

Annual Gathering 2018 Programme

Theme: Increasing and widening participation

Venue: Biblins Youth Campsite, The Doward, Whitchurch, nr Ross on Wye Herefordshire, HR9 6DX

Purpose:

- 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

During all formal business the crèche will be based in and around The Burrow.

Folk Supply will be available in the Bunkhouse with tea and coffee.

Session One (9:45am-11am Saturday)

Sessions for all members on recruiting children, VCamp 2019, 'Secret' workshop, Games Share, Staying Safe and a Biblins site tour

Session Two (11:30am-12:45pm Saturday)

Session Two is reserved for Open Space discussion of the motions, governance review and Woodcraft Folk's new strategic plan.

Session Three (2:15pm – 3:30pm Saturday)

Sessions for all members on recruiting volunteers, the purpose of Woodcraft Folk centres, militarism and remembrance, widening participation and Woodcraft Folk governance.

Session Four (4pm-5:15pm Saturday)

Sessions for all members on renewable energy on camp, trans inclusion, bushcraft, Common Ground International Camp 2020 and how to become a centre warden.

Session Five (11:30am – 12:45pm Sunday)

Session for all members on setting up a group, anti-racism, data protection, craft share, a wide game for children and young people and a caucus meeting for BAME members

Session One

Session title	Recruiting children and young people	Secret Workshop	VCamp 2019	Games share	Staying Safe	Biblins Site Tour
Session description	<p>We will explore ways to spread the word about Woodcraft Folk groups.</p> <p>We will look at how to increase participation in your area and make sure we are being inclusive by talking about ways of contacting everyone in the community/area.</p> <p>We will discuss different types of outreach such as playouts, schools outreach and other events that can draw new young people to join up.</p>		<p>VCamp 2019 is only one year away!</p> <p>Come and meet the organising team, find out about the camp and tell us what you want to see and do at VCamp Voyage.</p> <p>All questions and all ages welcome.</p>	<p>An opportunity to play and share some of your favourite games.</p> <p>This session will be practical – we won't be talking about games we will be playing games!</p>	<p>An opportunity for everyone who works or volunteers with children and young people to be reminded of Woodcraft Folk's safeguarding and child protection procedures.</p> <p>The workshop will look at new real-life scenarios and explore child abuse indicators.</p>	<p>Woodcraft Folk took on the management of the Biblins Youth Campsite in February 2018.</p> <p>Join the new Centre Manager for a walking tour of the site and to hear our plans for site improvements.</p>
Target audience	Everyone welcome to join	Suitable for all ages	Venturers and Venturer Leaders	Members of all ages	Venturers and volunteers of all experience levels	All campers
Facilitator	Lauren Karstadt	Sophie Holden	Pip Sayers	Tracey Cleveland	Debs McCahon	Mike Lawrence
Where	Event Shelter 1	Event Shelter 2	Marquee	Gazebo 1	Gazebo 2	Meet warden's cabin

Session Three

Session title	Recruiting volunteers	How can Centres help members & the wider community engage with nature?	Militarism & Remembrance	Widening Participation: How inclusive is your group?	Governance Review: Inclusion & representation
Session description	<p>Explore methods and signpost to resources to find new volunteers in different areas.</p> <p>Talk through using websites, social media, volunteering centres and other local community groups/charities to help find volunteers.</p> <p>We will discuss what makes a Woodcraft Folk volunteer and what the varied roles are for volunteers in our organisation.</p>	<p>This session will be a space for anyone who would like to share their ideas on how our Centres can help our members and the wider community to engage with nature. Specifically we want to explore a number of key questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Should this be the core purpose of our Centres? 2. How can Centres support the membership to get the most out of their stays? 3. How can the membership/groups support the Centres? 	<p>Gain skills and confidence in speaking and campaigning!</p> <p>We will focus on issues of peace, war and security, particularly relating to Remembrance time, and how we can question mainstream or traditional ideas.</p>	<p>Woodcraft Folk's new strategic plan is focused on increasing and widening participation.</p> <p>This workshop will share best practice as tried and tested by existing groups and districts across the movement.</p> <p>If you want to review how inclusive your group is and how you could widen participation than this session is for you.</p>	<p>Woodcraft Folk's democratic structure successfully uses reserved places to ensure youth participation at a Trustee level - but do our governance structures reflect our membership and the communities we work with in other ways, such as gender, disability, race, or geographic distribution?</p> <p>2019 is a rules revision year - our opportunity to update our constitutional documents - this workshop will look at the work done by previous General Councils on making our democracy more inclusive at all levels and consider whether to re-start the process of revising our governance structures.</p>
Target audience	Existing volunteers	This session is open to anyone with an interest in the Woodcraft Centres.	This session is aimed at young people (under 25)	Venturers, DFs and all adults involved in groups	Venturers, DFs and all adults involved in groups
Facilitator	Lauren Karstadt	Jo Holliday & Mike Lawrence	Peace Pledge Union	Debs McCahon	Jon Nott
Where	Event Shelter 1	Event Shelter 2	Marquee	Gazebo 1	Gazebo 2

Session Four

Session title	Trans inclusion	Renewable Energy on Camp	Bushcraft skill share	Common Ground update with Q&A	Would you like to be a Centre warden?
Session description	<p>A session to discuss and explore our Trans awareness policy and talk about Trans issues that may arise whilst running groups and camps.</p> <p>Bring along an open mind and any questions you might have.</p>	<p>Come along and explore how we can make our camps more renewable – top tips of reducing the impact of our outdoor adventures.</p>	<p>In the true co-operative style, Rachel & Dick will be running a skill share for all leaders wanting advice, guidance or new ideas.</p>	<p>A summary of what has happened in the organising of Common Ground in the last year; decisions, progress, what next. Will include various Common Ground Board members.</p> <p>Opportunities to ask questions and give feedback.</p>	<p>Come along to this cosy session in the cabin to find out how you could become a warden for one of the Woodcraft Folk centres.</p>
Target audience	Members of all ages	Venturers and leaders of all experience		Anyone interested in Common Ground probably an older audience	DFs and all adult members
Facilitator	Lauren Karstadt	Bob Todd	Dick Tyte & Rachel Lunnon	Tom Brooks	Mike Lawrence
Where	Event Shelter 1	Event shelter 2	Gazebo 1	Marquee	Wardens Cabin

Session Five

Session title	Setting up a new group	Anti-Racism	Craft share	A day at International camp	Data Protection	BAME caucus
Session description	<p>Explore the essentials of setting up a new group.</p> <p>Signpost to resources that are available to support setting up a new group. Share success from the new groups project and talk about reasons groups find it hard to get off the ground.</p>	<p>We will look at what we mean by race bias and prejudice and how this might impact on widening participation in our movement.</p> <p>We will share ideas and resources for raising awareness of racism and explore how the movement can be made more inviting to people of colour.</p>	<p>Bring one – swap one</p> <p>Building on our co-operative spirit this session will explore craft ideas suitable for Pioneers and above</p>	<p>Game/interactive session for Elfins and Pioneers going through what to expect of a normal day at International camp.</p>	<p>May saw the introduction of the General Data Protection Regulations.</p> <p>If you would like to find out what that means for groups and Districts then this informative session is right for you.</p>	<p>This will provide a safe space for Woodcrafters of colour to discuss issues of race and culture, and their impact on the movement.</p> <p>In particular it will provide an opportunity to explore how the movement can be made more inviting to people of colour.</p>
Target audience	Venturers and existing volunteers	Venturers and existing volunteers	Pioneers and above	Elfins and Pioneers	Existing volunteers	BAME Woodcraft Folk members
Facilitator	Lauren Karstadt	Alicia Francis	Claire Knight	Tom Brooks	Debs McCahon	Elliot Francis-Hewitt
Where	Event Shelter 1	Event Shelter 2	Bunkhouse	Marquee	Gazebo 1	Gazebo 2