sustain opportunities for children and young people to have an inclusive and lively Quaker experience in our community, by maintaining a network of support for this work between Local, Area and Yearly Meetings.

Sometimes the role (originating in 2006) has been a shared one, with two co-advocates. It involves a varied time commitment across the year, averaging out at roughly 4 hours per month.

Experience and qualities needed

Experience with children and young people; a grounding in Quaker faith and practice at local and area levels and an openness to learning about and contributing to national Quaker CYP work. An up-to-date DBS check is essential.

The main responsibilities

These are:

1. keeping in touch with LMs (and CYP convenors where there is one), supporting the updating of their CYP lists and sharing information on events and training opportunities
2. promoting and helping to organise Link Weekends for young people (up to four a year)
3. Linking to AM Camp Policy and Liaison Committee
4. attending Area Meetings when CYP business arises
5. bringing nominations to AM for appointment as representatives to Junior Yearly Meeting (once a year)
6. working with LM and AM clerks to run all-age Local and Area Meetings
7. sharing information about local, regional and national Quaker opportunities for children and young people with AMs, families, young people, and LMs
8. liaising with AM safeguarding coordinators and elders with responsibility for children and young people, as appropriate

Support and learning

From time to time, when helpful, AM may seek to appoint a co-advocate in this role. The Children and Young People's section at Friends House (and the learning programme at Woodbrooke) provide training and workshops for which the Advocate is eligible to claim AM support. See: www.quaker.org.uk/children-and-young-people

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