

# **OPSW Annual Spring Conference** 20 – 22 March 2020



### TO AREA MEETING CLERKS

## **Journeys of Witness**

The 2020 Annual Spring Conference will be held **20 - 22 March** at the Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire.

You are invited to appoint and fund the places of up to 4 Friends to attend the conference. Often the Friends most likely to benefit from attending the conference may not be known at Area Meeting level and so information has also been sent to local meetings.

## **Booking process**

Appointed Friends should make *their own booking* online through <a href="https://www.quaker.org.uk/events/2020-qpsw-spring-conference">www.quaker.org.uk/events/2020-qpsw-spring-conference</a>

Once the booking is made, an invoice will be generated and you can have it sent directly to your AM Treasurer for payment.

#### Who is the Conference for?

The QPSW Spring Conference is an ideal opportunity for:

- Fairly new\* Friends/Attenders,
- Seasoned Friends who would like to learn about the work
- QPSW correspondents to deepen their knowledge and understanding of centrally managed work.

\*We assume a certain level of knowledge of Quaker ways, our basic structure and business method so participants should have been attending meetings for at least 12 months. The Conference is *not* an introduction to Quakerism generally.

**N.B.** It is very important that participants can arrive in time for the Friday evening dinner as the agenda for the weekend is carefully constructed to take Friends on a journey and missing the beginning can make it harder to feel part of it.

Please note that if someone under 18 is appointed to attend, they will have to be accompanied at the conference by a responsible adult at all times.

The conference starts with Friday dinner at 18:00, and ends after lunch on Sunday. The cost of the full weekend is £200.

Applicants need to book by 31 January: www.quaker.org.uk/events/2020-qpsw-spring-conference

# How your meeting benefits from sending Friends

Many Friends are deeply inspired by the work that is done on our behalf by QPSW. Encourage participating Friends to report back to your meeting about what they learned and to talk about their ideas of how your meeting can get involved with QPSW's work – either verbally or in your newsletter.

In Friendship,

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