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Information on how to access the resources, support and advice available from the Library at Friends House.



Contribute to Quaker work

Contribute time – There are many opportunities to get involved with the work we do on behalf of Quakers in Britain, including serving on committees, volunteering at events and joining the Quaker Life Network. Visit www.quaker.org.uk/quaker-service to find out more or email nominations@quaker.org.uk or phone 020 7663 1121.

Contribute money – You can contribute to Britain Yearly Meeting funds direct or via your local or area meeting. To find out more about making a financial contribution visit www.quaker.org.uk/contributions or email contributions@quaker.org.uk or phone 020 7663 1015.

Leave a legacy – Legacy giving helps sustain Quaker work for future generations. After taking care of family and friends, please consider leaving a gift for Quaker work in your will. Visit www.quaker.org.uk/legacy or email legacy@quaker.org.uk or phone 020 7663 1019 for more information.

Find out more and connect with us

Find out more – You can find out more about all of Britain Yearly Meeting's work by reading the Trustees' annual report. Copies are sent to every meeting in April or visit www.quaker.org.uk/annualreport. *Quaker News* is a free magazine about the work of Britain Yearly Meeting. It is distributed via local meetings. You can also subscribe by email, access electronic back issues and read it online at www.quaker.org.uk/qn.

Connect with us – Contact details for specific areas of work are provided throughout the Directory of Services. The general contact details for Friends House are:

Friends House, 173 Euston Road,
London NW1 2BJ
www.quaker.org.uk
Email: enquiries@quaker.org.uk
Switchboard: 020 7663 1000.

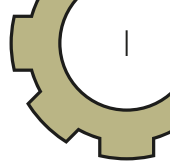
Quaker Centre Bookshop

You can order books, book boxes, resources and posters from the Quaker Centre Bookshop at Friends House, London.

Quaker Centre Bookshop, Friends House, 173 Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ

www.quaker.org.uk/shop
quakercentre@quaker.org.uk
020 7663 1030/1031.

The Library



Introduction

“Meetings requiring advice or information on the handling of their records are encouraged to get in touch with the Library Committee through the Librarian at Friends House. The Library Committee maintains a central catalogue of local meeting records, and it should be notified of any change in the place where they are deposited.”

Quaker faith & practice 4.43

The Library of the Society of Friends was founded in 1673 and is one of the largest collections in the world relating to Quakers and their activities. It is an inspiring resource for understanding peace, prison reform, humanitarian assistance, and the anti-slavery movement, as well as Quaker history, faith, thought and practice.

The collections include books, periodicals, the archives of Britain Yearly Meeting, personal manuscripts, and the papers of many different Quaker organisations. It also holds visual materials such as photographs, paintings and museum objects. Our Library staff can assist anyone looking for materials. They can also advise on matters relating to meeting records and meeting libraries, or assist meetings that want to organise their own exhibitions and displays. This directory contains a separate section for *Libraries and records* that gives specific information for Friends who have a responsibility for their meeting's library or archive.



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Library facebook page

Follow The Library's Facebook page for news, events and highlights from our collection: www.facebook.com/libraryofthesocietyoffriends.

Online catalogue

A searchable online catalogue of the Library and its archive collections can be found at www.quaker.org.uk/search-catalogue.

Online exhibitions

The Library showcases material from its collections through a series of themed online exhibitions, linking to anniversaries or current topics of interest. Past exhibitions on Quakers and the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade, the Nobel Peace Prize 1947, Friends in China, and Quakers and Science can be viewed at www.quaker.org.uk/online-exhibitions. The Library also has occasional exhibitions in Friends House and a changing display in the library.

Quaker Strongrooms blog

Written by members of our Library staff, this blog features interesting articles on the Library's unique collections. Visit <http://quakerstrongrooms.org>.

Subject guides

Guides are available covering a number of subjects, including:

- **Abolition of the slave trade**
- **Quaker calendar**
- **Quaker schools in Great Britain and Ireland**
- **Friends Ambulance Unit 1939–1959**
- **Genealogy**
- **Conscientious objectors and the peace movement in Britain 1914–1945**
- **Quaker businesses in Britain: a historical list**
- **Friends' service in the First World War**
- **Elizabeth Fry**

- Margaret Fell
- William Penn
- Temperance
- Friends' relief in Spain 1936–1939
- Kindertransport.

These are all available online at www.quaker.org.uk/subject-guides. Please contact the Library if you would like printed copies of any of them (see below for contact details).

Visiting information

The Library of the Society of Friends is free to use and open to all who are interested in Quakerism. Information about visiting the Library, including reader registration and opening hours, is available at www.quaker.org.uk/visiting-library. Meetings can also arrange a visit to Friends House, which will usually include a tour of the Library.

Support

Staff at the Library of the Society of Friends

Our Library staff can advise on matters relating to meeting records and meeting libraries. You can contact them using the details given in the 'Key contacts' section below.

Key contacts

The Library of the Society of Friends

Write to: The Library, Friends House, 173 Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ. Email: library@quaker.org.uk or telephone 020 7663 1135.

Other organisations

The following hold collections of Quaker interest, though this is not an exhaustive list:

- **The Albert Sloman Library at the University of Essex:**
<http://libwww.essex.ac.uk>
- **The Brotherton Library at the University of Leeds:**
<http://library.leeds.ac.uk/special-collections-quaker>
- **The Brynmor Jones Library at the University of Hull:**
www.hull.ac.uk/oldlib/archives/quaker
- **The J.B. Priestley Library at the University of Bradford:**
www.brad.ac.uk/library
- **The John Rylands Library at the University of Manchester:**
www.library.manchester.ac.uk/search-resources/guide-to-special-collections/atoz/midgley-reference-library
- **The Library at the University of Lancaster:**
www.lancaster.ac.uk/library
- **The Library at Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre:**
www.woodbrooke.org.uk/library

Supporting information

Safeguarding – Safeguarding is protecting children, young people and vulnerable adults from harm. For more information visit www.quaker.org.uk/safeguarding. Here you will find a link to Meeting safety, which outlines the responsibilities for Quaker meetings in Britain. We recommend that area meetings join the Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service. Visit www.ccpas.co.uk or email info@ccpas.co.uk.

For general safeguarding advice, as well as Quaker advice on how specific safeguarding matters may affect the pastoral needs of individuals and the meeting community, contact our Safeguarding Coordinator at safe@quaker.org.uk or on 020 7663 1023.

General issues relating to a Quaker meeting

– If you have concerns about issues in your Quaker meeting that you would like to talk over, contact our Support for Meetings Officer at supportmeetings@quaker.org.uk or on 020 7663 1023. Alternatively, contact the Recording Clerk's Office at recordingclerk@quaker.org.uk or on 020 7663 1161.

Information updates – Please keep us informed of changes to the key role-holders in your local and area meetings: clerk, treasurer, safeguarding coordinator, registering officer, clerk of (area meeting) trustees. To let us know of any such changes please contact our Database Administrator at updates@quaker.org.uk or on 020 7663 1119.

Data safety – Quaker meetings in Britain need to store information on their members and attenders in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998, which protects individuals from the unauthorised use of their personal information. Friends House Data Safety Group can offer meetings general advice on data safety. For more information visit www.quaker.org.uk/data-safety. Here you will find a link to Data Safety and Information Security, which offers guidance to meetings. You can also contact our Data Safety Officer at datasafety@quaker.org.uk or on 020 7663 1161.

Complaints and feedback

– Britain Yearly Meeting's complaints and feedback procedure enables anyone to let us know about problems or to give feedback on service received from staff at Friends House. To find out more visit www.quaker.org.uk/contact-us. Complaints can be made in writing to the Recording Clerk's Office at Friends House. Alternatively, email feedback@quaker.org.uk or phone 020 7663 1161.

Quaker faith & practice – *Quaker faith & practice* is the book of Christian discipline of Quakers in Britain. It expresses the breadth of Quaker theology through the experience of Friends and describes our corporate structures. Copies can be purchased from the Quaker Centre Bookshop. It is also available at <http://qfp.quaker.org.uk>.

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