

Upcoming Courses

Courses & Learning

Friday 18 November 2016 - Sunday 20 November 2016

We need good ways of responding in meetings to Friends experiencing mental illness or distress. This course will look at the experience of mental ill health, situations which arise and ways to respond. We will consider how to keep an open and supportive meeting environment. How do we handle our fears and balance the needs of the individual and the wider meeting? While we welcome people with direct experience of mental illness, the course is not suitable for those currently experiencing distress.

Please book online or fill out a booking form via www.bit.ly/wbform1 Alternatively call us on 0121 472 5171

Sacred Reading: an online retreat

Friday 18 November 2016 - Saturday 19 November 2016

This online retreat offers an opportunity to make a journey into the heart of sacred and secular writings, encountering the Spirit through words. From Friday evening to Saturday afternoon we will explore a variety of approaches to sacred reading, including the monastic practice of lectio divina, creative responses, group sacred reading and walking meditation with words. We will share responses with one another through online and telephone conversation.

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How can I be a conscientious objector today?

Friday 25 November 2016 - Sunday 27 November 2016

A century after World War One, we are no longer conscripted to fight. Instead, our taxes are conscripted to fund war and our minds conscripted to a militarist mindset. This is a chance to learn from our predecessors a century ago and explore how we can resist warfare today. Through sharing ideas and learning from each other, we will identify ways to be "conscientious objectors" to militarism in our everyday lives.

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Clearing the Way

Wednesday 4 January 2017 - Friday 6 January 2017

The New Year is a good time to reflect on who we are, what we feel called to do, and what gets in the way. We will explore the nature of the clutter that distracts from our life's purpose and consider how to create space in our minds and hearts as well as in our living rooms.

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Forced Migration: how can Quakers Respond?

Friday 3 February 2017 - Sunday 5 February 2017

Unprecedented numbers of men, women and children have been fleeing war, persecution and environmental catastrophe. Many have risked death, hoping to find safety and a new life in Europe. Why is this happening? What have been the responses? Governments see this as a security issue. We believe that asylum policies are flawed. We will explore how Friends can work, collectively and locally, for justice and compassion for all those seeking refuge in Europe.

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Online: Galatians: Paul's Gospel of liberation

Monday 13 February 2017 - Sunday 12 March 2017

'For freedom Christ has set us free'. This is the heart of Paul's teaching in this letter. Here is Paul's most radical expression of how the experience of the Spirit can transform how people think of themselves and treat each other. In this online course we will tackle the letter step by step, aiming to bring Paul's words alive, find connections with Quaker understandings, and better understand Paul's confidence that faith in the living word can bring a new creation.

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