

Notes for Supporting Friends

Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends in Britain

Please pass this to those you ask to be a Supporting Friend.

If your name has been provided as a Supporting Friend, our nominations committee members or staff will contact you, in confidence, to find out more about the Friend being considered for service.

You should be in membership and have given your consent to be listed as a Supporting Friend. If you are no longer in touch with the Friend, please let us know so that we can remove you from their record.

Acting as a Supporting Friend is an important role. Our nominations committee members cannot know everyone in the Society. They rely on information provided by the Quaker Service Information Form and the personal contact made with you as the Supporting Friend.

You should know the Friend well enough to provide a balanced view relating to their suitability which will help to support the nominations process. You might be asked to consider:

- concern for the area of service they are being considered for;
- Quaker experience, familiarity with testimonies and Quaker Business Method;
- teamwork, ability to work with others creatively, etc;
- skills and abilities in particular their relevance to the area of service being considered;
- potential for development, such as potential clerk, etc.

If a Friend is being considered for more than one area of service, you may be contacted at different times for information relating to their suitability to each particular area. Any notes made will be held in confidence and destroyed after that particular nomination process has been completed.

We usually hold Quaker Service Information for 5 years. If you have lost touch with the Friend being considered for service, or no longer wish to be contacted as a Supporting Friend please let us know so that we can remove you from the list and request a new Supporting Friend.

Contact us at <u>nominations@quaker.org.uk</u> or phone 020 7663 1121.