



# CONSTITUTION

1. The name of the Network shall be the Nontheist Friends Network, a listed informal group of Britain Yearly Meeting within the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers).
2. The Network's aim is to provide a forum and supportive framework for Friends who regard religion as a human creation. We want to ensure that our Religious Society of Friends is an inclusive rather than an exclusive Society. We seek to explore theological and spiritual diversity and their practical implications, in respectful acceptance of different views, experiences, and journeys.
3. Membership is open to all who sympathise with the aims set out above and who pay the annual membership fee set by Annual General Meeting, the date, time and place of which will be arranged by the Steering Group and notified to members at least 30 days beforehand.
4. The Annual General Meeting shall appoint a Clerk and a Steering Group to run the Network between AGMs. The Steering Group shall appoint a Treasurer and a Membership Secretary, and fill such other offices as may be considered necessary. The appointments of Clerk and Steering Committee will normally be for three years.
5. The Treasurer shall maintain full and accurate records of all financial transactions and maintain a bank account in the Network's name. Signatories to the bank account shall be appointed by the Steering Group.
6. The Steering Group shall be charged by the membership with responsibility for organising activities in furtherance of the aims set out in 2 above.
7. The AGM and the steering group will aim to make and minute their decisions in accordance with traditional Quaker practice.
8. Any proposed amendments to this constitution must be sent in writing to the Clerk at least 20 days before the AGM. The Clerk will circulate them at least 10 days before the AGM. Only the AGM may authorise amendments.
9. In the event of a decision by the AGM to lay down the Network, any financial or other assets shall be transferred to a Quaker charity or organisation chosen by the steering group.

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*This Constitution was agreed at the Annual General Meeting of the Nontheist Friends Network, held at Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre, Birmingham on Saturday March 22. 2014 and amended, to include the second sentence under point 2 above, at AGM at Woodbrooke Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2016*

Michael Wright: Clerk