

Invitation to apply to the Friends World Committee for Consultation
Young Adult Friends Development Fund
(Evolving from the Quaker Youth Pilgrimage)

The **Quaker Youth Pilgrimage** has been a powerful spiritual and community experience for Young Friends between the two longest standing Sections: the Section of the Americas and the Europe and Middle East Section. Friends often describe their experience as being pivotal in their lives as Quakers.

Supporting Young Friends has been a long and evolving process for over 100 years, and it continues to change to meet the needs of Young Adult Friends (YAFs), defined as ages 18 – 35. FWCC is keen to continue this tradition in a way that will serve many more Young Adult Friends, be available to and work across all four Sections, and be responsive to what YAFs identify as needed by their age group, within their contexts and across the world.

The principal aim of the development fund will be to strengthen Quaker identity by offering opportunities to explore Quaker roots, history and heritage in many contexts, and to enable Young Adult Friends to experience deep spiritual fellowship at international level, across different branches of the Quaker family, or across different variations of the same branch. It is hoped this will encourage the ever changing next generation of young adults.

The objectives of the programmes are:

1. Deepening the religious experience of participants by challenging them to engage outside their known Quaker environments and appreciating different Quaker cultures.
2. Training in Quaker processes and practice of taking on Quaker leadership roles – pastoral care, eldership, clerkship, etc.
3. Sustaining and building community, fostering authentic friendships among participants. Encouraging Young Adult Friends to organise events that give them time to bond.
4. Exploring theological differences that make up Quaker diversity. Encouraging engagement in formulating and articulating the evolving expression of Quaker faith for a new generation of Friends.
5. Encouraging participation in the leadership of the home meeting/church and strengthening the impact of Young Adult Friends' voices in their communities.

FWCC invites Sections, Young Adult Friends networks, and other Quaker bodies to bring forward proposals for events, projects or programmes that will fit the criteria and meet the objectives set out above. FWCC encourages flexibility and experimentation, and hopes that in time regular programmes may emerge that will become as well-established and memorable as traditional Quaker Youth Pilgrimages were in the past.

Requirements:

1. To apply you must submit a) the Application Form, b) a description of the project no more than 4 pages or 2000 words, and c) a budget.
2. FWCC only accepts applications from Quakers (organizations, members, or attenders) with a Letter of Endorsement from the yearly meeting (worship group in absence of a yearly meeting) or the Section.
3. Priority will be given to partnership proposals.
4. Proposals must include provision for language interpretation and cultural learning as needed.
5. At least 50% of costs must be met by participants with the support of yearly meetings, monthly meetings, or churches. Creative financing, including challenge grants or collaborations are encouraged.
6. Grants will be awarded in the amount of up to £7,000 GBP, and may be allocated in increments.
7. A budget must be provided.
8. Longer term projects will be expected to be self-supporting.
9. Where a programme is designed to serve a small number of Young Adult Friends (for example for intense leadership training) information will need to be provided about recruitment and selection criteria.
10. FWCC reserves the right to request reports in order to monitor progress. Please indicate who will be responsible for project financial accounting and reporting. This person will report to the FWCC Communications Manager.
11. Evaluations and reflections on the outcome of any event supported by FWCC will be made available **after** an event, project or programme has been completed.
12. As appropriate, FWCC would encourage some cross Section engagement.

The grants will be awarded by the YAF Development Fund Review Committee, comprised of 4 Section clerks (or a replacement or temporary person named by the Section Executive Committee) and the FWCC clerk (or a replacement or temporary person named by the Central Executive Committee).

Rolling applications in year one, until December 2019. 2020 onward:

Submission Dates: January 15 and July 15

Award Dates: March 15 and September 15

We welcome expressions of interest prior to your submitting a proposal. Help, support, and encouragement will be given to the development of proposals. For questions, please contact your Section clerk, Section contact person, or the World Office: Susanna Mattingly susannam@fwcc.world or call +44 20 7663 1196.

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