Yearly Meeting

Pastoral Care Role Outline

This volunteer role is subject to satisfactory safer recruitment checks including a Basic DBS with Adult workforce.

Be part of the Pastoral Care Team at Yearly Meeting 2024!

The pastoral care team offers help to Friends who need support during Yearly Meeting and the preparatory sessions (online and in person). It consists of the seven Friends who are appointed as the Pastoral Care Group and a number of volunteers. As a member of the team, you will provide a listening ear, in a safe inclusive space to help participants deal with issues and feelings which have arisen at Yearly Meeting and the preparatory sessions. We share a responsibility to ensure that Yearly Meeting is experienced as a caring and inclusive community. You do not have to be an expert and you may need to signpost Friends who need intensive support to other specialist services - Quaker or charitable.

The care of under 18's usually falls to the Youth, Children, and Families team or the guardian. In a situation where anyone under 18 needs support, the Pastoral Care Coordinating Group will step in, with Pastoral Care Volunteers focus remaining on those aged 18 or over.

Duties of a Pastoral Care Volunteer

- To provide support by telephone, Zoom and/or in-person conversations
- To seek advice or further support when needed from the Pastoral Care Coordinating Group
- To be familiar with and adhere to the BYM Community Agreement and Safeguarding Guidelines
- To maintain basic record of dates and manner of contact

We are looking for Friends who will have the following backgrounds, skills or qualities:

- Some experience of pastoral care Happy to work in a team
- Welcoming, empathetic and unhurried
- Ability to use appropriate active listening skills
- Able to signpost Friends to appropriate services
- Respect and maintain confidentiality and healthy boundaries
- Some previous experience supporting a range of pastoral care needs as well as needs including those arising from, disability, access, mental health is desirable
- Willing and able to participate in training to support their role
- Willing to obtain a criminal records check, provide 2 referees and undertake safeguarding training
- Able to attend Zoom meetings of the pastoral care team

Commitment required:

Preparation meetings, including disability rights training (to be arranged)

Training in relation to recognising and responding to transphobia, islamophobia and antisemitism (please keep 10 June and 21 June available).

You also need to be registered for Yearly Meeting 2024 Friday 26 July to Tuesday 30 July (Yearly Meeting 2024)

