

YACR EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Objects of the YACR (Rules section I) are:

- 1 To promote ringing for divine service and to secure recognition of ringers as church workers.
- 2 To cultivate the art of change ringing and encouraging recruitment and the instruction of ringers
- 3 To cultivate good fellowship amongst ringers and bring all ringers into a closer friendship
- 4 To endeavour to arrange instruction for bands of ringers desiring it
- 5 To obtain the co-operation of church authorities in the maintenance of bells and ringing”

and to help to achieve these objectives, (Rules section III):

“There shall be an **Education Committee**. It shall consist of one representative from each Branch, not necessarily a General Committee member, and shall elect its own convenor who shall be ex-officio on the General Committee. It shall meet at least once a year and shall have the power to co-opt. “

The Education Committee is given an annual grant by YACR, currently £500, which it can use as it thinks best on Education and Training, subject to overall accountability to the YACR.

Points 2 and 4 above are specifically training and education objectives, and points 1 and 5 have significant educational aspects. Point 3 is the result of ringers able to achieve more than before as a result of good training, and feeling more welcome by the established membership.

Key Aspects of training and education:

Identification of development needs for individuals and groups (ringers and bands of ringers)
Preparation of development programmes for individuals and groups
Preparation of specific training materials
Organisation of specific training events
Delivery of training
Post-training support
Funding education related projects.

Functions of the Education Committee

The training, education and development of ringers is a key responsibility of ringiers at all levels, particularly YACR Officers, Branch Officers and Tower Captains. The Committee fully supports these efforts. We use the word *Education* to emphasise that there is more to ringers’ development than just gaining technical skills.

This support includes central co-ordinated advice, materials and expertise (either directly or by knowing who to turn to). It is not attempting to provide or supervise all of the elements of education and training needed by Association members.

The key role is therefore to be an **enabler** of good quality and appropriate education and training - to:

- 1 help a tower band to identify their own development needs.
- 2 survey, when required, the wider development needs, in conjunction with YACR or Branch Ringing Masters
- 3 develop good quality training materials. This will be directly developed materials or materials used successfully for a YACR event, and made available to all in YACR
- 4 provide good quality training materials for training events – not necessarily developed within or for the YACR
- 5 give advice and guidance on the organisation and delivery of training to Branches
- 6 act as the link between YACR members and training and education delivered by outside bodies such as the CCCBR and ART
- 7 directly manage the organisation and delivery of training in areas where local (mainly Branch) expertise is unavailable, or where the scope is wider than that which local resources can manage.
- 8 share expertise on education and training.
- 9 give advice and guidance on post-event support.
- 10 give financial support to local initiatives which are education based

Membership of the Education Committee

The Committee consists of a representative from each Branch, and may co-op other members as required. The Committee elects its own Convenor. As at August 2021 the committee has a co-opted Convenor, Secretary and Treasurer. A representative of the Young Tykes is also co-opted to the committee. Other members with specific skills, such as marketing and technology are also co-opted to the committee. The YACR President, YACR Ringing Master and YACR Secretary are also invited to our meetings

Committee Members Roles – those marked * are co-opted at the moment

Convenor*

The main responsibility of the Convenor is to chair meetings of the committee. The Convenor is an ex-officio member of the General Committee, and is thereby the formal link between the YACR leadership and the committee. The Convenor encourages volunteers to take on the various aspects the committee's work, to watch progress and help with issues as they arise.

Secretary *

The role of the Secretary is specifically to prepare papers for meetings, to take and distribute minutes of meetings, and support the Convenor in the functioning of the Committee.

Treasurer*

Keep an accurate record of Committee income and expenditure. This will involve keeping track of grants from the YACR, grants made by the Committee, and other expenditure in connection with events run by the Committee. It is hoped that the actual payments will be made via the YACR Treasurer.

Branch Representatives.

Each representative acts as the link between the represented Branch and the committee. In particular the representative will fully understand the education and training needs of Branch towers and their members, will fully understand the ability of the Branch to meet these needs and call upon the committee to assist in any way it can where the Branch may not be fully able to meet its requirements.

Public Relations

Oversee publicity for EC events – this will include keeping the webpages up to date and putting items on Facebook. Note that this is primarily ensuring that YACR members are aware of Education and Training opportunities rather than for a more general outside audiences.

Librarian

Manage course materials. Provide them in a suitable format for the website and ensure they are available to all.

Course Administrator - *decided on event by event basis*

Supervise venue booking, course registration, etc.