

Being Friends Together

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Activity 2A: Mapping Quaker groupings

20 minutes

Card based response activity

You will need a set of cards prepared from Activity Sheet 1 and a map enlarged from Activity Sheet 2 (or use your own large UK map).

This activity involves matching statements taken from *Qf&p* Chapter 5 with specific Quaker groupings, as marked on a map of the UK.

1. Shuffle the cards and pick one at random.
2. Place the card on the map where you think it should go, making a pile of cards for each of the five Quaker groupings (some statements could apply to more than one grouping).
3. Repeat the process until you run out of cards.
4. Check any statements you were unsure about by looking at Chapter 5.

Was there anything you noticed in doing this activity, for example:

- anything surprising or new to you?
- ways that the statements on the cards reflect Quaker values, and not just administrative arrangements?

You might like to share your thoughts on these questions with someone from your meeting when you next chat over drinks after meeting for worship.

Activity 2B: A Quiz - Yearly Meeting's history and purpose

25 minutes

Reading + quiz

The quiz questions and answers are on Activity Sheet 3. Be careful not to look at the answers on pages 3 and 4 of the activity sheet by accident!

Read *Qf&p* 6.02, 6.03 and 6.09.

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Test your knowledge by doing a quiz about Yearly Meeting's history, purposes and functions. Answers from *Qf&p* sections 6.01 to 6.07 are given at the end of the activity sheet. (Alternatively, read sections 6.01 to 6.07 first, then do the quiz to see how much you remember!)

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You might like to try doing this quiz with Friends from your meeting for fun over coffee!

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Activity 2C: Researching how Yearly Meeting works 25 minutes

Reading + research + reflection

Read *Qf&p* 6.08 and 6.11. 5

Research one or more aspects of how Yearly Meeting works, in particular through its various committees. Select a research topic from those listed on Activity Sheet 4 and then find out about that topic from the relevant sections of *Qf&p*, noting down three to six key facts about it. 10

In what ways does this aspect of Yearly Meeting's workings: 10

- reflect your own experience or impressions of how YM works in practice?
- express Quaker values?

You might like to share some of your reflections with a friend. You could do this through a face to face conversation or you could do it online. See <http://qfp.quaker.org.uk/reading/news> for links to discussions.



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