

Monthly Mailing – August 2019

for local meeting clerks or conveners



Welcome to your August 2019 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 **September 2019**, will be sent out on 28 August 2019.



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 also relevant to area meetings



All PDF documents for this mailing are at www.quaker.org.uk/mm-aug19

Listings and more

- August 2019 editions of **Books of the Month** and **Children & Young Adults Books of the Month** from the Quaker Centre Bookshop.
- **Woodbrooke Upcoming Courses August 2019**
Please display these course listings. Booking details are given on the listings.
- **Among Friends Issue 145** The latest newsletter from the Europe & Middle East Section of Friends World Committee for Consultation – containing news of the EMES Annual Meeting in Budapest, the Europe & Middle East Young Friends Spring Gathering in Russia, Kindertransport commemoration in Prague and remembering John Corsellis.
- **Friends World News, 2019, Vol 1, Issue 188** The bulletin of the Friends World Committee for Consultation, featuring news from their recent Central Executive Committee meeting, Section reports, plans for World Quaker Day 2019, and the latest updates from the World Office including sustainability and the Young Adult Friends Development Fund.
- **FWCC Appeal** The worldwide organisation for Friends, Friends World Committee for Consultation, is appealing for financial contributions. Their appeal letter is included in this month's mailing.

Errata

Peace vigil before DSEi arms fair: Monday 9 September, 7pm to 8pm.

Please note: meet at 6.30pm sharp at South side Royal Victoria DLR, by roundabout, on Seagull Lane, E16 1BY. Full details available at www.quaker.org.uk/mm-aug19

Clerks Calendar 2020: An updated PDF version of this calendar is provided due to a minor error in November dates in the previous version – see www.quaker.org.uk/mm

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.

Support for meetings

1. Want to host a hub or a Local Development Worker?

Last month's mailing included a blog outlining the recent decision by Woodbrooke and Britain Yearly Meeting Trustees to build on the successful Vibrancy in Meetings pilot programme with a plan to place a paid Local Development Worker (LDW) within reach of each Quaker community within five years. There are also plans to experiment by setting up a trial staff hub outside of London or Birmingham. We'll soon be inviting expressions of interest from Quaker communities interested in hosting either an LDW or a pilot hub.

Look out for more information in the September mailing or at

www.woodbrooke.org.uk/vibrancy

Suzanne Ismail, 020 7663 1172, suzannei@quaker.org.uk

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Announce in meeting.

Quaker Week

2. Quaker Week 2019

Saturday 28 September – Sunday 6 October 2019

This year's theme is 'Quaker Stories'. What story can you tell? What is the story of your Quaker community? What are your favourite Quaker stories? If you're on social media use #QuakerStories to share your story and find inspiration. Quaker Week posters will be delivered to clerks by mid-August.

020 7663 1017, outreach@quaker.org.uk

www.quaker.org.uk/outreach

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Announce in meeting, look at the website and think about how to share Quaker stories.

Sanctuary Everywhere

3. Sanctuary Everywhere appeal 2020

The Sanctuary Everywhere programme supports Quaker meetings to create a culture of welcome in their communities for people seeking refuge in Britain. This work is due to end in December 2019, but – with almost 100 meetings now signed up – we want to keep it going throughout 2020. We have already found around £25,000 of the £76,000 needed for the extension – can you help to make the difference? See poster for details on how to give. You can give online at <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/10147#/DonationDetails>

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Please display the enclosed poster and raise awareness of the appeal in your meeting.

Climate Action

4. New climate action project seeking host meetings

If your local meeting has been thinking about how to support climate action or move forward with your work on the new economy, this project could be for you. QPSW is hoping to develop a project employing coordinators in three different places to bring together local groups contributing to the zero-carbon transition, with local meetings playing a hosting role. See flyer for more information.

Olivia Hanks, 020 7663 1055, oliviah@quaker.org.uk

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Please announce and/or pass to whoever works on climate or the new economy in your meeting.

Children and young people reminders

5. Facilitation and Leadership

Friday 18 – Sunday 20 October 2019, Woodbrooke

An energetic and interesting event for 16 to 21 year olds, helping them understand groups and try out skills. It is for those new to facilitation and for those with previous experience – developing confidence, understanding and skills alongside considering how to engage with Quaker aspects of facilitation.

Cat Waithaka, catw@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1011
www.yqspace.org.uk/FL2019

6. Living as a Quaker

18–21 October 2019, The Sustainability Centre, Hampshire

Exciting opportunity for 12 to 15 year olds – residential event exploring personal beliefs alongside outdoor skills and activities organised by the Children and Young People's Team and Youth Work project.

Book at <https://forms.quaker.org.uk/laaq-2019>
or ring 020 7663 1013

Deadline 21 September

7. How young Quakers can witness for peace at the arms fair

Monday 9 September, 2019 from 6pm to 8pm.

ERRATUM Meet 6pm at South side Royal Victoria DLR, by roundabout, on Seagull Lane, E16 1BY

We will attend the silent peace vigil held the evening before the September DSEi arms fair starts. This is an informal opportunity, parent/s or guardian/s should be happy that the young people attending the event can take responsibility for themselves.

Please continue to encourage young people to attend.

It would be very helpful for us to know who to expect, so please register your interest with:

Cat Waithaka, catw@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1011

Witness against the arms trade reminder

8. Stop the Arms Fair this September

September 2019, mainly London & some events across Britain

The international arms fair, DSEI, is setting up shop in London in September 2019, to export war and conflict around the world. When we play host to one of the world's largest arms fairs, war, repression and injustice start here. Let's stop it here.

Friends interested in opposing the arms fair can see the flyer on activities by Roots of Resistance and an additional flyer about the vigil (both are available at www.quaker.org.uk/mm-aug19).

Young Quakers see the information in item 7 above.

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Please continue to encourage young people and young adults to book their place.

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Announce in notices. Inform families, CYP advocate and Children's Committee.

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Please pass information to young people who may be willing and able to attend / their parents.

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Make Friends aware of the arms fair and the resistance to it.

Newcomers weekend

9. Find out about Quakers

Evening of Friday, 6 to Sunday, 8 September 2019

Charney Manor, Charney Bassett, Oxfordshire

Please encourage enquirers or those new to Quakerism to attend an enquirers weekend. The Quaker Quest team will guide those new to Quakers through a programme of exploration of the faith.

To book download the booking form: www.charneymanor.com/events
admin@charneymanor.com, 01235 868 206

Quaker Quest website: www.quakerquest.org



Announce this in notices and give details to Friends with responsibility for oversight or pastoral care for the community.

Young Adult Quakers at University

10. Young Adult Quakers at University

Are you about to go and study at university? Or perhaps you're already at university and feeling detached from your Quaker community? We've put together a short and simple form for young adults at university in order to help you make contact with a Quaker chaplain or someone from a local Quaker community.

Scarlett Langdon, youngadults@quaker.org.uk, 07419 350043

<https://forms.quaker.org.uk/quaker-university-form>



Announce in notices and share with young adult Friends who are about to start university.

Quaker Activist Gathering

11. Quaker Activist Gathering 2019

2 November 2019, Friends House, London

This is a free event where Quakers and Quaker-curious people gather together for an intergenerational, restorative and invigorating day, focused on how we do social action. Exploring our shared lives of worship, witness, testimony and activism, we will build connections, reflect and share stories, to bring our faith deeper into practice.

You might be new to Quakerism and putting your faith into action, or you might be tired and seeking the spiritual nourishment of being with others who care as deeply as you do – there will be something for everyone.

Lyndsay Burtonshaw, 020 7663 1064, lyndsayb@quaker.org.uk

www.quaker.org.uk/events/quaker-activist-gathering-2019



Announce in notices.

Did you know you could receive this mailing electronically?

Would you like to receive the email alert to let you know that the monthly mailing material is up on the website? This can be instead of or as well as the postal mailing.

For many meetings, receiving the mailing on paper will be the best option as it is not always practical to print out locally. Please also consider how you will be inclusive about circulating the information to Friends. You can change your preference at any time by contacting Gaby Scott: 020 7663 1045, gabys@quaker.org.uk.

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