



Reflection Points

What do we bring?

Start by reading the quote below from the spiritual preparation documents for Yearly Meeting Gathering 2017. These documents exist to encourage all Quakers to think about the theme of Yearly Meeting. This year is the third year exploring the theme 'Living out our faith in the world', and at this Yearly Meeting the theme will be considered in relation to the idea of 'Movement building – working with others to change the world'. This quote relates to Quakers involvement in movements for change:

Through our experience, we know that change happens and lasts when people come together and stay together in coordinated movements that insist on change. We join those movements, which we see as doing God's work. We look for that of God in organisations as well as individuals; a movement is people. We bring our tools and skills with us. We may be there for the long or the short term. We may work locally, nationally or globally. The way we work is as important as the work we do.

Ask the group to reflect on this quote individually. Then in pairs or groups of three, ask them to discuss these questions, changing around the pairs and groups between each question.

- Are there things that you already do in your life to contribute to positive change?
- What skills do you use or might you use when working with other groups?
- Do you consider any of these to be distinctively Quaker skills?

Having reflected on these questions, bring the group back together to explore the question:

- What skills and beliefs can we as Quakers bring to working with others to create change and make a difference?