

Contribution 2020

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Britain Yearly Meeting
of the Religious
Society of Friends

Dear Friend

In my first year as Treasurer it has been a privilege to witness the commitment and generosity that Friends show in sustaining the work of Britain Yearly Meeting (BYM).

The contributions that you send have a big impact in supporting our Quaker community. A good example is the rolling out of the model of locally based development workers. Moving on from the Vibrancy in Meetings pilot, they will provide support for our meetings across the country.

“The most helpful thing about the Vibrancy programme is that each of us knows that she is there for us, is easily contactable and is willing to do what we would like. Everyone appreciates that.”

Friend interviewed for the external evaluation of the Vibrancy in Meetings pilot

This summer, after an external evaluation and consideration by Meeting for Sufferings, the trustees took the decision to continue and expand this work. It will be a vital new project to fund in 2020.

As well as supporting local and area meetings, BYM works to bring Quaker values to the world. We provide a Quaker voice on issues like refugee and asylum seekers' rights, bearing witness in the Middle East and campaigning against the arms trade. This autumn, Friends & attenders from your local and area meetings may have been among the 600+ people protesting at the Defence & Security Equipment International fair (DSEI) held in London. BYM played a crucial role supporting Friends blockading and worshipping outside the arms fair.

Enclosed are the contribution materials for 2020. I hope the leaflets will help you encourage Friends to support BYM's work for 2020. If every Friend gives an average of £225 towards our national work, we could meet our target of £3m. I know that not every Friend will be able to give this much, while others will give more. In my own meeting (Sheffield Central) I will be asking all Friends to give what is right for them, with equal generosity.

In these uncertain times, let us act together as a community to bring our values and unique Quaker voice into the world.

Thank you, and your meeting, for your commitment and support.

In peace,

Linda Batten
Yearly Meeting Treasurer