

## Mapping Quaker groupings

### Instructions for card based response activity

In groups of four to six people, do an activity matching statements taken from *Quaker faith & practice* Chapter 5 with specific Quaker groupings, as marked on a map of the UK.

1. Shuffle the cards and deal them out.
2. Take it in turns to read one of your cards aloud and place it 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.

Stay in your small groups and share anything you notice, for example:

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

From the middle of the eighteenth century ... progressively became mixed

[It] has national responsibilities on behalf of Britain Yearly Meeting, to represent and advance the life and witness of Quakers.

facilitating contact between Friends of all ages

providing opportunities for training and mutual support for those with special responsibilities.

promoting spiritual life and witness

<p>acting on behalf of Britain Yearly Meeting in relation to [local] Churches Together ... and other church and faith groups</p>	<p>acting on behalf of Britain Yearly Meeting and of Friends ... in dealings with the Scottish Parliament</p>	<p>encouraging communication from Scottish area meetings on matters which in their judgement merit interchange of views</p>
<p>[discerning whether] testimonies to the life and service of deceased Friends... be forwarded to Yearly Meeting for the benefit of the Society as a whole</p>	<p>representing Scotland to Britain Yearly Meeting, liaising with yearly meeting committees and departments where appropriate</p>	<p>provide information and nominations or appointed representatives to Quaker and other bodies when required</p>
<p>may communicate by minute with Yearly Meeting through its agenda committee and Meeting for Sufferings, as well as with area meetings</p>	<p>The meeting consists of all Friends who live in Wales or who are members in local meetings within Wales</p>	<p>It consists of all Friends in membership of the Scottish area meetings, and meets at least quarterly</p>

<p>responding to issues which relate to living in a bilingual society, including outreach ... and commissioning, translating and publishing Quaker material</p>	<p>associations of area meetings which broaden Quaker fellowship beyond the local meetings</p>	<p>provide for conference and inspiration</p>
<p>fostering spiritual support, learning and friendship</p>	<p>may be set up by two or more area meetings, by a mix of area and local meetings, or by two or more general or regional meetings</p>	<p>must inform Yearly Meeting through Meeting for Sufferings of any substantial changes they may make including their setting up and laying down</p>
<p>may need to register with the Charity Commission</p>	<p>open to Quakers between the ages of eighteen and about thirty</p>	<p>open to Quakers [who] need not be formally in membership of the Religious Society of Friends</p>

<p>organises a range of other events for young people</p>	<p>may communicate formally by minute with area meetings, Yearly Meeting through its agenda committee, Meeting for Sufferings and the standing committees of Yearly Meeting and Meeting for Sufferings</p>	<p>nominates two representatives to Meeting for Sufferings</p>
<p>dating back to 1671</p>	<p>does not fit neatly into the modern pattern of area meetings, general meetings and gatherings</p>	<p>made up of representatives from the area meetings within the London region</p>
<p>Its main objective is to maintain, preserve and insure the places of worship of the constituent area meetings</p>	<p>accountable to the constituent meetings for the stewardship of the funds and assets it holds on their behalf.</p>	<p>The normal period of appointment or re-appointment [of representatives] is five years.</p>