

Clerk of QiY Trustees report to Quakers in Yorkshire July 2022

- This is a report on QiY activities in 2021 with up to date comments where relevant.
- 2021 was a 2nd unusual year due to the **Covid pandemic** - meaning much reduced activity. Reflected in cancelled events and low financial transactions.
- **Trustees** met as normal 3 times, with 2 on zoom. At end of year we said goodbye to George Penaluna and David Bower after sterling service. Welcomed this year Ruth McTighe. Vacancies from Brighouse West Yorkshire AM and Pickering & Hull AM.
- We approved a new, comprehensive, **safeguarding policy**. This was developed by the QiY Safeguarding Coordinator and Deputy. It is based on the BYM template and developed after consultation with Under 19s Coordinating Group and young people's activities. Also helped by increased cooperation between AM safeguarding coordinators.
- Also led to developing a **gender diversity policy** in response to concerns.
- **Easter Settlement** in 2021 was held online only. **Junior Holidays** was able to hold short in-person events which were much appreciated. **Yorkshire Friends Holiday School** had a combination of a virtual event and a one-day non-residential event in place of the normal week-long event.
- Supporting **youth activities** is one of the most important things QiY does.
- In 2021 QiY agreed to give the residue of unused Adult School Union grant to BYM so that Youth Development Work (YDW) could continue. £26,024 transferred to BYM.
- Then the 7 AMs pledged to raise sufficient funds to enable YDW to continue for full 3 years.
- The first YDW, Lee Lester, left after showing how valuable a professional youth worker can be. Replacement, Jo Baynham, started this January and making major contribution to promoting youth activities across Yorkshire.
- YDW is only part of **BYM commitment to Yorkshire**. Bridget Holtom started in May 2021 as Local Development Worker. Helping meetings and promoting collaboration and interaction to enhance Quaker spiritual and witness life. Carlton Hill, Leeds, now BYM Yorkshire Centre for staff. Provide base outside Friends House in London.
- The **accounts for 2021** were approved by Trustees in June. (see summary below). They show that income was only £24,693 which is about a third of pre-pandemic levels. Expenditure was similarly reduced (removing grant to BYM).
- QiY assets are dominated by **inherited endowment and restricted funds**. The capital cannot be easily spent and the investment market produced only low returns so that income only 1% of capital value. The capital value grew by 9% in 2021 due to favourable stock markets. But this has all been eroded so far this year. If inflation takes off, the pattern will change. Trustees adopt a cautious, ethical approach to investing.
- There were very few requests for either **building grants**, or **outreach grants** in 2021. Applications are encouraged from Friends and Meetings.

- The popular, triennial, **Book of Members and Attenders** was published in early 2021. The number distributed has been very similar to earlier editions and the costs of production and distribution covered by sales.
- The QiY **GRASP report** was published in February 2021. Local and area meetings have been considering the recommendations since then. There is strong support for simplification so that it can lead to a reinvigorated spiritual life. QiY trustees have been facilitating discussions and this will continue.
- One outcome of the GRASP recommendations is that trustees agreed to a new **QiY Support Role** to both assist the clerks and enhance cooperation across QiY. Ellie McCarthy (New Earswick) has been appointed to the role. She produced a new style newsletter this month and is building a roles database so that role-holders and nominations committees can know who is filling the many roles across Yorkshire.

**Summary of Quakers in Yorkshire Accounts as at 31
December 2021**

	2021	2020
Income		
Contributions and donations	5,779	5,659
ES, JH, YFHS	2,921	7,742
Book of Members	3,187	7
Grant from charity		4,000
Investment income	12,806	12,875
Total income	24,693	30,283
Expenditure		
ES, JH, YFHS	4,467	4,190
Outreach	527	783
Grant to BYM for YDW	26,024	0
Grants for buildings	1,330	7,860
Grants for scholarships	5,278	13,688
Book of Members	3,051	0
Governance	3,262	2,800
Managing investments	7,671	6,698
Total expenditure	51,610	36,019
Balance Sheet (simplified)	2021	2020
Endowment funds	708,171	623,244
Restricted funds	269,585	241,805
Unrestricted funds	79,002	101,536
Total funds	1,056,758	966,585