

Quaker Meeting House, Friargate, YORK, YO1 9RL

INFORMATION SHEET

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Friargate Quaker Meeting House is run by Quakers in York Area Meeting. As a religious organisation we have testimonies to peace, equality, truth & integrity and want our values to show through our actions. A special welcome is given to events and meetings which support our testimonies and the public statements of Quakers in Britain; we reserve the right to refuse or cancel any booking we feel might be in conflict.

Room hire charges – 2018

Rooms at the Meeting House are available for hire at the charges below. We offer you:

- Central location, close to transport links and medium and long stay car parking
- A range of well-maintained rooms suitable for different group sizes
- Lift access to all floors and wheelchair accessible facilities
- Staff to welcome and support you
- Fairtrade tea/coffee; catering can be arranged through us, or you may bring your own.
- Flat rate charge for the shared use of the kitchen facilities
- Peaceful atmosphere and tranquil garden
- Free wi-fi throughout the building – please ask duty staff for password

Room	Dimensions	£ per session	Max capacity (Theatre style)
Friargate Level			
Meeting Room	12.8 x 10.5m	£90	150
Penn Room	8.1 x 6.45m	£60	40
Fox Room	6.45 x 6.15m	£40	25
Quiet Room (evenings after 17:00 only)	Heptagonal shape	£30	12-15
Kitchen (Friargate level)	£18 flat rate shared use (available when hiring another room)		
Friargate Foyer available to use only when all Friargate level rooms are booked together			
Garden Level			
Garden Room (boardroom style table)	Heptagonal shape	£30	12
Fell Room (evenings and Saturday only)	8.5 x 4.6m	£35	25
Woolman Room (17:00 – 18:00 only)	7.5 x 4m	£35	20
Kitchen (Garden level)	£18 flat rate available only when using a room – shared use		
Upper level			
1 Lonsdale Room	5.6 x 4.6m	£40	20
2 Tuke Room (<i>Counselling room</i>)	5.4 x 2.2m	£25 (£8/hr)	4
3 Fry Room (<i>Counselling room</i>)	5.4 x 2.2m	£25 (£8/hr)	4
4 Backhouse Room	5.6 x 6.2m	£50	30
Upper level suite (all 4 Rooms)		£245 per day	50 – 58 total

Additional information:

- We offer a 20% discount on the room hire prices on Mondays and Fridays
- We are normally **open** for bookings Mon – Thu 09:00 to 21:45 and Fri and Sat 09:00 to 17:00
- Sessions are up to 4 ½ hours within the following time slots:
 - Morning 09:00 -13:00
 - Afternoon 13:00-17:30
 - Evening 17:30-21:30
- Room booking includes time needed for hirers to set-up the room beforehand and to tidy up afterwards – Friargate staff are unable to set rooms up or clear them away
- Short notice bookings may be available at one half of the session rate, except Tuke and Fry where we are happy to book these for an hour or hour and a half bookings on each quarter hour
- We offer hot drinks at 95p per cup throughout the day from a self-service counter. We can provide a generous plate of biscuits for £4.00, or a plate of more ‘home-made style’ biscuits for £5.75. Juice and snack bars are also available as priced
- Groups may hire the kitchen, bring their own supplies and clear away. We have separate Terms & Conditions for those hiring the kitchen – please see the kitchen agreement section.
- We can provide buffet lunches at £8 per person, consisting of sandwiches, cake or fresh fruit, and fruit juice. Please enquire if you require an alternative to our usual buffets, or have particular dietary needs.

Equipment available for hire (per day or part of day unless otherwise stated)

Data projector (per session)	£20
Laptop (per session)	£20
Sound system (for use in Meeting Room)	£40
Flip chart pad and pens	£9
Piano	£35

Terms and conditions for hiring rooms at Friargate (York) Quaker Meeting House

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1 Our contact details. Address: Quaker Meeting House, Friargate, York YO1 9RL. Telephone: 01904-624065 or 07425289334. Email: friargate@yorkquakers.org.uk.

Our staff will be pleased to take your booking, answer any questions, and discuss details and arrangements for your event. We are:

Business Manager Tracey Sharp
Quaker Centre Manager Cath Harvey
Meeting House Assistants Julie Adby and Denise Wells

2 Bookings and payment. Invoices will normally be emailed to you soon after your meeting or issued on the day. We ask for settlement within 30 days. In order for us to hold a room, provisional bookings need to be confirmed in writing, preferably by email, within ten days or at least 10 days before the event (whichever is sooner). A room that is 'held' for more than 24 hours will be deemed to be a provisional booking. We reserve the right to ask for a 50% deposit for bookings of over £100. We also reserve the right to refuse bookings or to cancel them without giving reasons.

3 Cancellation of bookings. Charges will be made for cancelled bookings as follows:

Three weeks or more	-	no charge
Less than three weeks but more than one week	-	50%
One week or less	-	100%.

We are not normally in a position to negotiate these cancellation fees

4 Publicity and advertising by hirers. Please ensure that your event publicity has your group's contact details and that mail for you is only sent to the Meeting House after negotiation with staff. It should also be made clear that your meeting is not held under the auspices of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers).

5 Kitchen facilities. If you have hired the kitchen you are responsible for leaving it as you found it - please note you will not have exclusive use and may be sharing it with another group or groups. A maximum of 3 members of your group will have access at any one time, and no children under 12 without adult supervision. You will be asked to read and sign the Shared Kitchen Use Agreement. If you have not booked use of the kitchen, or signed the Shared Kitchen Use Agreement, you will not have access.

6 Care of the Meeting House. Hirers are responsible for arranging the room to your requirements and for leaving the room as found. A discretionary charge of £50 per room may be charged if the room is not left tidy. Please do not fix anything to the walls with drawing pins, paste, tape, Blotak, or other means; please ask staff for advice. Please ensure that your meeting does not run late and you have allowed time for set up and clear down; please note that the Meeting House closes no later than 21:45. The Foyer is available for use if you have booked all rooms on the Friargate level.

7 Vulnerable People: If there are children, young people or vulnerable adults at your meeting, you are responsible for looking after them and ensuring all appropriate checks are carried out for volunteers or staff. If you do not have your own safeguarding policy please agree to ours <http://yorkquakers.org.uk/Resources/AM%20Safeguarding%202015.pdf>

8 Fire precautions. The staff will show you the location of fire exits, fire extinguishers, and the assembly area outside the main entrance. Please ensure that emergency exits are not blocked and that your participants are informed of our fire procedures. If you wish a fire drill can be arranged.

9 Legal responsibility. Use of the premises is at your own risk. The trustees do not accept responsibility or liability for any loss, theft or damage to personal effects, property or equipment brought into the Meeting House by your members or your group. In addition, you are responsible for any liability that may arise from your activities in the Meeting House. The Hirer must maintain the necessary insurance for all legal liabilities arising out of their activities while on the Premises, including personal injury and death of third parties (including employees and volunteers) and damage to the Meeting House or to the property of others.

10 Damage. Please tell us if your group has caused any damage. We may ask you to pay for any necessary cleaning or repairs beyond normal wear and tear; you might consider seeking professional advice on insurance for your group's activities.

11 General Data Protection Regulations The York Area Quaker Meeting Privacy Notice is available at <http://yorkquakers.org.uk/ambusiness.html>. Please read to see how we manage personal data

12 A booking may be refused or cancelled if:

- **The aims and policies of the organisation or individual seem to be in conflict with Quaker beliefs.** We request written group aims prior to confirming the initial booking for new hirers. A form will be sent to all new booking enquirers, this form should be filled in and returned, with other documents as requested, before a booking can be confirmed.
- The Hirer and/or Guests has/have ever been **linked to violence or incitement to hatred or violence on or off the Premises.**
- Violence or the encouragement of violence at a meeting may reasonably be anticipated
- Contravention of fire or health and safety regulations may reasonably be anticipated
- Misbehaviour has occurred at a previous meeting organised by the organisation or individual in question
- A hirer persistently breaches Friargate Quaker Meeting House Room Hire Terms and Conditions
Please note: We do not allow gambling (including raffles) on the premises, nor the use or storage of alcohol or illegal drugs. We do not hold a licence for the storage, supply or consumption of alcoholic beverages

Political parties and campaign groups may book rooms for private meetings of their members and guests

Public meetings by political parties or campaign groups may be approved where the speakers represent a balanced range of views where the political impartiality of Quakers will not be prejudiced

When the activities of a customer seem to be contrary with, or be directly prejudicial to, the work of the Society the potential booking may be referred to the Resources Committee, the Clerk of the Local Meeting, or if necessary Area Meeting. In doubtful cases the potential hirer will be informed of the delay so that they have time to make alternative arrangements.

Continuing with a booking assumes acceptance of our terms and conditions.

This policy and standard conditions of letting are reviewed periodically and are subject to change to meet the changing needs of the premises, York Area Quakers and the Society of Friends.

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Agreement for shared use of the Kitchen

Users are welcome to hire the kitchen. Use is likely to be shared with staff and possibly other hirers. To comply with hygiene and safety standards please observe the following hygiene procedures.

1. Only 3 members of your group involved in food/drink preparation should use the kitchen
2. Children under twelve years of age should not be admitted
3. **Members of your group having or recently had colds, other infections and especially diarrhoea or sickness must not use the kitchen**
4. Coats and bags should be left elsewhere
5. Wash your hands with soap provided in the hand basin when you first enter the kitchen and before and after each food preparation task
6. Surfaces should be cleaned using the sanitising spray before and after use
7. Food should be cut only on chopping boards
8. Wear a clean apron when preparing and serving food. Disposable aprons are in marked drawer
9. Any cuts to hands should be covered with latex gloves, provided in marked drawer.
10. Cold food should be stored and labelled with name, date and time in the fridge prior to serving. Food left out for four hours will be disposed of. Unused food should be removed when you leave the building. Any food left behind will be binned
11. Follow the same procedures when setting up a food or drink facilities other rooms
12. Wash all crockery/cutlery in the dishwasher and replace clean items in cupboards and drawers. Ask staff if you need information
13. Make sure that people using the kitchen have a good understanding of food hygiene and health & safety protocols
14. Report accidents to staff who will record them
15. Finally, leave the kitchen as you would wish to find it; all washing-up done, the dishwasher emptied and everything put away where you found it.

Thank you. Enjoy using the facilities.

I/we have read, and agree to observe these guidelines and understand that, if they are broken, future use may be declined.

Signed: Date:

Name (printed)

Organisation: Date(s) of Use:

Booking Ref: