

DEVON AREA MEETING

Guidelines on seeking support from Devon Area Meeting's funds for people attending events

Devon Area Meeting recognises the importance of people attending events and training that will strengthen the spiritual life of those who are part of it and thus the spiritual life of the Area Meeting; that will deepen its connection to the Society as a whole; that will develop its sense of community. We would want to support the following four groups of people in particular and we ask our Trustees to make provision for this in the annual budget. Flexibility may be required to meet the particular needs of people in the third and fourth group.

Groups to be funded

Group	Examples of events	Level of support	Expectations after the event	Suggested Budget limits
Representatives of Devon Area Meeting and Devon Area Meeting appointments	Quaker Life Rep. Council Quaker Peace and Social Witness conference Prison chaplains' conference Treasurers' Conference AM Clerks ' conference Registering Officers' conference Trustees' conference and training JYM	Fees Travel expenses	Written report for Documents in Advance Spoken report at next Area Meeting	£4,000
People appointed as Elders and Overseers for the first time	Woodbrooke course	Fees Travel expenses	Feedback to Devon Area Meeting's Elders and Overseers	£1,000
Individuals attending events as part of their role in a local meeting or for their personal spiritual development	BYM Clerks' training courses Treasurers' training	Up to £70 per individual in any year Local Meetings would also be expected to contribute	Willingness to serve local or Devon Area Meeting in some capacity Report through local or area meeting newsletter	£1,000
Children and young people	Summer School Senior Conference	Up to £100 per individual in any year Local Meetings would also be expected to contribute	Written report to local and area meeting Verbal report at local or area meetings	£1,000

Process for seeking funding

Representatives

Representatives will be appointed by Devon Area Meeting in session. The Treasurer will pay any fees directly and travel expenses on presentation of a claim form, supported by receipts where appropriate.

Elders and Overseers appointed for the first time

The elder or overseer wishing to attend a course at Woodbrooke will give the details to the clerk or convenor of the group charged with eldership and oversight in the local meeting. This information will then be passed to the Area Meeting Treasurer who will pay any fees directly and travel expenses on presentation of a claim form, supported by receipts where appropriate

Individuals seeking funding

The support of the local meeting should be obtained using the usual method for dealing with confidential matters. Full details of the event and the level of support from the local meeting should then be passed to the Area Meeting Treasurer who will arrange for the payment to be made once there is confirmation that a place at the event has been booked.

Children and young people

The parent(s) of any child or young person should seek the support of the local meeting using the usual method for dealing with confidential matters. Full details of the event and the level of support from the local meeting should be sent to the Area Meeting Treasurer who will arrange for the payment to be made once there is confirmation that a place at the event has been booked.

Timescale

These arrangements will begin at the beginning of January 2013 and will be reviewed by our trustees and by Devon Area Meeting in time to inform the budget setting for 2014.

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