

## **Quakers in Yorkshire**

### **Simplifying Charitable Functions Group**

#### **Minute on Keeping the wheels turning: Quaker governance in Yorkshire**

The simplifying functions group met at Hartgigg Oaks on 18th November 2023.

We explored the current issues facing Quaker Meetings across Yorkshire and highlighted that finding people to serve in roles, particularly with regard to Trustees, was a real challenge and concern. Consideration was given to various options to address this, including that of continuing as we are currently. We agreed both on the need to move forward and that the proposal of moving towards a single charitable body across Yorkshire, with Area Meetings to continue as separate Quaker bodies, was the preferred option.

We ask Area Meetings to consider this recommendation in principle and respond to David Olver by the 30th April 2024. We recognise considerable work would be required to implement the proposal and this would be the next stage.

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The Simplifying charitable functions group is facilitated by Quakers in Yorkshire and consists of members appointed by their area meetings.

Membership: Deryck Hillas (Brighouse West Yorkshire AM), David Bower (Central Yorkshire AM), Erica Cadbury (Craven & Keighley AM), Rosie Darwood (Leeds AM), Helen Rowlands (Pickering & Hull AM), Ann Hindley (Sheffield & Balby AM), Martina Weitsch (York AM), David Olver (QiY Trustees).

David Olver (Clerk QiY Trustees)  
18th November 2023