

Monthly Mailing – October 2019

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



Welcome to your October 2019 mailing.

Local meeting clerks have received the same material to help you discuss it with them if needed. Please note that there are **five items for area meetings only** at the end of this letter.

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

NB: The next monthly mailing, for **November 2019**, will be sent out on 29 October 2019.



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this item is relevant to area meetings



All PDF documents for this mailing are at www.quaker.org.uk/mm-oct19

Listings

- October 2019 editions of **Books of the Month** and **Children & Young Adults Books of the Month** from the Quaker Centre Bookshop.
- **Woodbrooke Upcoming Courses October 2019**
Please display these course listings. Booking details are given on the listings.

2019 Swarthmore Lecture book now available



'On earth as it is in heaven', the 2019 Swarthmore Lecture, explores Quaker eco-theology – from early Friends to Quakers today. Eden Grace reflects on the theological, spiritual and biblical grounding of Quakers' witness on climate breakdown. She relates the experiences of people whose lives are impacted by the climate crisis and asks how Quakers can act in solidarity with them. Please announce in notices.

Available to buy online at www.quaker.org.uk/shop or call 020 7663 1030

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.

Quaker values in politics

1. Preparing for a general election

General elections are a key opportunity to influence future decision-makers. Although a general election hasn't been called yet, it's likely that one will happen soon. How can we engage with candidates to share our views and values?

Grace Da Costa, the new Public Affairs and Advocacy Manager at BYM, has written a blog and briefing on how local meetings can prepare for a general election. Read it at www.quaker.org.uk/blog and contact politics@quaker.org.uk with any questions.



Announce in notices. Read blog and briefing.

Conferences

2. Trustees Conference 2020: Becoming and being a registered charity

Saturday 21 March 2020, Friends House, London

A one day conference for all area meeting trustees. Learn more about registering as a charity, which all AMs will soon be required to do. If already registered, hear about constructive ways forward that others have found. The keynote address will be on stewarding in the Spirit.

Helen Griffith, bymevents@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1161

www.quaker.org.uk/events/trustees2020



Please pass to AM trustees.

3. QPSW Spring Conference 2020: Journeys of Witness

20-22 March 2020

The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire

A conference 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 behalf of Quakers, and how QPSW seeks to support Friends individually and in meetings to translate faith into action.

bymevents@quaker.org.uk, www.quaker.org.uk/events



Forward names of Friends who may benefit from this conference to your Area Meeting or consider supporting their attendance as a Local Meeting.

Grants

4. QPSW Relief grants and Simmons grants

The application timetable for these is changing. Applications will open in April 2020 and close at the end of July, with grants awarded in September (rather than in April in previous years). Contact Ann Pfeiffer for further details.

Ann Pfeiffer, annp@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1053



Please announce in notices.

World Quaker Day

5. World Quaker Day poster

6 October 2019

Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) invites every Quaker meeting and church from around the world to celebrate World Quaker Day on 6 October 2019. The theme is Sustainability: Planting Seeds of Renewal for the World We Love.

Share your stories with us by visiting our website:

www.worldquakerday.org or emailing faithb@fwcc.world

Faith Biddle, faithb@fwcc.world, 020 7663 1198



Please announce in notices.

Event booking reminders

6. December Young Quakers Participation Day, 2019

Saturday 7 December 2019, Friends House, London

We have written to area meeting clerks with information about this year's Young Quakers Participation Day.

For young Quakers (14-18 years old) who are interested in a day held alongside Meeting for Sufferings, seeking their views on issues of concern to them and also to Quakers in Britain.

Each area meeting can book two young people born between 1.9.2001 and 31.8.2005, inclusive (aged 14-18).

Booking deadline: Sunday 17 November, 2019

Alex Zawadzka, 020 7663 1013, cypadmin@quaker.org.uk

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If you are aware of young people that might be interested in attending please let those conducting Area Meeting nominations know.

7. 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 Waitthaka, catw@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1011

www.yqspace.org.uk/FL2019

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Bookings close 29 September. Please encourage young people and young adults to attend.

8. Quaker Activist Gathering 2019

2 November 2019, Friends House, London

The activist gathering is a free event for Quakers and Quaker curious to come together for an intergenerational, restorative and invigorating day focusing on how we do social action. For information and booking:

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

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

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Announce in notices.

Items for area meetings

Committee reviews

A small review group has been appointed to review **Quaker Stewardship Committee**, as part of the regular programme of reviewing all committees. The group is consulting with those currently serving on the committee and others, but would welcome comments from anyone who has had contact with the work of the committee.

- What support which you have received from QSC has been most helpful?
- What other support would trustees, treasurers or others like from QSC?
- Have you anything else you would like to tell us about, relating to this review?

The group is also reviewing the terms of reference for **Britain Yearly Meeting Trustees** and would also welcome any comments about this.

Please pass this information on to others in your area meeting such as treasurers and trustees who may wish to respond. Please reply by the end of November to: neilj@quaker.org.uk or deborahjrowlands@gmail.com

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Please raise the conference at your next Area Meeting and support Friends to attend.

Children and young people

3. December Young Quakers Participation Day, 2019

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A reminder that if your AM is sending young people to the Young Quakers Participation Day in December you need to book them on. You will be sent an email confirming that we have received your booking. **Booking deadline: Sunday 17 November, 2019.**

Each Area Meeting can book places for two young people born between 1.9.2001 and 31.8.2005, inclusive (aged 14-18).

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Please continue to encourage young people to attend to ensure you make the booking deadline.

4. JYM 2020 – Area Meeting nominations

Advanced notice: the November mailing will include information about nominations from area meetings to Junior Yearly Meeting (JYM) 2020, which takes place as part of Yearly Meeting Gathering in August.

Area meetings will have the opportunity to nominate two young people for guaranteed places at JYM plus others for additional places. Young people attending JYM must be 14–17 years old (born between 1 September 2002 and 31 August 2005). The closing date for area meeting nominations is 10 March 2020.

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Please alert the AM nominations committee (or whoever deals with this in your AM) that the JYM nominations information will be sent next month.

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