

## Annual Gathering 2019

**Where:** Biblins Youth Campsite, Herefordshire, HR9 6DX

**When:** Friday 21<sup>st</sup>- Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2019

### **Event 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

<b>Friday</b>		1:45pm	Workshops, skill share & practice sessions
Arrival from 6pm			
		3pm	Afternoon break
6-7pm	Registration		
		4:30pm	Movement update
7pm	Evening meal served		
		5:30pm	Regional meetings
8pm	Campfire		
		6pm	Surgeries
<b>Saturday</b>			
		6:30pm	Evening meal served
8am	Breakfast served		
		8pm	Evening entertainment
9am	Morning circle		
		<b>Sunday</b>	
9:30am	Workshops, skill share & practice sessions		
		8:30am	Breakfast served
11am	Morning break		
		9:30am	Morning circle
11:30am	Workshops, skill share & practice sessions		
		10am	AGM
12:30pm	Lunch		
		12:30pm	Lunch served
		1:30pm	Closing circle

## Saturday 9:30am Session options

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Audience</b>	<b>Facilitator</b>	<b>Location</b>
<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	
Woodcraft Folk and safeguarding		Group leaders and helpers	Debs McCahon, Lead Safeguarding Officer	
New to annual gathering	Workshop	Suitable for all ages, targeted at those new to Annual Gathering	Standing Orders Committee	
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	

Games session	<p>Games session</p> <p>Play games from the Common Ground Activity Pack. The session will give Elfins and Pioneers a flavour of life on International camp.</p>	Elfins + Pioneers	Common Ground Board	
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	
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		
Local Treasurers working as one Woodcraft Folk.	<p>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</p> <p>Aud:</p>	Group and District Treasurers or aspiring Treasurers	Sarah Welsh, Director of Operations & Finance	

## Saturday 11:30am Session options

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Audience</b>	<b>Facilitator</b>	<b>Location</b>
We Are Woodcraft Folk - Key Messages for Becoming Better Known and Understood	<p>Presentation</p> <p>Get some sound bites to help you talk about what we do in this short presentation. There will be time for Q&amp;A afterwards with Pippa, Communications Manager.</p>	Suitable for all	Pippa Gardner, Communications Manager	
LGBT+ Inclusion For Beginners	<p>Presentation</p> <p>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</p>	Group Leaders and Young People who volunteer with groups		
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	
Exploring motions	Open space discussion	Suitable for all	Standing Orders Committee	
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 Camp	Those attending VCamp 2019	Veturer Camp Organising Team	

<p>What is IFM?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- How do delegations work?</li> <li>- Linking your district with a delegation.</li> </ul>	<p>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.</p>	<p>For adults, DFs, Venturers and keen Pioneers</p>	<p>Common Ground Board</p>	
<p>VCamp Centre taster (Sustainability)</p>	<p>Sustainability workshop</p>	<p>All ages</p>	<p>Sarah Barclay Boira</p>	
<p>Introduction to a new online group management system</p>		<p>Those responsibility for organising groups and events</p>	<p>Leanne Powell, Membership &amp; Groups Officer</p>	
<p>VCamp Centre taster (Peace) Campaign against arms trade</p>	<p>Stop DSEI</p> <p>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</p>	<p>All ages</p>	<p>Newham District</p>	
<p>Badgework</p>			<p>Tom Gower, Ealing District</p>	

## Saturday 1:45pm Session options

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Audience</b>	<b>Facilitator</b>	<b>Location</b>
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	
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	
Exploring motions	Open space discussion	Suitable for all	Standing Orders Committee	
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		
VCamp & Common Ground Food Consultation	How does food work at large camps? Vcamp, and Common Ground  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good KP practice</li> </ul>	For anyone interested in food	Bethan from VCamp and Common Ground Board	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KPing @ VCamp</li> <li>• Consultation on food</li> </ul> <p>The Common Ground KPs present their current thinking on the Menu, and get your ideas.</p>			
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	
VCamp Village Speed Dating	'Meet your village' - camp + policies	For those attending VCamp 2019	VCamp Organising Team	
Voyages theme	Migration workshop		Nadia/Holly	
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	

