

Monthly Mailing – July 2018

for local meeting clerks or conveners



Welcome to your July 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 **August 2018**, will be sent out on 31 July 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-jul18

Listings and magazine

- **Books of the Month July 2018** from the Quaker Centre Bookshop.
- **Woodbrooke Upcoming Courses July 2018** Please display this courses listing. Booking details are given on the listing.
- **The Young Quaker Issue 18, May 2018** This edition explores the idea and issues around finding a home, both as a physical reality and a spiritual concept.

Meeting updates!



If you have any updates to your meeting details, please email updates@quaker.org.uk. This should include any changes to times, location or roleholders.

UK Peaceworkers 2 into 3



A big thank you to all of those who have given to the UK Peaceworker scheme. So far we have raised £3,851 (including gift aid). So we are well on our way to reaching our target of £6,000, which would enable us to employ a third peaceworker! There is still time to give at bit.ly/2INTO3, or you can text "QUAK23 £5" to 70070 to give £5 by text.

Vicky Torrance, victoriat@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1117

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.

Fraud awareness

1. Protecting against online fraud

Quaker Stewardship Committee have produced some simple questions for trustees and treasurers to ask themselves to protect their meetings from online fraud. Please pass on the enclosed document to the treasurer of your meeting.

Helen Griffith, heleng@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1161



Please pass the enclosed document to your treasurer.

Employment

2. Employment and GDPR

The Quaker employers' resource has been updated to be compliant with the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

Three key new documents are now available:

- Workforce privacy policy (to be given to ALL existing employees): www.quaker.org.uk/documents/er-example-workforce-privacy-notice-05-2018
- Job applicant privacy notice: www.quaker.org.uk/documents/er-example-job-applicant-privacy
- Example data protection policy: www.quaker.org.uk/documents/er-example-data-protection-policy-05-2018

There is no need for employers to rush to change contracts already in place.

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



Pass to: Trustees, treasurers, premises committee, anyone who has responsibility for employment and related data privacy.

Children and young people

3. Facilitation and Leadership

Friday 19 – Sunday 21 October 2018, Woodbrooke

Facilitation and Leadership is an invigorating event for 15- to 21-year-olds. It will help them understand how groups form and how they work together through exploring theories and trying out facilitation and leadership skills.

For those new to facilitation and for those with previous experience.

Participants will develop confidence, understanding and skills alongside considering how to engage with Quaker aspects of facilitation.

Cat Waithaka, catw@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1011

www.yospace.org.uk/FL2018



Please announce in meeting and share with young people who might be interested. Please display the leaflet in your meeting house.

Quaker Week and outreach

4. Quaker Week 2018

29 September – 7 October 2018

This year's theme is 'Room for more'. As Quakers we offer a table rich with good things, but recognise it could be more inclusive. There is room for more at the table – how can we let people know there's a space for them? Quaker Week posters will be delivered to Clerks by mid-August. There are still some recipe book ideas packs left - get in touch if you would like one (email address below).

You can still book your speaker for Quaker Week - we can offer speakers on a wide range of subjects. Speaking engagements must be finalised by the end of July, so get requests in now to avoid disappointment.

speakers@quaker.org.uk

5. List your outreach events on the Quakers in Britain websites

For Quaker Week this year we will have a map listing all the local meeting events happening around the country.

If you have an event in July through to November 2018 please do put it onto the map using this form: <https://forms.quaker.org.uk/outreach-map-submission-form>

Any questions email Outreach@quaker.org.uk

6. Finding out about Quakers

Two events for newcomers:

New to Quakers? Want to explore Quaker Worship?

- Wed 26 to Fri 28 September at Charney Manor, Oxfordshire.
- Fri 28 to Sun 30 September at Swarthmoor Hall, Ulverston.

One event for those worshippers thinking about membership:

Ever thought of joining the Quakers

- Fri 26 to Sunday 28 October at Charney Manor, Oxfordshire.

Charney Manor, admin@charneymanor.com, 01235 868206

Swarthmoor Hall, info@swarthmoorhall.co.uk, 01229 583204

Grants

7. Overseers Relief Grants

Grants of up to several thousand pounds (but usually less) are available to assist local overseers in their support of Quakers and their families in a situation of hardship and suffering through old age, infirmity, disability, bereavement, single parenthood, other financial needs. Also to provide assistance to children with special educational needs. These grants are available in cases where local funds have been fully used or are not available. Applications should be made via the local overseer (or equivalent) to the Grants Programme Officer at Friends House.

Ann Pfeiffer, annp@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1053

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Book your speaker for Quaker Week - speaking engagements must be finalised by the end of July.

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Tell relevant people. Add any outreach events you know using the form.

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Alert overseers and attenders about these opportunities. Treasurers need to think about how to provide financial assistance. See 3 leaflets.

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Announce in notices and alert overseers.

Sustainability

8. Bridging the gap: hope and action

19–21 October 2018, Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire

Climate change is huge and complex. It needs joined-up responses. For Quakers that means changing lives, developing vibrant low-carbon meetings and working with others for system change, all rooted in our deepening faith. This October's BYM Sustainability Gathering is about making connections and breathing new life into your own and your meeting's engagement. Do join us!

Register at: www.quaker.org.uk/events/sustainability2018

Andrew McVicar, bymevents@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1119



Make sure someone from your meeting is coming. Announce at MfW, display the leaflet or pass it to Elders, Overseers, Young Friends or Nominations.

Equality

9. Uphold the common good riders

Read out on 22 or 29 July 2018

Please read out the declaration from Kendal & Sedburgh Area Meeting which will be delivered to 10 Downing street on Friday 3 August. This is an initiative of Kendal & Sedburgh Friends supported by Quaker Peace & Social Witness.

Uphold them and their message on their journey and let other Friends in your meeting know what they are doing.

Quakers4theCommonGood@gmail.com

www.kendal-and-sedbergh-quakers.org.uk/page23.html



Read all or part of the declaration in meeting or notices on either 22 or 29 July.