

Monthly Mailing – October 2019

for local meeting clerks or conveners



Welcome to your October 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 **November 2019**, will be sent out on 29 October 2019.



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this item is also 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 as 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 places for 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

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

www.yqspace.org.uk/FL2019

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

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

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Announce in notices.

