

## **Local Development Work priorities for 2025**

My responsibility as the Quakers in Britain Local Development Worker for Yorkshire is to support Quaker communities to thrive. I have three strategic priorities for this work in the coming year:

### **1, Supporting communities to offer an active welcome to newcomers.**

This will include:

Supporting all of the named LM contacts for the Discovering Quakers '[Enquirers' Service](#)' with resources and suggestions for welcoming newcomers.

Continuing to offer monthly 'What is the Quaker Way?' Zoom sessions for newcomers. Details [here](#).

### **2, Supporting all-age participation.**

This will include:

With the Youth Development Worker and Planning Group, to run the first Yorkshire Quaker Camp at Fell Edge Farm from 8th-11th August. This event is already fully booked (with a waiting list) and the majority of participants are families (of all kinds) and young adults.

In collaboration with Discovering Quakers to run a targeted social media outreach campaign to families in Yorkshire who are not currently in contact with Quakers. This campaign will focus on the distinctive Quaker offer to young families - supportive community for parents/carers, respect for young people's spiritual experience and questioning, and multigenerational support for children. Families who respond will be connected with local Quaker Meetings, and Yorkshire-wide family and youth work, and LMs will be offered support to welcome and include new families.

'Rewilding Quakers' sessions for families in Hull. A new experimental form of Quaker worship and community in the outdoors in collaboration with [Rewilding Youth](#).

### **3, Simplifying and renewing Quaker practice, roles and structures.**

This will include:

Facilitating workshops for LMs and AMs on simpler and more sustainable Quaker practices (including clerking and nominations).

A regional event on the Future of British Quakerism in the autumn.

Continuing to offer regular peer support Zoom sessions for Quaker role-holders. Details here: [Roleholders' Peer Support Sessions 2025 – Quakers in Yorkshire](#)

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