

Monthly Mailing – April 2018

for local meeting clerks or conveners



Welcome to your April 2018 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 **May 2018**, will be sent out on 24 April 2018.



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 also relevant to area meetings



All PDF documents for this mailing are at www.quaker.org.uk/mm-apr18

Listings

- **Books of the Month April 2018** from the Quaker Centre Bookshop.
- **Woodbrooke Upcoming Courses April 2018** Please display this courses listing. Booking details are given on the listing.
- **Among Friends Issue 141, Spring 2018** The magazine of the Europe and Middle East Section of Friends World Committee for Consultation. This issue introduces new Assistant Secretary, Michael Eccles. It also includes reports from the Sanctuary Everywhere conference that took place in Brussels in December, and the Conference of European Churches' workshop on gene editing. With news from Woodbrooke, Quaker Voluntary Action, book reviews and much more.
- **CIRcular Issue 36, Yearly Meeting 2018** CIRcular is produced annually by the Quaker Committee for Christian & Interfaith Relations (QCCIR) and is a digest of activities undertaken both by the Committee and Friends in interfaith and interchurch work across the yearly meeting.
- **The Young Quaker, Issue 17: February 2018 – Rest Issue** The Young Friends General Meeting magazine for young Friends published three times a year to coincide with YFGM weekends. View online at www.theyoungquaker.org.uk or order extra copies by emailing theyoungquaker@gmail.com

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.

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

Governance

1. General Data Protection Regulation: more information

The General Data Protection regulation comes into force on 25 May. The Friends House Data Safety Group has added 3 new documents to the data safety web page at www.quaker.org.uk/data-safety: an expanded guide to the GDPR, a guide to data audits and a template data audit form.

datasafety@quaker.org.uk



Please spread the news about this information on the GDPR to Friends in the meetings.

Children and young people

2. Volunteers available to support local, area and regional work with young Quakers

If you are short of a volunteer or two for your event or activity with young people, then help is at hand. Over 30 Friends have offered to be part of a database of volunteers who are willing to offer their service on local and area event teams. All will have been referenced and DBS checked. If you require help in this way please contact Lucy Sam, Children and Young People's Officer, detailing the help you need. Requests will be forwarded to those who are on the database asking who is available to support your event or activity.

Lucy Sam, lucys@quaker.org.uk, 0207 663 1160



Announce in notices and inform children's committee.

Resources for meetings

3. Logos to download

Quaker logos for meetings and groups are now available to download. The amended designs replace the 'bespoke' logos created for each meeting. Please tell anyone who designs or publishes on behalf of your meeting.

Logos and guidance on their use are at www.quaker.org.uk/logo



Please display flyer and download these new logos for your meeting.

Climate, the environment & economic justice

4. Confident Conversations Skillshare – for Friends active on climate & economic justice

Saturday 21 April, Friends House, London

Quakers are increasingly aware of the injustices of neoliberal capitalism, and in recent years have become familiar with what a new economy might look like. And Quakers understand the urgent need to protect the planet from environmental harm. But how do we turn this knowledge into conversations that contribute to change? The aim of this skillshare is that you go away feeling better equipped to have productive conversations with your MP, councillor, employer, the media – or anyone who holds power to change things for the better.

Deadline for applying is 3 April.

For further information please visit: www.quaker.org.uk/events/confident-conversations-skillshare



Announce in notices.

5. No Faith In Fracking

*Fiday 27 April, Preston New Road Fracking site,
Nr Blackpool PR4 3PF*

Quakers from the North West are working alongside a range of faith communities to create a week of peaceful protest against Fracking and shared witness to the sacredness of all of life. Join Quakers and others on Friday 27th for a day of faith based peaceful witness against the Fracking industry and to call for climate justice. Follow Facebook page 'no faith in fracking' for updates. For further information contact: Maya on mayaw@quaker.org.uk or 020 7663 1056 or look at this Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/events/603770453295358/>



Announce in meeting. Display flyer. Join the witness!

Quaker Week

6. Speakers for Quaker Week 2018

29 September – 7 October 2018

The theme for Quaker Week 2018 is 'Room for more'. Sharing food and spiritual nourishment is central to this year's campaign. As Quakers we offer a table rich with good things, but recognise that it could be more inclusive. There is room for more at the table, and we value everyone who might sit at it. How can we let people know that there's a space for them? You can now book your speaker for Quaker Week. We can offer speakers on a wide range of subjects. It is worth thinking carefully about the topic, and whether it will encourage people from other parts of your community to attend.

speakers@quaker.org.uk



Book your speaker for Quaker Week now.

Wardens

7. Wardens (Quaker workers) talking events in 2018

*Littlehampton LM: 8 June, Lancaster LM: 15 June,
Bradford on Avon LM: 5 September, Cotteridge LM: 7 November.
All events run 10am to 4pm.*

There are four Wardens (Quaker workers) events taking place in 2018. These valuable events are for workers at Quaker meeting houses and venues to come together to share their experiences of this work. Whether a volunteer or paid worker, resident Friend, warden or meeting house manager these events can help you in your role as a Quaker worker.

Booking: www.quaker.org.uk/events

Oliver Waterhouse, wardenship@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1007

www.quaker.org.uk/employers



Give details of these valuable and supportive events to your meeting's warden or other worker(s).

