

Flexible Contributions to Summer Gathering 2020

At annual meeting 2019, our community agreed to test a more flexible pricing structure for our gatherings. We hope that this will make gathering more financially accessible, and “increase the transparency of EMEYF’s financial structure, empowering EMEYFers to contribute, according to their financial abilities and needs, to our community.” (Minute AM 2019/9)

For Summer Gathering 2020 there is no fixed fee: we are asking EMEYFers to contribute to the cost of the gathering as generously as you feel comfortable with.

Please make your contribution at the time of registering for the gathering.

There are many factors to consider in working out how much you are able to contribute, as our circumstances can be different on various levels, including personal circumstances, economic differences between countries, and access to support from local Quaker bodies. Therefore we ask you to do some personal discernment. Below is some information and advices & queries to help with this:

Information about the cost of Summer Gathering 2020

The average cost per person is 210€ / 185£, made up of:

- Accommodation: 105€
- Food: 60€
- Other (including programme materials, hire of a bus, and use of a sauna): 45€

Please consider how much you can contribute relative to this average cost of 200€. If we receive less than this amount on average, the remaining cost will have to be covered by EMEYF’s reserves which are made up of donations from previous years and grants from other Quaker bodies. We hope that this system will be sustainable and trust in our community.

We ask for a minimum contribution of 60€. However, we do not want finance to prevent anyone attending; if after careful consideration you feel that you are not able to contribute this minimum amount, please contact Communications Committee via springgathering@emeyf.org to discuss a solution.

This system will replace bursaries for gathering fees. But bursaries are still available for travel costs – please consider these separately from your gathering contribution.

Advices & Queries to help your discernment

- We all have a shared responsibility to uphold our community and contribute according to our means – financially, through appointed roles, and by participating in our gatherings.
- Try to consider your personal circumstances within the bigger picture of our whole Europe and Middle East Section.
- How much money do you have available after housing and other essential costs?
- How much would you expect to pay for a week-long event (including accommodation and food) in your country?
- How much support is available from your local Quaker bodies? If support is available, and you can personally contribute less than the average cost, could you ask a local Quaker body to donate the difference? Keep in mind that the number of Quakers within the Europe and Middle East Section varies, and consider reminding your Meeting of their privilege.