

Under 19s Coordinating Group - Report to QiY 20.1.24

In 2023 Jo Baynham, our regional Youth Development Worker, has continued to be an invaluable source of information and expertise to the committee. Jo had also provided considerable practical support to some of the events, and done a lot of “behind the scenes” work.

Easter Settlement ran a children’s programme, Holiday School happened as usual in the school summer holidays, and there were 2 Junior Holidays weekend events, which you hear about in their respective reports.

The Link Group has had several successful residential events for Teenagers – this is still formally under the auspices of Britain Yearly Meeting, but responsibility could transfer to QiY in the future.

The committee met twice in 2023- blended in May, and on-line in November. The November meeting was not well attended, and this is something we need to address.

Our main focus has been on activities at Holiday School, Junior Holidays, and Easter Settlement. The Meeting will hear more from each of those groups in their respective reports.

We have continued to develop a model for Safeguarding training, which is now in place. Jo did organise a training/networking event for the autumn, but take-up was very low so we will re-schedule for this spring.

We are aware that Nominations Committee are finding it difficult to find Friends willing to serve on the Junior Holidays committee, although there are volunteers to help run the events. In conjunction with Trustees, we are reviewing whether our structures need re-shaping, in order to best support the under-19s activities and events.

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