



Friends World Committee for Consultation

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Invitation to apply to the Friends World Committee for Consultation Young Adult Friends Development Fund

(Evolving from the Quaker Youth Pilgrimage)

The purpose of the Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) is to encourage fellowship and understanding among all the branches of the Religious Society of Friends. FWCC brings Friends together in multiple ways to celebrate God in our lives, to gather the Quaker voice and build networks to address issues of our time, and to unite us within our diversity.

It is for this reason that FWCC invites Sections, Young Adult Friends networks, and other Quaker bodies to bring forward proposals for events, projects, or programmes that support FWCC work to connect Quakers around the world.

We hope that the Young Adult Friends Development Fund (YAFDfund) will enable our Young Adult Friends to experience deep spiritual fellowship at international level, meet across different branches of the Quaker family, and/or learn about different variations of the same Quaker branch. It is our hope that this fund encourages the ever changing next generation of young adults to learn about, and understand the world family of Friends.

History of the Fund

The Fund has been created from Quaker Youth Pilgrimage monies. 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.

We hope the Young Adult Friends Development Fund will generate similarly powerful experiences of deep spiritual connection and encouragement for Young Adult Friends.

How to apply:

Submit the following by the deadline:

1. The application form (including a letter of endorsement from your Yearly Meeting),

2. A description of the project/programme (in no more than 4 pages, or 2000 words).
3. A budget (including how you will meet 50% of the costs).

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: world@fwcc.world.

Criteria of the YAFD Fund:

1. 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.
2. **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.
3. **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.
4. 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.
5. **Priority will be given to partnership proposals** - for example we highly encourage some cross Section engagement (between at least one of the four FWCC sections).
6. Proposals must include provision for **language interpretation and cultural learning as needed.**
7. Grants will be awarded in the amount of up to £7,000 GBP, and may be allocated in increments.
8. A budget **must** be provided.
9. Longer term projects will be expected to be self-supporting.
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.

Please be aware, the fund will *not* support:

- Any applications that do not meet our criteria (see above).
- Any applications that do not sympathise with our Quaker values.
- Any applications primarily for the purpose of solo or individual travel without linking to sharing knowledge back to our wider Quaker community.
- Any applications from Friends over the age of 35.

Next steps after submission of application

- Once the deadline for the application has passed, the applications will be reviewed 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) and awarded as seen fit.

Useful contacts:

Africa Section

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- Hezron Masitsa, Acting Section Secretary, masitsahc@gmail.com

Asia West Pacific Section (AWPS)

- Adrian Glamorgan, Section Secretary adrian@fwccawps.org
- Jonathan Fletcher - Clerk of Asia West Pacific Section of FWCC

Europe and Middle East Section (EMES)

- Michael Eccles, Section Secretary emes@fwccemes.org
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Section of the Americas (SOA)

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The FWCC World Office

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