

Monthly Mailing – December 2018

for local meeting clerks or conveners



Welcome to your December 2018 mailing.

Area meeting clerks have received the same material to help you discuss it with them if needed. Please send any feedback or queries to Gaby Scott: gabys@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1045.

NB: The next monthly mailing, for **February 2019**, will be sent out on 29 January 2019.

We suggest that some of the items are read out as notices. Please pass enclosures to relevant members of your meeting or add to your noticeboard or newsletter where possible.



action required by clerk for meeting business



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this item is *also* relevant to area meetings



All PDF documents for this mailing are at www.quaker.org.uk/mm-dec18

Listings and newsletter

- **Books of the Month December 2018** from the Quaker Centre Bookshop.
- **Woodbrooke Upcoming Courses December 2018** Please display this courses listing. Booking details are given on the listing.
- **Among Friends Autumn 2018** The latest edition of the newsletter from the Europe & Middle East Section of Friends World Committee for Consultation contains news of a Norwegian Young Friends pilgrimage to Britain, the All Poland Friends Gathering and updates from Woodbrooke, QUNO and QCEA.

End of year meeting update request



We have recently contacted you for any changes to your meeting details, contact information, clerks or correspondence clerk. Please respond as soon as possible via email to updates@quaker.org.uk (or letter to FREEPOST QUAKERS). If you are unable to confirm all the details now please reply with as much information as possible and then send a follow up later once all changes have been confirmed.

Trustees make decision over Palestine



Quakers in Britain has become the first church in the UK to announce it will not invest any of its centrally-held funds in companies profiting from the occupation of Palestine. The decision was made by trustees in consultation with Meeting for Sufferings. The recording clerk said, "As Quakers, we seek to live out our faith through every day actions, including the choices we make about where to put our money."

Read the press release on www.quaker.org.uk/news

Confidentiality

1. Revised leaflet on Confidentiality

Quaker Life has revised the guidance that it offers to meetings on confidentiality. See the new leaflet enclosed with this mailing.

Order copies from the Quaker Centre, QuakerCentre@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1031

PDF available at www.quaker.org.uk/documents/confidentiality.pdf

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Announce in notices and draw attention of role holders to the flyer.

Supporting roles

2. Patterns and examples: deep roots for strong communities

Gatherings in 2019 – see poster for dates and venues

Would those serving your meeting benefit from a day of support, training, and spiritual nurture? Patterns and Examples days are gatherings for all adult role holders, and children and young people aged 6 to 18. Each one will be an opportunity to meet Friends, make friends, share ideas and worries, develop your skills and build our Quaker communities.

To book, visit: forms.quaker.org.uk/patterns-and-examples

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Announce in notices.

Children and young people

3. All Are Welcome: Engaging and connecting with families

10.30am – 4.00pm, Saturday 2 March 2019, Friends House, London

A day for Friends to come together to share stories and explore what it means to be an all age community.

Online booking form: <https://forms.quaker.org.uk/families/>

For more information contact:

Mel Cook, melaniec@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1014



Please read out and make poster available.

Outreach

4. Quaker Life All Age Outreach Conference 2019

15-17 February 2019, High Leigh Conference Centre, Hertfordshire

This event is aimed at Quakers who are keen to reach out and help build dynamic welcoming Quaker communities. The event will be truly all age with everyone working creatively together throughout the weekend to share experience, ideas and inspiration.

Some bursary assistance to help with travel may be available.

Elizabeth Scott, ElizabethSc@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1121

www.quaker.org.uk/events/outreachconference2019



Please announce in meeting and suggest names to your area meeting. We encourage you to consider Friends of all ages.

**Different letters are enclosed for local and area meetings*

Grants

5. QPSW Relief grants and Simmons grants available

QPSW Relief grants of up to £4,000 per year for a maximum of three years. They are available for projects both overseas and in the UK for peace-building, and addressing relief of people who are suffering as a result of social and economic deprivation, natural disasters, climate change, war or conflict but not immediate crisis relief. Simmons grants of about £1,500 for one year will be available to aid Quakers' support/involvement in overseas projects helping rural young people become self-sufficient, or with a similar educational purpose. Projects need to be a concern of a local or area meeting.

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Announce in notices.

Inclusion and diversity

6. Inclusion and diversity survey

Yearly Meeting 2017 minuted "a call to examine our diversity" and a diversity and inclusion coordinator was appointed to look at the current makeup of the Quaker community in order to help us to develop in more inclusive ways. The inclusion and diversity survey has been put together to help with this work. Please encourage Friends and attenders in your meeting to complete the survey. It is completely anonymous and the results will be collated at BYM.

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Please complete the survey by 28 March 2019:

www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/quakersurvey

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Announce in notices and ask Friends to complete the survey.

Many thanks to the Friends from Luton & Leighton Area Meeting who help to collate this mailing.