

DFs is short for district fellows (you can see why we shorten it). It is the 16-20 age range of Woodcraft Folk.

Some regions will run regular DF events, but DFs might meet up more casually, or just see each other at the 4 annual social events (plus business events) we run for DFs around the country.

How are you run?

We're an autonomous organisation within the Woodcraft

Folk, completely led by our members. Every year, at

Business events called Things, members vote on our

policies and elect new members to DF Committee.

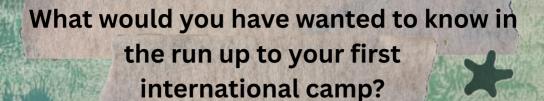
DFs may also help out other groups in their districts, and many will have village or central roles at camp 100.

This zine was made with answers from a few

DFs around the country

The Woodcrapt
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That different Woodcraft Folk groups have slightly different variations of woodcraft traditions. My own experience was very different to some others.

Snacks!!!

I think I got a bit too caught up with my village and people I already knew - I should have visited other areas more.

My first international camp will be camp 100 But having been camping a lot my advice is to bring some body spray or cheap perfume

What's a phrase or term that you hear used at Woodcraft Folk that might be new to someone from outside the organisation, and what does it mean?

(Merry) Moot = Kind of a talent show but noone wins (Can also be conjugated as Mooting)

I have literally never heard this conjugated in my life

The age groups within Woodcraft:

- Woodchips 5 and under
- Elfins 6 to 9
- Pioneers 10 to 12
- Venturers 13 to 15
 - DFs 16 to 20

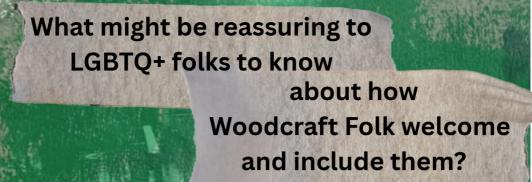
Folkcest (this is more of a jokey one among DFs) is basically when two people in Woodcraft get together romantically or sexually on camp

Woodies, the Folk = Nicknames for people in Woodcraft

KP, as in Keeper of the provender (?), being the person who organises the clans to prepare food for the groups.

I got a request to explain some of the odd traditions and history here. There's honestly far too much, and I expect there will be a lot talked about on camp, but to get you started - folk names

Folk names are pseudonyms used by woodies, that when woodcraft started, helped create a sense of equality between all ages (rather than calling adults 'sir' and 'miss'). In my group, we all picked these just based on what we liked, and largely forgot about them. However other groups have members suggest them for their friends, and they can be much more sentimental, and bestowed in a ceremony. I learnt this after following some really heartfelt folk names by gifting my friend a really stupid one.



What was really helpful for me was knowing that people didn't care if I changed my name and would call me whatever

Woodcraft Folk was one of the first scouting spin off movements to be mixed gender. The woodcraft experience is not and has never been tied to your gender identity.

Pronouns are introduced just as casually as names.
People might ask your pronouns when they meet you and whenever we do an introductory circle people always give pronouns.

I'm going to run a trans workshop at the Planet
Utopia centre , If you want to come :)

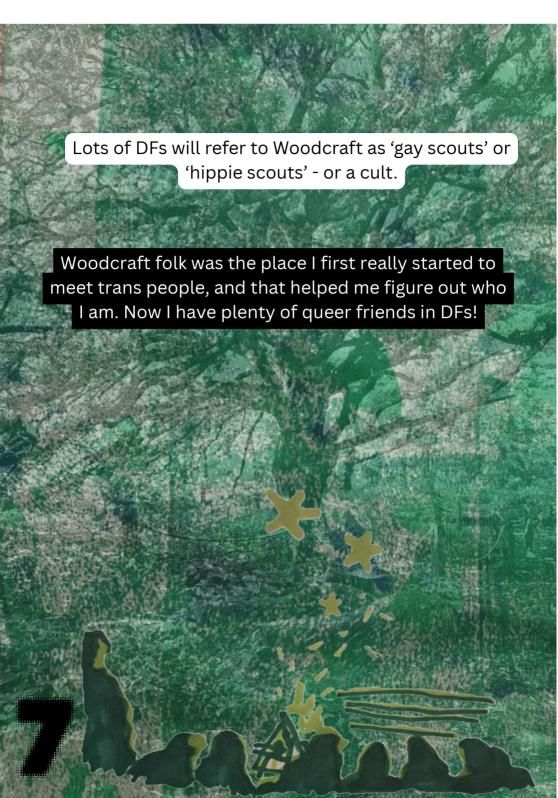
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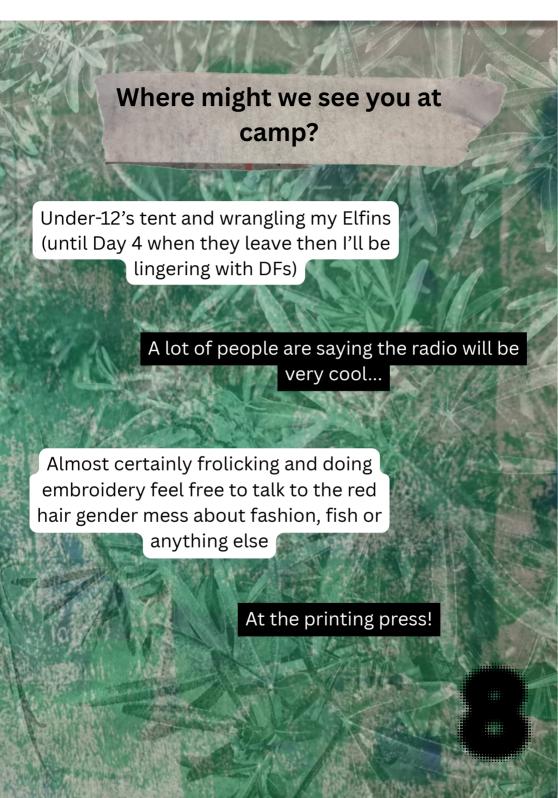
Umbrella Program, MEST-UP is a programme of workshops delivered by a trained and impartial team of DFs that aim to educate people on event, as well as provide emotional and conflict resolving information to aid the mental wellbeing and enjoyment of camp to all of the individuals there; equally and unbiased.

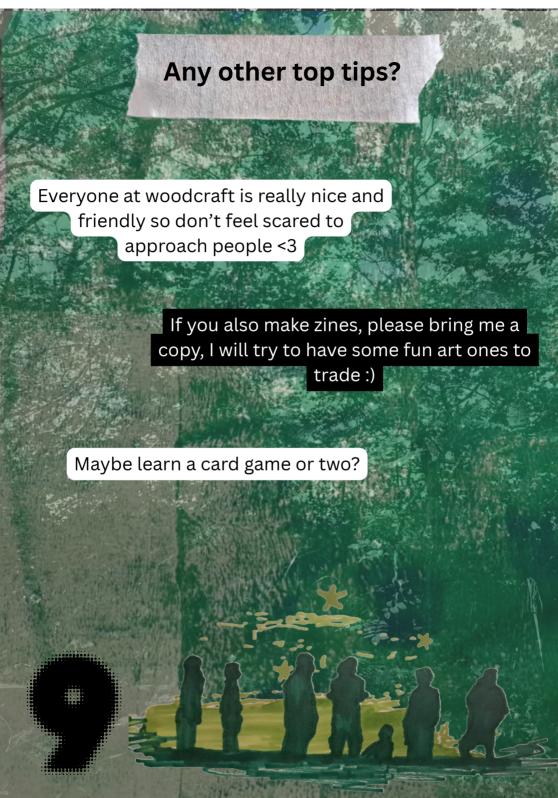
MEST-UP reps are the absolute best - on our DF
events they volunteer on a shift rota to look out for
other DFs and run a quiet space you can go to for
support or if you are feeling overwhelmed. Our
amazing MEST-UP coordinator* recently
redesigned some of the training to focus on issues
most relevant to DFs - including gender dysphoria,
and ensuring reps have a clear understanding of a
range of identities and sexualities.

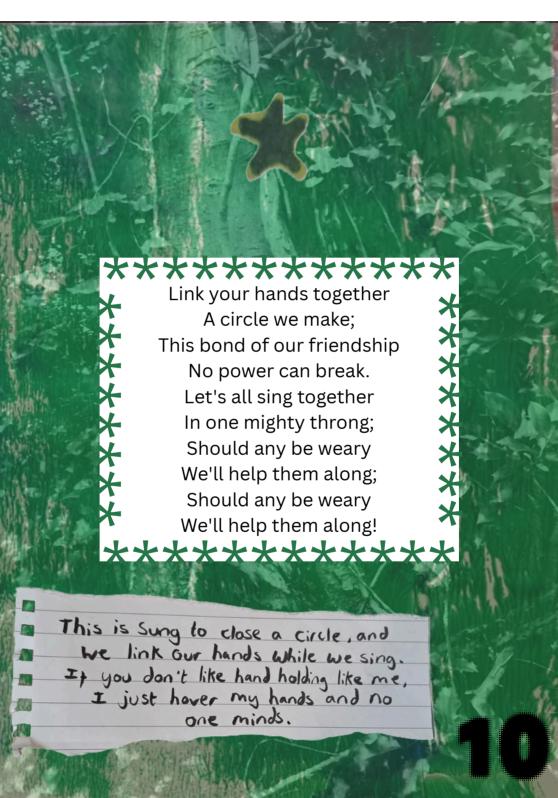
MEST-UP will have a centre you can visit on camp 100, and many DFs you see out and about on camp will have benefited from this training.

*(an elected committee role)











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