Monthly Mailing – December 2019

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



Welcome to your December 2019 mailing.

There are three items for area meetings only 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 **February 2020**, will be sent out on 28 January 2020.

- ${}^{\textcircled{W}}$ 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-dec19

Items for area meetings only

Events

1. QPSW Spring Conference 2020 – Journeys of Witness

20–22 March 2020, The Hayes Conference Centre, Derbyshire Quaker Peace and Social Witness works with and on behalf of Quakers in Britain to turn our faith into action. This is an inspiring and inspiriting weekend and attendees will meet Friends from across Britain and hear about a range of QPSW work, including climate justice, learning from peace activists in East Africa and work in Israel and Palestine. Keynote speakers will be Esther Leighton and Sam Donaldson.

Please consider supporting Friends from local meetings to attend this conference and then report back to your area meeting. We hope that AMs will send at least one attendeee. The conference is mainly intended for newer Friends or attenders, or those new to the work of QPSW.

bymevents@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1142 www.quaker.org.uk/events/2020-qpsw-spring-conference

2. Advocates for Children & Young People's Work Day Conference

8 February 2020, Lancaster Meeting House

A reminder this conference is happening in February. This is an opportunity for your area meeting Advocate for CYP work to hear and share stories and be encouraged in the role.

To book: https://forms.quaker.org.uk/advocates-conference

or contact cypadmin@quaker.org.uk



Please consider suppporting one or more Friends to attend this conference.

Please nominate to this conference by 31 January 2020.



To encourage and enable the area meeting Advocate to come.

Assisted dying – an exploration

3. Assisted dying: an exploration

Meeting for Sufferings has asked Quakers in Britain to consider assisted dying. This simple guidance explains the background and what's being asked.

Consider holding a special session at AM on assisted dying. Local meetings could consider this first, or you could set up a small working group.



Please consider this issue at AM.