

VCamp pre-camp & Annual Gathering 2019

Where: Biblins Youth Campsite, Herefordshire, HR9 6DX

When: Friday 21st- Sunday 23rd June 2019

Annual Gathering aims:

- To celebrate the achievements of the movement
- To support members to share skills, experiences and practice
- To share good practice across the membership in how to increase and widen participation at every level
- To explore how every member, group and branch can implement the new strategic plan



Annual Gathering will take place at the same time and at the same venue as VCamp pre-camp for the following reasons:

- Increase participation of Venturers in Woodcraft Folk democracy
- Reduce time and demands of travel pressure on members, particularly Venturer leaders, Venturers, GC members and staff
- Time and cost effective to hold these events together rather than on consecutive weekends

Friday

Arrival from 6pm

6-7pm **Registration**

7pm **Evening meal**

8pm **Campfire**

Saturday

8am **Breakfast**

9am **Morning circle**

- Introduction to the weekend, introductions, announcements, meet General Council and Standing Orders Committee candidates

9:30am **Workshops, skill share & practice sessions**

- *The Voyage* - the best site tour you've ever had
- How to take better photos
- Woodcraft Folk and safeguarding
- New to annual gathering: everything you need to know!
- VCamp Centre Taster (Sustainability) Ethics of the fashion industry
- Games session
- Common Ground: Funding advice surgery
- Climate Emergency

- Local Treasurers working as one Woodcraft Folk

11am **Morning break**

11:30am **Workshops, skill share & practice sessions**

- We Are Woodcraft Folk - Key Messages for Becoming Better Known and Understood
- LGBT+ Inclusion For Beginners
- Engaging groups in outdoor and adventurous activities
- Exploring motions
- VCamp Village Speed Dating
- What is IFM? - How do delegations work? - Linking your district with a delegation.
- VCamp Centre taster (Sustainability)
- Introduction to a new online group management system
- VCamp Centre taster (Peace) Campaign against arms trade
- Gathering of the smalls (practice share)
- Democracy Workshop

12:30pm **Lunch**

2pm **Workshops, skill share & practice sessions**

- Update on Common Ground – Q&A
- Using Social Media to Grow Your Group
- Exploring motions
- Taking Inclusion to the Next Level
- VCamp & Common Ground Food Consultation
- Games session from Common Ground activity pack
- Badgework
- Voyages theme
- My experience of XR – from data programmer to barnacle on the pink boat of truth and arrest
- VCamp Take Away

3:30pm **Afternoon break**

4pm **Movement update**

- Update from 2018, #welcome to Woodcraft Folk, #funandfriendship campaigns and general progress update on delivering the strategic plan

5pm **Regional meetings**

6pm **Surgeries**

- An opportunity to have one to one time with key officers to discuss finance, safeguarding, membership, growth and inclusion

6:30pm **Evening meal**

8pm **Evening entertainment**

Sunday

8am ***Breakfast***

9am ***Morning circle***

9:30am ***Annual General Meeting***

- Trustees Annual Report
- Accounts
- Motions debate

12:30pm ***Lunch served***

1:30pm ***Closing circle***

Saturday 9:30am Session options

Topic	Description	Audience	Facilitator	Location
<i>The Voyage</i> - the best site tour you've ever had	VCamp Q+A to signpost to other workshops	Those attending VCamp 2019	Millie/Pip VCamp Organising Team	Main marquee
How To Take Better Photos	Workshop A picture is worth a thousand words - whether you're taking photos for your groups shared memories, social media or to send to the local press with a story, this session will cover top tips for taking better photos. Bring your own phone or camera if possible.	Suitable for all	Pippa Gardner, Communications Manager	Herf's Barn
Woodcraft Folk and safeguarding	Workshop A reflection on Woodcraft Folk's safeguarding practice – policy to practice.	Group leaders and helpers	Debs McCahon, Lead Safeguarding Officer	Event shelter 1
New to annual gathering	Workshop	Suitable for all ages, targeted at those new to Annual Gathering	Standing Orders Committee	Event shelter 2
VCamp Centre Taster (Sustainability) Ethics of the fashion industry	Workshop You will learn how cotton clothing is made and what the impacts are on the workers and the environment. There will be a quiz on recycling of textiles and we will look at ideas of how to make fashion sustainable.	Pioneers and above	Monika Eady, Ealing District	Event shelter 3
Games session	Games session	Elfins + Pioneers	Common Ground Board	Event shelter 4

	Play games from the Common Ground Activity Pack. The session will give Elfin and Pioneers a flavour of life on International camp.			
Common Ground: Funding advice surgery	Come and chat about advice for low effort, high impact ways of raising money for your district coming to Common Ground and supporting delegations.	Adults and DFs	Common Ground Board	Red gazebo
Climate Emergency	A reflection on the recent campaigns around the Climate Emergency with a strong focus on what local Woodcraft Folk groups can do.	Pioneers and Venturers	Ann MacGarry	Blue gazebo
Local Treasurers working as one Woodcraft Folk.	An opportunity for local treasurers to be involved in finding ways of working that support the shift to working as one organisation with common systems and practices Aud:	Group and District Treasurers or aspiring Treasurers	Sarah Welsh, Director of Operations & Finance	Warden's cabin

Saturday 11:30am Session options

Topic	Description	Audience	Facilitator	Location
We Are Woodcraft Folk - Key Messages for Becoming Better Known and Understood	Presentation Get some sound bites to help you talk about what we do in this short presentation. There will be time for Q&A afterwards with Pippa, Communications Manager.	Suitable for all	Pippa Gardner, Communications Manager	Herf's barn
LGBT+ Inclusion For Beginners	Presentation For those who are thinking about LGBT+ inclusion in group and event settings, but are unsure where to start. This session will present our inclusion guidance and offer an opportunity to get your questions answered	Group Leaders and Young People who volunteer with groups		Event shelter 1
Engaging groups in outdoor and adventurous activities	A discussion, workshop about engaging young people in adventurous activities, an exploration of the benefits, reasons and restrictions. What can I do safely and when to employ a professional.	Suitable for all	Mike Lawrence, Biblins Project Manager	Event shelter 3
Exploring motions	Open space discussion	Suitable for all	Standing Orders Committee	Event shelter 2
VCamp Village Speed Dating	'Meet your village' - camp + policies	For those attending VCamp 2019	VCamp Organising Team	Main marquee
What is IFM? - How do delegations work? - Linking your district with a delegation.	Short presentation explaining how IFM-SEI works, how Woodcraft is linked to similar organisations overseas, then a short explanation of how districts could choose to support international delegations at Common Ground, plus any questions then a match making service for districts looking for delegations.	For adults, DFs, Venturers and keen Pioneers	Common Ground Board	Event shelter 4

VCamp Centre taster (Sustainability)	Sustainability workshop	All ages	Sarah Barclay Boira	Red gazebo
Introduction to a new online group management system		Those responsibility for organising groups and events	Leanne Powell, Membership & Groups Officer	Warden's cabin
VCamp Centre taster (Peace) Campaign against arms trade	Stop DSEI The Arms fair will be coming to London this September. If you want to find out more about this event or more about how to stop it, come to our Venturer led workshop	All ages	Newham District	Blue gazebo 1
Gathering of the smalls (practice share)			Claire Slocombe, Scottish Committee	Blue gazebo 2
Democracy Workshop	Venturer Committee are leading this workshop, where participants will explore how democracy works through a series of interactive games focusing on elections and government.		Venturer Committee	Event shelter 5

Saturday 2pm Session options

Topic	Description	Audience	Facilitator	Location
Update on Common Ground – Q&A	Find out what the Common Ground Board have been up to, what we plan to do and ask any questions you have.	Adults, DFs Venturers and keen pioneers	Common Ground Board	Herf's barn
Using Social Media To Grow Your Group	Skill share Bring your own experiences to this session looking at best practice in using social media to grow and maintain your group. We'll look at what audiences you might find on different platforms and use some exercises to plan out and share possible content.	Venturers, DFs, Group Leaders	Pippa Gardner, Communications Manager	Warden's cabin
Exploring motions	Open space discussion	Suitable for all	Standing Orders Committee	Event shelter 2
Taking Inclusion to the Next Level	Discussion/Skill Share For those who are willing and able to share their own lived experience, join this session to help us identify how we can make our organisation more inclusive of people with disabilities, LGBT+ individuals, all ethnicities, migration status, people on low incomes and any other factor which contributes to exclusion. We're keen to discuss top tips for groups to implement as well as ways in which to mainstream inclusive practices in all areas of our work.	Suitable for all		Event shelter 1
VCamp & Common Ground Food Consultation	How does food work at large camps? Vcamp, and Common Ground <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good KP practice • KPing @ VCamp • Consultation on food 	For anyone interested in food	Bethan from VCamp and Common Ground Board	Event shelter 3

	The Common Ground KPs present their current thinking on the Menu, and get your ideas.			
Games session from Common Ground activity pack	Fun activity introducing IFM-SEI so you can get a better understanding of how Woodcraft can be international and who might come to Common Ground	For Venturers	Common Ground Board	Event shelter 4
Badgework			Tom Gower, Ealing District	Event shelter 5
Voyages theme	Migration workshop		Nadia/Holly	Blue gazebo 1
My experience of XR – from data programmer to barnacle on the pink boat of truth and arrest	Personal stories from individuals members about their engagement in Extinction Rebellion	For all members	Rachel Lunnon & Sapna Agarwal	Blue gazebo 2
VCamp Take Away	A space to summarise, tell everyone what to take back to their districts, get them excited, any remaining Qs, cover everything between end of Pre-Camp beginning of Camp	Those attending VCamp 2019	Veturer Camp Organising Team	Main marquee

