

Monthly Mailing – October 2018

for local meeting clerks or conveners



Welcome to your October 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 **November 2018**, will be sent out on 30 October 2018.



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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-oct18

Listings, magazine and podcast

- **Books of the Month October 2018** from the Quaker Centre Bookshop.
- **Woodbrooke Upcoming Courses October 2018** Please display this courses listing. Booking details are given on the listing.
- **Friends World News from FWCC** including articles on the FWCC Sustainability Communications Officer and FWCC joining the Multi-Faith Living the Change sustainable living initiative.
- **A Quaker Take** Recently relaunched, 'A Quaker Take' is a podcast discussing topics from a Quaker perspective. The most recent episode is about God and the different words we use. Find it at www.quaker.org.uk/podcast or on your favourite podcatcher.

Reminders to book

Quaker Activist Gathering 2018

Saturday 3 November, 10am to 4pm, Lancaster Quaker Meeting House

It will be a day to make connections, build common cause, and deepen our action.

More info and book: www.quaker.org.uk/events/quaker-activist-gathering-2018

Quaker Mental Health Forum – Young people and mental health

Saturday 3 November, 10am to 4pm, The Priory Rooms, Birmingham

Book at: <http://bit.ly/mental-health-forum-2018>

Contact: Alison Mitchell, mhdo@retreatyorkbfund.com, 07483 028 490

Quaker Youth Work Conference

Saturday 10 November, 10.30am to 4.30pm, Woodbrooke, Birmingham

A conference for those running events for young Quakers aged 11+.

Book by 28 October at www.quaker.org.uk/events/quaker-youth-work-conference-2018

Info: Lucy Sam, lucys@quaker.org.uk, 0207 663 1160

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.

Conferences, events and courses

1. Journeys of Witness – QPSW Spring Conference

22–24 March 2019, Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick

The QPSW Spring Conference will be held in March 2019. The conference is an ideal way for new Friends and attenders to find out about the work QPSW does on behalf of Friends and how they can get involved. Staff from various programmes of work will be present and are happy to talk to Friends outside the workshop and plenary sessions to answer questions. Come and share your stories!

Info: www.quaker.org.uk/events/2019-qpsw-spring-conference



Please announce in meetings and encourage Friends who may find this event useful.

2. Book now for Trustees and Treasurers Conference 2019

29–31 March 2019, The Hayes Conference Centre, Derbyshire

'Better practice' is the theme for the first joint conference for trustees and treasurers. How can we make our meetings run better, keeping them grounded in our faith while meeting our legal obligations? See flyer for further details. There will be time to network and discuss matters of direct relevance to you and your meeting. Area meetings are encouraged to send the treasurer and a trustee.

Andrew McVicar, andrewm@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1119

www.quaker.org.uk/events/trustees2019



Pass details and flyer to trustee.

3. Inspiration and Practice: the spiritual grounding of our ecumenical and interfaith work

8–10 March 2019, Woodbrooke, Birmingham

Ecumenical and interfaith work can bring moments of breakthrough and challenges. We will explore the spiritual depth in such moments. What helps moments of openness and insight? How do we face and deal with barriers of substantial difference? We will bring such reflections together with examples of practical work on the ground, making use of current Quaker interfaith and ecumenical activity.

For those nominated, please book online at www.woodbrooke.org.uk/qccir-conference



The booking period for AM representatives will close on 31 January 2019 – after that, any remaining places will be generally available.

4. Swarthmoor Hall News

October and November, Swarthmoor Hall, Cumbria

This flyer is to let Friends know about residential courses & day events running at Swarthmoor Hall this autumn. Why not combine an opportunity for spiritual refreshment with a stay in the comfortable surroundings of the Hall?

For further information and to book:

01229 583204, info@swarthmoorhall.co.uk

www.swarthmoorhall.co.uk



Please bring to the attention of Friends residential courses and day events running at Swarthmoor Hall this autumn.

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Children and young people

5. Engaging with schools

A core aspect of most Religious Education (RE) curriculums involves finding out about faith communities and religious buildings. As a result, local schools often want to visit Quaker meeting houses to find out about our worship, our history and our way of life, as well as explore our place of worship. This can be an ideal opportunity for outreach and to make connections with the local community.

A new resource has been created – Engaging with schools – to support Friends and Quaker meetings working with schools and other groups of children and young people visiting the meeting house.

To order a printed copy: cypadmin@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1013



Announce in notices.

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Climate justice

6. Climate Justice: opportunities for action & witness

Events: last Friday of each month, nr Blackpool & 1 December, Manchester

This year Britain Yearly Meeting and Quakers around the country are busy in witness for climate justice. There are several opportunities to get involved coming up, including faithful witness against fracking near Blackpool, training in Manchester, and things to do from your desk at home.

Please see the sheet for further details or contact:

Ben Foley, benf@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1056



Please announce in notices and bring to attention of those known to be interested.

Young Friends General Meeting

7. YFGM postcards for outreach

Young Friends General Meeting (YFGM) have designed postcards for outreach! We want to help young adult Quakers learn about the YFGM community and welcome them to our gatherings that take place three times a year.

If you would like to order postcards for your meeting, please email the YFGM Coordinator:

Faith Biddle, yfgm@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1050



See sample postcard in this mailing and order more if you wish.

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