



Quaker Peace
& Social Witness

Journeys of Witness **QPSW Annual Spring Conference**

20-22 MARCH 2020
HAYES CONFERENCE CENTRE, SWANWICK, DERBYSHIRE

Quaker witness takes many forms – it can be both personal and shared, loud and quiet, lifelong and sporadic, depleting and nourishing. Quaker Peace & Social Witness seeks to support Friends individually in their lives, and jointly in their meetings and communities, to translate our faith into action and to be part of movements for positive social change.

Sharing our stories connects us and deepens our understanding of our witness. We hope to have speakers who will help us do this.

This year our keynote speakers will be Esther Leighton and Sam Donaldson. Esther uses the law to create social change, particularly but not exclusively for disabled people. She'll talk about how her Quakerism drives this work, and where she's had success, failure and learning.

Sam is a community worker and organisational coach, based in Hull. He also writes poetry and has been involved in establishing Roots of Resistance (taking action against the DSEI arms fair), as well as taking action around climate justice

You will also be able to hear about QPSW's work, meet Friends from all over the country and spend time together exploring Quaker faith and witness. QPSW workshops confirmed so far are:

Climate justice: what's our calling?

We'll discuss QPSW's climate justice work and explore what we can do as Friends to support the rapidly-growing climate movement. We'll look beyond our individual choices about our lifestyles, and explore how we can work together to make change locally, nationally and globally.

Learning from peace activists in East Africa

What can we learn from East African peace activists about bringing divided communities together, nonviolent campaigning and movement building? Join Tobias Wellner in exploring Turning the Tide East Africa's nonviolent campaign training programme in Kenya, Rwanda and Burundi.

Razor Wire & Olive Branches (EAPPI and Peace Education)

Hear from an Ecumenical Accompanier who will share their experience as a human rights monitor in Palestine & Israel, and try out activities that can be used with children and young people (or even adults!) to explore conflict, peace and justice

For further information and to book: www.quaker.org.uk/events/2020-qpsw-spring-conference