

Monthly Mailing – April 2017

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



Welcome to your April 2017 mailing.

Local meeting clerks have received the same material to help you discuss it with them if needed. There is one item relevant to 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 **May 2017**, will be sent out on 25 April 2017.



action required by clerk for meeting business



printed material is included relating to this item (number of sheets to right of icon)



this item is relevant to area meetings



All PDF documents for this mailing are at www.quaker.org.uk/mm-apr17

Listings and magazine

- **Books of the Month April 2017** from the Quaker Centre Bookshop.
- **Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre: Upcoming events and courses April 2017**
Please display this courses and events listing. Booking details are given on the listing.
- **Among Friends Issue 138, Spring 2017** This issue focuses on Europe, its institutions and past, present and future challenges.
- **Friends World News 184** Issue includes: Hold to God's Unchanging Hand, Governance Changes, Building a sustainable future for FWCC, Good Ecumenical Partners.

Reminders

Friends House Family Day

10.30am–4.00pm, 2 June 2017, Friends House, London

This free event is a great opportunity for children, with an accompanying adult, to visit Friends House and learn more about the work that goes on here. The day will include stories, talks, activities and worship. Come as a meeting excursion or a family day out and hear about Quaker peace and social justice work, visit the Library and the Quaker Centre with its bookshop and worship space.

To book go to www.quaker.org.uk/events/family-day or contact cypadmin@quaker.org.uk or 020 7663 1013.

Take action on fracking at meeting for worship for witness on Pendle Hill

2pm, 6 May, Pendle Hill, Lancashire

Pendle Hill Friends invite you to a meeting for worship for witness on top of Pendle Hill to draw attention to the threat of local shale gas fracking.

For more information go to www.quaker.org.uk/fracking

We suggest that some of the following items are read out as notices. Please pass enclosures to relevant members of your meeting or add to your noticeboard or newsletter where possible.

Safeguarding

1. Safeguarding – am I a verifier?

Verifiers confirm they have seen ID documents for people applying for criminal record checks. All area and local meeting clerks, co-clerks and assistant clerks are listed as verifiers (for the period of their appointment). Additional verifiers can also be appointed by meetings. Please check that you have sent us your meeting's latest clerking/verifier appointments. We will add these to the verifier list which is sent, at the end of each month, to CAS who process our DBS forms and each appointee is included as a verifier from the start of the following month.

If you have not already provided this information as part of the end-of-year updates, please send information about your clerking appointments (role, dates of service) to: updates@quaker.org.uk and please also cc your Area Meeting Safeguarding Co-ordinator.

For further information: gills@quaker.org.uk or safe@quaker.org.uk



Please send details of your clerking appointments as directed.

Wardenship

2. Wardens Talking events 2017

See accompanying flyer for details of regional events

Quaker Life is holding three Wardens Talking regional events in 2017. These events create a space for wardens to come together and learn from each other and share their experience. These gatherings are an invaluable source of support for wardens whether voluntary or paid.

wardenship@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1143



Please make wardens aware and encourage and support them to attend.

Grants

3. Adult education grants

Grants are available for Quaker members and attenders continuing their education as mature students within the post-compulsory education sector, including vocational, further or higher education or continuing professional development. The grants are particularly aimed at those studying to equip themselves to serve society and/or Quakers in Britain. Applicants should be in need of financial support to take the course and the course should be offered at a reputable institution within the UK.

Please see the grant-making page of the Quakers in Britain website www.quaker.org.uk/adult-education-grants



Announce in notices. Make overseers aware of these grants.

Children and young people

4. Young Quakers and social media

The Children and Young People's Team of BYM want to hear from Quaker young people about their engagement with social media, and about what they would like from a social media presence for young Quakers. We want Quakers aged 13–18 to get involved through our online survey, using the link: surveymonkey.co.uk/r/yqsocialmedia

If you have any questions, or want paper copies of the survey, please contact Jethro Jeorrett on: cypintern@quaker.org.uk.



Announce in notices. Pass to Quakers aged 13–18 or those who work with them.

Community

5. Christian Aid Week

14–20 May 2017

Quakers are founding members of Christian Aid and have supported its work for 60 years. Please continue to support them, especially during Christian Aid Week.

caweek.org



Help your Meeting to get involved. See the covering letter and leaflet.

Area meeting only item

Economic Justice

6. Questionnaire on payment of the voluntary Living Wage in meetings

Fill in this survey before June

The Quaker Living Wage Campaign Group are hoping to collect information about payment of the voluntary Living Wage in area meetings in advance of Yearly Meeting Gathering 2017 where they will hold a special interest meeting for area meetings that wish to seek accreditation as Living Wage Employers. Supported by Quaker Peace & Social Witness, they would like you to complete their survey.

Please reply directly to the Lancaster Living Wage group by post to:

The Quaker Living Wage Group, Friends Meeting House,
Meeting House Lane, Lancaster LA1 1TX.

Any queries to Maya Williams, 020 7663 1056, mayaw@quaker.org.uk



For area meeting clerks and their clerks of trustees – please fill in this survey about the Living Wage.

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