

QIY TRUSTEE NARRATIVE TO ACCOMPANY THE QIY ACCOUNTS FOR 2015

QUARTERLY MEETINGS IN 2015

The quarterly meetings of QIY provide a forum for its two main tasks: that of making appointments and disseminating information to Friends from all seven area meetings about wider activities in support of its objectives. At each meeting they also provide opportunities for learning, fellowship and spiritual enrichment. Specific agendas are agreed at annual meetings of the Arrangements Committee, which comprises representatives from each area meeting. Arrangements Committee proposes topics and speakers, creating a programme that will be of interest to all Yorkshire Quakers and will reflect their requirement for both spiritual and social enrichment.

Leeds (January) and York (October) are now the expected venues for the first and fourth meetings of the year, with the intervening (April & July) meetings normally rotating among the remaining area meetings. The meeting in April 2015 took place at The Retreat, York in view of the meeting's focus on mental health. The July meeting took place in Scarborough.

Reports are submitted regularly at each meeting as indicated by the separate sections below.

After January's usual focus on work with Under 19s, and a report of Easter Settlement, the meeting looked ahead to the General Election, with Britain Yearly Meeting's Parliamentary Liaison Officer leading a discussion on questions we might explore with our candidates. April's meeting at The Retreat, York provided space for an in-depth look at mental health issues in general and what The Retreat in particular is equipped to handle as an independent specialist mental health provider. The history, current governance, vision and values, and specialist services of The Retreat were all explored.

In July QIY Trustees' presentation of the annual report and accounts was followed by a report from Glenthorne Quaker Centre at Grasmere. The special focus for the day was the national and international work of Quaker Peace & Social Witness (QPSW), focussing on economic justice and led by a specialist speaker from QPSW, Friends House London.

The October meeting, held at Bootham School, concentrated on the work of Bootham and The Mount over the year, bringing us up to date on developments in both schools and future plans. It also introduced the work of the Hospitality Company of Britain Yearly Meeting of Quakers.

The full minutes of these and all meetings are available on request.

SUPPORT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Providing activities for young people has been a significant responsibility of QIY over the years. The Under 19s Coordinating Group, an 'umbrella group', oversees and supports the activities of Yorkshire Friends Holiday School and Junior Holidays and comprises representatives from each of the holiday groups and independent members.

Seventeen children had an excellent experience at the Junior Holidays event at Barmoor. The 82nd Yorkshire Friends Holiday School, run by fourteen staff for seventy young people at Bootham School, took the theme Live and Learn. There were external speakers in the morning, afternoon nest groups and evening social activities.

Children's activities at Easter Settlement, held at Cober Hill, were much enjoyed and recorded in a video filmed and edited by the children themselves.

The Under 19s Coordinating Group advises on legal requirements and on best practice regarding safeguarding of children and vulnerable young people. Much work has been done during the year ensuring that all safeguarding documents and procedures are fully up to date. The group continues to keep the overall provision for young people under review, with involvement from the trustees.

OUTREACH

This has been a quieter year. After an initial period of transition, the new Outreach Projects Committee settled into a strong working pattern and awarded five grants during 2015, some to take effect in 2016.

Easter Settlement 2015, with over sixty participants, considered the theme 'Food for Change' with Geoff Tansey and also ran a successful children's programme (see above).

APPOINTMENTS & OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES

Quakers in Yorkshire in session plays a significant role in appointing both internal office-holders and Quaker representatives to external bodies and committees. It appoints governors for Bootham and The Mount, two schools in York which were established by Yorkshire Quarterly Meeting of Quakers in the nineteenth century. Both are now independently governed Quaker schools, registered charities and companies limited by guarantee. They report annually to the October session of Quakers in Yorkshire.

Quakers in Yorkshire also appoint: governors to Breckenbrough School, an independent charitable trust school of Quaker foundation, for boys with emotional, social and behavioural problems; trustees of Glenthorne Quaker Centre, Grasmere, Cumbria; governors for The Retreat, a charitable provider of specialist mental health care. In addition, it appoints representatives to regional ecumenical bodies.

The Nominations Committee, consisting of representatives of each of the seven area meetings, works hard to find Friends to fill the posts. In 2015, twenty nine Friends took up appointments in various roles on behalf of QIY.

CONCLUSION

Some regions within Britain Yearly Meeting (Quakers) have ceased to maintain their regional gatherings. We continue to believe that Quakers in Yorkshire fulfils a valuable function. It carries out the responsibilities that come with significant financial assets and it keeps living links with the various Quaker institutions founded in our region and still active there. It provides opportunities for young people to feel part of a wider Quaker community and it strengthens awareness of the breadth of Quaker work and fellowship across all our meetings, small or large.

ACCOUNTS SUMMARY 2015

Statement of Financial Activities	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	2015	2014
Incoming resources					
Voluntary contributions	6,510	0	1,414	7,924	8,321
Grants	38,500	0	0	38,500	7,000
Activities for generating funds	2,932	0	0	2,932	73
Investment income	1,086	5,229	7,766	14,081	17,383
Bank interest on deposits	108	12	24	144	65
Income from Easter Settlement & Holiday School	35,466	0	0	35,466	35,326
Income from other Quaker Activities	0	0	0	0	1,700
Other incoming resources	0	0	0	0	300
Total incoming resources	84,602	5,241	9,204	99,047	70,168
Resources expended					
C&YP, Holiday School events	28,296	0	0	28,296	28,443
Cttees., conferences, Easter Settlement.	16,547	0	0	16,547	17,332
Outreach, publicity, newsletter	8,559	0	0	8,559	3,081
Refund of expenses to office holders	696	0	0	696	939
Other costs of Quaker activities	0	13,000	10,500	23,500	12,000
Support costs - insurance	538	0	0	538	538
Costs of governance	301	1,360	2,277	3,938	2,714
Total resources expended	54,937	14,360	12,777	82,074	65,047
Net inc. resources before transfers	29,665	-9,119	-3,573	16,973	5,121
Transfers into each fund	0	0	0	0	0
Net incoming resources after transfers	29,665	-9,119	-3,573	16,973	5,121
Gains (losses) on investments	2,105	2,582	8,180	12,867	21,764
Net movement in funds	31,770	-6,537	4,607	29,840	26,885
Total funds brought forward, 1 Jan	91,166	186,259	304,873	582,298	555,413
Total funds carried forward, 31 Dec	122,936	179,722	309,480	612,138	582,298
Balance Sheet - Assets	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	2015	2014
Fixed assets					
Long term investments	39,553	154,796	274,810	469,159	485,773
Total fixed assets	39,553	154,796	274,810	469,159	485,773
Current assets					
Debtors	200	0	0	200	2,085
Loans by Meeting	0	0	1,500	1,500	1,500
Short term deposits	0	20,224	19,644	39,868	13,787
Cash at bank	83,183	4,702	13,526	101,411	79,257
Total current assets	83,383	24,926	34,670	142,979	96,629
Liabilities					
Creditors: due within one year	0	0	0	0	104
Net current assets	83,383	24,926	34,670	142,979	96,525
Total assets less current liabilities	122,936	179,722	309,480	612,138	582,298
Balance Sheet - Analysis of Funds	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	2015	2014
Unrestricted funds					
Qiy General Fund	11,766			11,766	17,719
Adult Education	31,550			31,550	0
Outreach Projects Committee	13,786			13,786	8,245
Qiy Junior Holidays	1,751			1,751	1,465
Easter Settlement	2,260			2,260	2,604
Yorkshire Friends Holiday School	19,318			19,318	21,518
Linton Taylor Bequest	42,505			42,505	39,614
Restricted funds					
Forrests MH Fund		179,722		179,722	186,259
Endowment funds					
General Meeting Charity			17,376	17,376	16,398
Rawdon Friends School Trust			292,104	292,104	288,476
Totals for all funds	122,936	179,722	309,480	612,138	582,298