

Catching Light

Connecting our outreach
and witness

**National outreach conference
12–14 February 2016**

at High Leigh Conference Centre, Hertfordshire EN11 8SG



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An opportunity to share, explore and deepen the links between our outreach and witness

For many people finding Quakers for the first time it is our testimony and our commitment to building a more just and peaceful world that attracts them. They then discover the profound spiritual root of our action in the world and the worship that inspires and sustains it. Recognising this link between our worship and our witness can be the most powerful and compelling form of outreach.

Catching Light is the 2016 outreach conference and it offers an exciting opportunity to look at the links between our outreach and our witness in the world. Through talks, discussion, workshops, reflection and the sharing of our own insights and experiences, we will explore:

- how we can strengthen the link between our outreach and our witness, as individuals and as Quaker communities
- how we can respond to challenging questions and articulate the spiritual root of our action in the world
- how we can develop ways of acting together to share our faith with others and be more visible in our local communities.

Our speakers include:

- Jan Arriens, who will introduce our theme and begin to explore these important challenges
- Geoffrey Durham, who will encourage us to become more open and transparent communities
- Kevin Redpath, who will look at the importance of acting and witnessing together.

Joannie Harrison and Rhiannon Redpath will reflect on the way their lives and witness are rooted in their spirituality and are shaped by their faith.

There will also be personal ministry on the ways in which our worship and spiritual life shapes the way we live and an opportunity to reflect on these ourselves.

The conference is open to all and we are encouraging all area meetings to send representatives to share the insights and experiences of meetings in their area and to learn from one another.

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Booking form (one per person – please copy for multiple applications)

The cost of attending the conference is £210 per person.

We encourage you to use the booking form available online, available at **www.quaker.org.uk/catching-light**.

Name:

Area meeting:

Local meeting:

Home address:

Email address:

Telephone:

Emergency contact:

Particular access requirements (e.g. visual or hearing impairment, mobility):

Dietary needs:

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Offers of service

There will be plenty of opportunities for Friends to offer service during the conference. Please let us know if you would be willing to give of your time and gifts in any of the following areas:

- Home group facilitation
- Epilogue facilitation
- Experiential activities – spiritual nourishment and creative activities. A key element of the life of the conference is for Friends to share their experience of their faith in action and witness in the world. If you have a particular approach, for example campaigning around a meeting's concern, organising community activities, interfaith action or chaplaincy work, etc., please let us know.
- Early morning/free time opportunities
- Registration desk welcome team and/or tour guides
- Pastoral care
- Eldership
- Report writing/note taking

While we may not be able to take up every offer of service, we would be delighted to hear from you.

- I enclose a deposit of £100 and will pay the remaining £110 no later than Friday 22 January 2016.
- I enclose payment in full.

Signed:

Date:

Please complete both sides of this form and return to:
Andrew McVicar, Events and Committee Services, Freepost QUAKERS.

You will receive written confirmation by email or letter.