

Crossing Boundaries

steps to create a new charity for area meetings in Northern England

1 Exploration

Area Meetings in Northern England indicate an interest in involvement (AMs)



Area Meetings appoint representatives to form a working group "Crossing Boundaries committee (CBC)" (AMs)



Set out a possible process (CBC)



Initial communications – website, email address for queries, information sharing meetings in Area Meetings (CBC with AMs)



Draft 'foundation documents' for a new charity : (1) a constitution for the new charity, and (2) a memorandum of understanding setting out how responsibilities shared in the proposed new structure (CBC)



Information gathering: properties, finances, employees, etc across all AMs (CBC with AMs)

2 Threshing

Friends decide on how a new charity might work

Initial discernment on foundation documents for a new charity (constitution and memorandum of understanding) (AMs)



Analysis of combined finances and properties to establish viability of new body (CBC)



Creation of further drafts of foundation documents (CBC)



Further discernment on foundation documents (AMs)

until

Creation of final draft foundation documents (CBC)



Area Meetings indicate an interest in forming a single charity based on principles set out in final draft foundation documents (AMs)



Community and communications

Ongoing activities throughout the process



Opportunities for Worship together

Opportunities for gathering, learning and fellowship

Ongoing communications and engagement – sharing information on progress, involvement of Meetings and Friends



3 Setting up

Setting up the framework for a new charity based on discernment of Friends

Draft financial procedures and necessary policies for new charity (CBC)



Discernment on procedures and policies (AMs – possibly through AM Trustees)



Area Meetings indicate intention to join a new single charity (AMs)



Information on new governance structure sent to Britain Yearly Meeting for its information (CBC)



Nominations and appointment of initial trustees of Quakers in the North of England - QNE - charity (AMs)



Decision on ongoing roles and responsibilities between Crossing Boundaries Committee and newly formed trustees of Quakers in North of England. Crossing Boundaries Committee may be laid down at this point. (CBC, QNE Trustees)

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4 Transitioning

Charities of participating Area Meeting transfer to new Quakers in North of England charity

Application to Charity Commission and Quakers in North of England established (QNE Trustees)



Individual AMs continue but will lay down themselves as charities (AMs)



Individual AM assets transferred to new charity (AMs)



Charity 'Quakers in North of England' operates in place of individual AM charities and new governance arrangements set out in the constitution and memorandum of understanding between the new body and constituent AMs begin