

Monthly Mailing – October 2016

for clerks of area meetings, General Meeting for Scotland,
Meeting of Friends in Wales, and Young Friends General Meeting



Welcome to your October 2016 mailing.

Items for area meetings only are listed on this separate sheet. You will also find enclosed a copy of the letter sent to local meetings – items relevant to area meetings have an 'A' icon next to them and you will find enclosed any printed material relevant to these items.

Please send any updates or queries to Gaby Scott: gabys@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1045.

NB: The next monthly mailing, for **November 2016**, will be sent out on 25 October 2016.



action required by clerk for meeting business



printed material is included relating to this item (number of sheets to right of icon)



this item is relevant to area meetings



All PDF documents for this mailing are at www.quaker.org.uk/mm-oct16

Items for area meetings only

Tabular statement

1. Tabular statement for 2016

The tabular statement forms will be mailed out by 17 October. As with last year, it will be possible to complete and return the forms on paper or electronically (as a spreadsheet). Please complete the electronic version if at all possible. The forms will be sent to the clerk of membership of your area meeting. If you have no membership clerk they will be sent to the AM clerk. Your return should be based on your membership as of the last area meeting of the year. You do not need to wait till the end of 2016.

We will need the completed tabular statements returned to us by the end of January 2017 at the very latest. If you have any queries, please contact: Graham Spackman, 020 7663 1021, grahams@quaker.org.uk



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Children and Young People

2. JYM 2017 nominations advance notice

Next month's AM clerks mailing will include information in a separate envelope about nominating young people to Junior Yearly Meeting 2017. JYM is an important opportunity for young Quakers. In 2017 this takes place as part of Yearly Meeting Gathering from 29 July to 5 August at the University of Warwick. Area meetings can nominate up to two 14- to 17-year-olds for guaranteed places at JYM and more for places as they become available.

Nominations need to be received by 15 March 2017.

cypadmin@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1013



Be ready to begin the JYM nominations process when the information arrives next month.

Young Friends General Meeting

3. Send a representative to YFGM

21–23 October, Lancaster

Area meetings are encouraged to consider funding representatives to YFGM. Representatives are crucial links for YFGM with other meetings and could report back on the activities of our vibrant community.

For registration, go to the YFGM website at yfgm.quaker.org.uk or contact the YFGM Office: 020 7663 1050, yfgm@quaker.org.uk

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Identify potential young adult representatives.

Conferences

4. QPSW Annual Spring Conference 2017: Journeys of Witness

24–26 March 2017, The Hayes, Swanwick, Derbyshire

Area meetings are invited to appoint Friends to attend this conference. This conference is aimed at those fairly new to Friends or to the work of Quaker Peace & Social Witness (QPSW) and at QPSW Correspondents. It will focus on the work that QPSW does in the world on your behalf, and how QPSW seeks to support Friends individually in their lives and jointly in their meetings to translate faith into action.

Kristin Skarsholt, bymevents@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1121, www.quaker.org.uk/events/2017-qpsw-annual-spring-conference

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Please raise the conference at your next area meeting and support Friends to attend.

5. Forced migration: how can Quakers Respond?

Friday 3 – Sunday 5 February 2017, Woodbrooke, Birmingham

Unprecedented numbers of men, women and children are fleeing war, persecution and environmental catastrophe. Many risk death, hoping to find safety and a new life in Europe. Why? What have been the responses? Is this as a security issue? Are asylum policies flawed? How can Friends work for justice and compassion for those seeking refuge in Europe?

Conference run by Quaker Asylum and Refugee Network (QARN) with Woodbrooke, the Quaker Council for European Affairs (QCEA), and Quaker Peace & Social Witness (QPSW).

Speakers: Sarah Teather (Director of Jesuit Refugee Service, former chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Refugees) and Andrew Lane, Representative at QCEA.

Please book directly with Woodbrooke: www.woodbrooke.org.uk

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Appoint a Friend to attend/publicise.