

GRASP

Roles in Area Meetings in 2020

This is a survey of the number of roles to be filled in the 7 Area Meetings which make up Quakers in Yorkshire (QiY).

Within the QiY region, there are roles to be filled associated with:

- The 38 Local Meetings. The number of roles varies considerably and is generally proportional to the size of the meeting. A small meeting can survive with the sharing of essential tasks among the members and attenders. A large meeting needs to ensure that tasks are completed so traditionally has appointed a committee of Friends.
- The 7 Area Meetings. See below.
- Quakers in Yorkshire. This is divided into:
 - Roles to run QiY. Most of these are listed on the AM table (below). In addition, there are 4 officers (2 co-clerks, Treasurer, Clerk of Trustees).
 - Young people's groups (totalling 12 roles)
 - Appointments made by QiY to external bodies which includes governors for Breckenbrough, Bootham and The Mount schools and trustees of Glenthorne Quaker Centre (totalling about 32 roles).

The main table on the next sheet shows the number of roles in the 7 AMs. This was compiled by data supplied by each member of GRASP who did a survey of roles in their AM. Most of the information was provided by AM Nominations Committees which does mean that if roles are appointed by another group (e.g. AM trustees) the roles may not be included in the table.

The data should be regarded as a 'snap-shot' of the types of roles. It will change with time. Nominations Committees may not be able to fill all the roles so the actual number of Friends serving will be less than shown in the tables.

There is a total of 399 unique roles plus 249 Elders and Overseers (who look after the spiritual and pastoral needs of meetings and members). The 399 roles mean an average of 57 roles per AM, varying between 44 and 74 roles. These totals are not proportional to the difference in size of the AM membership. The table below shows the number of members for each role in the seven area meetings. As expected, the larger the area meeting, there are more members available to fill the roles.

AM	No of members (31 Dec 2018)	No. of roles	Members per role
Brighouse W Yorks	162	49	3.3
Central Yorks	130	55	2.4
Craven & Keighley	121	44	2.8
Leeds	184	63	2.9
Pickering & Hull	179	74	2.4
Sheffield & Balby	213	53	4.0
York	381	61	6.2

The roles in Area Meetings have been grouped together as follows:

- AM core roles. These are needed for each AM to function and include those needed to clerk the AM, to run the finances, and by national regulation (trustees, registering offices etc.). There are 224 core roles (averaging 32 each AM).
- AM national and regional roles. These are either required by yearly meeting or another semi-national body. There are 54 roles. (Note that only 2 AMs report sending someone to Junior Yearly Meeting though each AM can have two places).
- QiY roles. There 41 roles (see note above).
- AM specialist or unique roles. Most of these are concerned with representing Friends on external bodies and are hence important roles. The number varies considerably across the AMs, due mainly to the characteristics of the area (such as whether there are prisons in the area).

Area Meeting Appointments Data compiled mainly from AM Nominations Committee records so there may be gaps where others do the nominating/appointing.	Brighouse W Yorks	Central Yorkshire	Craven & Keighley	Leeds	Pickering & Hull	Sheffield & Balby	York		TOTAL
Number of Local Meetings	5	6	5	6	7	4	5		
AM core roles									
Clerk (or Co-Clerks)	1	1	1	2	3	3	1		12
Assistant Clerk	1	1	1				1		4
Membership Clerk	1	1	1	1	1		1		6
Treasurer	1	1	1	1	Paid	2	1		7
Assistant Treasurer	1	1							2
Treasurer Support Team				2	Paid				2
AM Trustees (Note 1)	6		8	11	6	11	10		52
AM Finance and Property Committee		6			7		5		18
Independent Examiners			Paid	Paid	Paid				0
Nominations Committee	7	10	7	7	7	6	10		54
Registering Officer (and deputy)	2	2	1	1	2	1	2		11
Children and Young People's Advocate	1	1	1	1		1			5
Safeguarding coordinators	2	2	2	3	7	2	3		21
Safeguarding committee convenor		1			2				3
Data protection coordinator					1	1			2
Custodian of Records/Archivist	1	1	1		1	2	1		7
Newsletter editor	1			1	1	2	2		7
AM website			3		2	1	1		7
Friend to be informed of deaths (at AM level)			1						1
Examiner of marriage extracts		1	1						1
Media contact				1					1
Register of Members/Tabular Statement	1								1
Health and Safety Coordinator							1		1
AM national (and regional) roles (Note 2)									
Meeting for Sufferings Representative and Alternate	2	2	2	2	2	2	2		14
Quaker Life Representative (and deputy)	1	2	1	2	2	2	2		12
Northern Friends Peace Board representative (and deputy)	2	2	1	1	2	2	1		11
QPSW Correspondent		1					1		2
QCCIR correspondent					1				1
Junior Yearly Meeting	2					2			4
Young Friends General Meeting		1				1	1		3
Ackworth General Meeting Representative	2	1		1	1	1			6
Leighton Park General Meeting Representative		1							1

Quakers in Yorkshire roles									
QiY Nominations Committee	1	2	2	2	2	2	2		13
QiY Trustee	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		7
QiY Outreach Projects Committee	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		7
QiY Arrangements Committee	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		7
GRASP	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		7
AM Specialist or Unique roles (Note 3)									
Prison Chaplain or Minister		1		2	1	2			6
Prison Ministry Support Group				1					1
Burial Committee				2			7		9
Trustees Grants Committee				2					2
Sanctuary meeting representative				2					2
Barnsley/Thomas English Trustee		9							9
Observer to York Synod							1		1
SACRE representative (Note 4)				1			1		2
University chaplain	1			2					3
Leeds University Chaplaincy Trustee				1					1
Leeds Swarthmore Council				2					2
Leeds City Council Peace Link Group				2					2
Leeds Hospital Contact				1					1
Bedford Court Committee				2					2
Halifax Meeting House Charity	5								5
Glenthorne Planning Group	3								3
AM List secretary and deputy						2			2
Trustee for Bamford community						1			1
Insurance matters					1				1
Minutes Indexer					1				1
James Reckitt Charity AM Trustee					1				1
Learning & Development Group					4				4
Acklam Fund Administrator					3				3
Worfolk Cottages Committee & Convenor					6				6
Ravensworth Lodge					1				1
Resident Friends (unpaid but with accommodation)			5		2				7
Total roles	49	55	44	63	74	53	61		399
Elders & Overseers									
Elders	15	14	10	18	21	13	32		
Overseers	15	12	11	21	16	13	38		
	30	26	21	39	37	26	70		249
Grand Total	79	81	65	102	111	79	131		648

Note 1: BWY and CY are not yet registered charities. The other 5 are registered. In some cases Trustees make appointments not listed here, e.g. Independent Examiners.

Note 2: The first 3 roles are 'compulsory'. The others depend on practice and availability of Friends.

Note 3: Each AM has evolved ways of working and supporting the activities in their area. This has led to diverse roles.

Note 4: QIY represents SACRE in North Yorkshire