

Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)
West Scotland Area Meeting
(Scottish Charity No: SC011234)

Our Giving to Quaker Work in 2021

For many, 2020 was a difficult year, with loss of income owing to furlough, redundancy and loss of businesses. Others, either on a pension or working from home with reduced expenditure on travel, have managed to make savings. The same inequality is reflected in our Meetings. Some Local Meetings have seen income drastically reduced through loss of lettings – others have saved by not having to pay rent for premises whilst meeting online. Our Area Meeting has seen reduced costs as conferences and training events have gone online, but we still have significant costs (see below). 2020 has been particularly difficult for Britain Yearly Meeting as lettings and hospitality income from Friends House and Swarthmore Hall has plummeted, and BYM has had to dig deep into reserves to maintain our witness and work.

Please think about how much you can contribute to the different areas of our Quaker community. Some figures are mentioned below as guidelines, but everyone's situation is different. Some will be able to give very much less, some a lot more. We are not asking for equal giving - but please give as generously as you can.

Your Local Meeting (LM)

Your Local Meeting Treasurer will be able to advise you about the financial needs of your local Quaker Meeting.

West Scotland Area Meeting (AM)

- helps Friends to access training to strengthen the lives of our meetings and support our role-holders.
- contributes to General Meeting for Scotland, which pays part of the salary costs of our Parliamentary Engagement Officer, who engages with the Scottish Government on our behalf.
- contributes to Northern Friends Peace Board, and to Summer Shindig – the annual event which provides a community for our teenagers and nurtures their spiritual lives.
- covers administrative costs, including insurance on behalf of all our Local Meetings and our two Meeting Houses.
- provides our newsletter which connects us all

Our Area Meeting needs about £100 per member in 2021 to carry out this work.

Britain Yearly Meeting (BYM)

- promotes Quaker concerns and values throughout Britain and in the wider world
- supports our local Quaker communities through: advice on matters such as safeguarding, charity law and finance, resources for children and young people, and the provision of outreach materials
- carries out on our behalf our witness and work for peace and justice throughout Britain and the world, through projects such as Turning the Tide and EAPPI
- brings us together through events such as Yearly Meeting Gathering and Junior Yearly Meeting

West Scotland AM will make a donation to BYM on behalf of its members in 2021, amounting to just over £25 per member – but BYM needs around £225 per member to carry out its work.

How to give:

You can contribute to all these bodies through West Scotland AM, using the Contribution Schedule overleaf. This allows you to specify how your donation should be assigned and we will pass on the money in accordance with your wishes.

If you wish to give directly to Britain Yearly Meeting and to find out more about how your money will be spent, go to <https://www.quaker.org.uk/our-organisation/giving/give-money-3>

GIFT AID

If you are a taxpayer, you can increase your donation by allowing us to claim back relevant tax from HMRC (Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) through the Gift Aid Scheme. This will add 25% to the value of your donation, which will be distributed according to the allocations you have made in the Contribution Schedule.

However you must have paid enough tax to cover your Gift Aid, otherwise you will be liable to pay back HMRC for the amount wrongly claimed. If your circumstances change and you are no longer a taxpayer, or if you have other queries about Gift Aid, please contact: Bronwen Currie, Treasurer: West Scotland Area Meeting. Phone: 01496 850006, 07585 942021 or email: bron.currie@gmail.com

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CONTRIBUTION SCHEDULE 2021

Name

Starting from(insert date) my contribution will be £ per month / quarter / year*
(*please delete as appropriate)

I wish my contribution to be allocated in this way:

.....Local Meeting (insert name) £

West Scotland Area Meeting £

Britain Yearly Meeting £

I shall make my payment by:

(Please indicate)

- Cheque
 Standing Order/BACS payment
 CAF Voucher

Please indicate:

- If you would like a Standing Order mandate form
- If you would like a Gift Aid declaration form

If paying by BACS or by Standing Order, our bank details are:

Religious Society of Friends West Scotland Area Meeting
Sort Code 80-91-29 Account No. 00724947

Please give your name as reference and return this completed schedule to our Assistant Treasurer, Helen McLean, at the address below so that we can identify your payment and allocate your contribution as you would wish.

To change an existing Standing Order, please make the necessary arrangements with your bank and return this completed schedule to Helen so that we know of your changes and any new allocation.

If paying by cheque or CAF voucher, please make it payable to:

“Religious Society of Friends West Scotland Area Meeting”

and send with this completed schedule to our Assistant Treasurer, Helen McLean, at the address below.

Please return this schedule to the Assistant Treasurer of West Scotland Area Meeting:

Helen McLean, 12A Sheean Drive, Brodick, Isle of Arran, KA27 8DH

email: hm920346@gmail.com

Helen will be able to answer any queries you may have about your donation.