

Monthly Mailing – February 2017

for local meeting clerks or conveners



Welcome to your February 2017 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 **March 2017**, will be sent out on 28 February 2017.



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this item is also relevant to area meetings



All PDF documents for this mailing are at www.quaker.org.uk/mm-feb17

Listings, magazines, calendar and brochure

- **Books of the Month February 2017** from the Quaker Centre Bookshop.
- **Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre: Upcoming events and courses February 2017**
Please display this courses and events listing. Booking details are given on the listing.
- **Young Quakers Calendar 2017** provides information about events and resources available for young Quakers aged 11 and above. The calendar can also be viewed online at www.yqspace.org.uk/find-event. For further copies to give to young Quakers, please contact the CYP Administrator on 020 7663 1013 or email cypadmin@quaker.org.uk.
- **New economy booklet** Quaker Peace & Social Witness' new economy booklets explore what an economy in tune with Quaker testimony might look like. The latest booklet, *Money, banks and finance in the new economy*, is now available. Read it online at www.quaker.org.uk/neweconomy or order it by emailing neweconomy@quaker.org.uk or writing to QPSW at Friends House.
- **Making Waves** Newly revamped annual journal of Quaker Peace & Social Witness' Turning the Tide programme, containing a digest of articles and blogs, mainly from Turning the Tide's website <http://turningtide.org.uk>, covering many aspects of nonviolence and social change. A sample copy is enclosed for you to look at and share. Encourage Friends to join the mailing list by contacting: turningtide@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1064/1.
- **Swarthmoor Hall 2017 Programme Guide** Including courses and retreats in the Woodbrooke at Swarthmoor Hall programme; non-residential performances and special events; activities for the Quaker community – from meetings for worship to 1652 pilgrimages.

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

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.

Yearly Meeting Gathering 2017

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Bookings are now open for Yearly Meeting Gathering 2017! Your meeting received copies of the brochure in December and details for the Gathering can be found on our website. Enclosed with this mailing are leaflets for Friends to use as reminders or for putting on noticeboards.

Contact: ym@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1040

www.quaker.org.uk/ym

Conferences

1. Spirituality and End of Life Day Conference

4 March 2017, York Friargate Meeting House, York

Any interested Friends are now invited to attend this one day conference to hear from Christian and other faiths about spiritual approaches to end of life issues. Further details on the day's agenda and speakers are on the enclosed flyer along with a booking form. Please let us know as soon as possible if you would like to attend.

Graham Spackman, grahams@quaker.org.uk

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Announce in notices.

Children and Young People

2. Journeys in the Spirit

This free resource to aid work with children, young people and even adults has over 1,100 subscribers. Current issues offer approaches to encourage the reading of *Quaker faith & practice* in line with the BYM initiative. Enclosed is an updated catalogue and a leaflet with a subscription form. All issues are available on the Being Friends Together website <http://together.woodbrooke.org.uk/resources.php>.
cypadmin@quaker.org.uk

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Encourage Friends to subscribe. Put the catalogue in your meeting library.

3. Building an all-age community

Quaker Life's CYP work trainers can help meetings discern how to strengthen and grow as all-age communities. This could be at an area or local meeting, a session for elders and overseers, for parents or those working with children, or on another occasion to suit. The leaflet gives details of this opportunity and how to request for someone to be in touch to discuss how this might work for you.

CYP administrator, 020 7633 1013, cypadmin@quaker.org.uk
www.quaker.org.uk/children-and-young-people/work-quaker-setting/training-conferences

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Think about whether this opportunity might be good for you at this time.

Young People

4. Geneva Summer School 2017

2–14 July 2017, Geneva

Please ask Friends to tell any young people they know who are interested in international affairs and the United Nations that the Geneva Summer School 2017 is being advertised and the closing date for applications is 15 March 2017.

Helen Bradford, 020 7663 1071, helenb@quaker.org.uk

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Announce in notices. Display flyer up in meeting house.

5. Young Friends General Meeting

24–26 February, Edinburgh Meeting House

Young Friends General Meeting (YFGM) is a national community of young adult Quakers aged 18–30ish. We meet several times a year to spend time together, explore our faith, and have fun! Our next meeting will be north of the border, in Edinburgh from 24–26 February.

We encourage meetings to consider funding representatives who could report back on the activities of this vibrant community.

To find out more or to register, go to the YFGM website at yfgm.quaker.org.uk or contact the YFGM Office:

020 7663 1050; yfgm@quaker.org.uk;

Friends House, 173 Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ

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Announce in notices. Share with young adult friends. Identify potential representatives.

Quaker Chaplaincy

6. Quaker chaplaincy – support is available

We need more Quaker chaplains!

A talk or workshop on Quaker chaplaincy may help with the recruitment of Quaker chaplains. We can also help you organise a visit to the chaplaincy team in your local prison, university, hospital or other workplace where possible, to help raise awareness within your meeting about this important Quaker work/role. There is a pool of existing Quaker chaplains to support you with this, so please do get in touch.

Marleen Schepers, 020 7663 1143, chaplainsupport@quaker.org.uk
www.quaker.org.uk/chaplaincy

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Announce in notices, share with elders and overseers and nominations group.

Grants

7. William Gunn's Charity

A letter is enclosed with information for overseers about William Gunn's Charity. William Gunn's Charity exists to assist individual Members who are in financial need by making grants of money to them or by paying for services and / or items needed by them.

See letter for details on how to apply.

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Please pass this to your overseers for their attention.

Nobel Peace Prize

8. Nobel Peace Prize Nominations request

In 1947 the Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to Quakers worldwide for the work they had done, particularly relief work, between the two World Wars and after World War II. Friends and meetings in Britain Yearly Meeting can provide their nominations for the 2017 prize to the Quaker Peace & Social Witness representative on the American Friends Service Committee Nobel peace prize nominating committee, by 3 May 2017. See leaflet for details.

Helen Bradford, 020 7663 1071, helenb@quaker.org.uk

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Please ask for nominations to be sent in and put the flyer up in your Meeting House.

Friends World Committee for Consultation

9. FWCC hiring Organisational Assistant

Friends World Committee for Consultation: the World Office and the Europe and Middle East Section are sharing a full time Organisational Assistant and are seeking applications.

Application deadline: 28 February

For further information, contact Kim at kimb@friendsworldoffice.org



Announce in notices.

Quaker Life

10. Experiment with Light

Quaker Life recognises that for some Friends, Experiment with Light can be a powerful way of deepening their spiritual life. Experience has shown that the practice contributes best to the life of the meeting when it is undertaken in a group that is in the care of the meeting and supported by elders. To facilitate this, we are enclosing details of opportunities in 2017 for learning more about the practice. Please share this with elders, overseers and interested Friends.

Susie Tombs, 07967 111338

experimentwithlight@gmail.com, www.experiment-with-light.org.uk



Publicise at local meeting and distribute and display the flyer.

Libraries survey

11. Joint Libraries Development Project

A Joint Libraries Development Project is being undertaken by Britain Yearly Meeting and Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre. The libraries at Friends House and at Woodbrooke are working together to increase use of their collections. They are exploring the possibility of an online digital library and wish to hear your views. Whether currently a library user or not, all input is helpful.

Action: Please encourage individual Friends to contribute to plans for the joint library service by completing the survey at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/JLDP1>

Survey open until the end of February 2017

Any queries contact project manager Adrienne Speake:

Adrienne.speake@woodbrooke.org.uk



Announce at meeting and make web address of survey available.