

London Link Group annual report for 2018

London Link Group continues apace to provide great events for Young Quakers aged 11-18s in and around London. We have had a number of new appointments to our committee from London Area meetings and are grateful for their service. We are currently hoping South London AM and North London AM will appoint representatives soon to complete the London Area.

In 2018 we offered to help two Young Quakers who were wanting to set up their own Quaker Meeting based at Westminster called “**London Teenage Meeting**” (LTM).

London Link consulted and met with BYM’s Children and Young People section, London West AM and with elders at Westminster Meeting amongst others. There were a number of concerns to be addressed with a Meeting being run and organised by Teenagers. We felt strongly that we are in a good position to understand and manage the risks and that it is very important that we should find a way to make sure this initiative is met with welcome and encouragement.

We have formalised our support by making London Teenage Meeting a subgroup of London Link Group. London Link Group’s resources are now shared with London Teenage Meeting and provides 2 DBS checked and experienced volunteers for each of their Meetings. We have helped arrange some of the practicalities such as boundaries, publicity, volunteer info and forms.

After launching in September this has become a regular Meeting, and meets on most 4th Sundays of the Month, (dates can be found on the website <http://londonlinkgroup.org.uk/ltqm/>). LTM has also organised a number of guest speakers who have given talks after meeting.

London Link Group Committee has met 2 twice in person in 2018 and has organised the following events:

Event name	Young people (volunteers)	When
Winterval	18 (7)	January
Jordans	16 (5)	March
London Pride	10 (not recorded)	June
St.Albans	20 (5)	July
Salisbury	18 (6)	Sept
QHA helping day	16 (6)	December
London Teenage Meetings	Roughly 11-20 (2)	4 th Sunday

Reports of each event can be found at <http://londonlinkgroup.org.uk/2018/> . We encourage Friends to share reports, especially for inclusion in newsletters and other publications.

Our residential events this year were mostly out of London, for 2019 we will mostly be in London Meetings. We are grateful to be able to offer affordable prices and bursaries to participants via the donations and support from London Area Meetings.

Like many committees we rely on a very small number of dedicated volunteers and committee members to continue the success of London Link.

As well as the on going work to attract new volunteers, we are mindful that the clerk has been clerking the group for 8 years and appointing a new clerk is a high priority to ensure the sustainability of London Link Group.

Figures

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Attendance (total of YP at each event)	98	91	80	65	88	133	115
Number of events	6	5	5	4	5	8	6
Members on private London Link Facebook group:	220	218	214	199	189	190	162
Mailing list subscribers	332	328	324	271	245	223	171
Volunteers mailing list subscribers	66	66	65	47	45	42	37

We would like to thank all the volunteers, young people and supporters of London Link Group.

London Link Group Summary of Accounts 2018

	Date	Incomings	Outgoings	
Opening Balance	01/01/2018			£3,254.43
Jordans - March		£37.09	£893.77	
St Albans - July		£103.50	£242.01	
Salisbury - September		£380.50	£1,111.79	
Other			£135.84	
AM Donations		£400.00		
Totals	31/12/2017	£921.09	£2,383.41	-£1,462.32
Final Balance				£1,792.11