

# Monthly Mailing – March 2018

## for local meeting clerks or conveners



### Welcome to your March 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](mailto:gabys@quaker.org.uk), 020 7663 1045.

NB: The next monthly mailing, for **April 2018**, will be sent out on 27 March 2018.



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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-mar18](http://www.quaker.org.uk/mm-mar18)

## Yearly Meeting 2018



Registration for Yearly Meeting 2018 is now open at [www.quaker.org.uk/ym](http://www.quaker.org.uk/ym).

Yearly Meeting is for everyone, whether or not they have been before, and those unable to attend can still support the discernment of Yearly Meeting. This year we will be asking ourselves how *Quaker faith & practice* should look for the next generation.

Within the next few days you will receive the first set of Yearly Meeting documents: *Preparing for Yearly Meeting, Agenda and Notes* and *Epistles and Testimonies*. Please ensure these are widely circulated within your meeting. Friends should find *Preparing for Yearly Meeting* helpful in terms of both practical and spiritual preparation.

## Listings

- **Books of the Month March 2018** from the Quaker Centre Bookshop.
- **Woodbrooke Upcoming Courses March 2018** Please display this courses listing. Booking details are given on the listing.

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.

## Governance

### 1. General Data Protection Regulation: information on website

The new General Data Protection Regulation comes into force on 25 May 2018. We have some general guidance on the requirements of this new law and also a template consent form on the data safety page of the website at [www.quaker.org.uk/data-safety](http://www.quaker.org.uk/data-safety). More documents to follow shortly as we finalise them. For any queries on this new legislation, or on data protection generally, please contact the Data Safety Group at Friends House.

[data-safety@quaker.org.uk](mailto:data-safety@quaker.org.uk)



Make sure your meeting is aware of the additional requirements the GDPR makes for the personal data your meeting keeps and uses.

## Children and young people

### 2. Young People's Programme 2018

4-7 May 2018, Felden Lodge, Hemel Hempstead

Do you have young people in your meeting (aged 11-15) who would benefit from the opportunity to attend the Young People's Programme (YPP) at Yearly Meeting 2018? Limited places available.

Booking by 18 March at [www.quaker.org.uk/events/ypp2018](http://www.quaker.org.uk/events/ypp2018)  
[cypadmin@quaker.org.uk](mailto:cypadmin@quaker.org.uk), 020 7663 1013



Announce in notices and inform 11-15 year olds at meeting and parents/guardians

### 3. Live Adventurously: A residential event for 8-11 year olds

25-27 July 2018, Gilwell Park Activity Centre, Essex

This event gives participants the chance to try all sorts of adventurous activities. There will be fun, games, a chance to make new friends, worship and thinking about what it means to 'live adventurously' as a Quaker. The cost is £80 per person which includes travel from Friends House, all food and activities.

Mel Cook: [melaniec@quaker.org.uk](mailto:melaniec@quaker.org.uk), 020 7663 1014



Announce in notices and inform 8-11 year olds at meeting and their parents/guardians.

## For the meeting library

### 4. God, words and us

A copy of the book *God, words and us* was sent to every local meeting at the end of November. Did your meeting receive its copy?

If not, please contact Michael Booth by 25 March 2018 and we can send out another copy free of charge. The book is still on sale in the Quaker Centre Bookshop if you would like to buy additional copies.

Michael Booth, [michaelsb@quaker.org.uk](mailto:michaelsb@quaker.org.uk), 020 7663 1023

Please check that your meeting received *God, words and us*. If not, let Michael Booth know.

## Peace: opportunities for action

### 5. Action on nuclear disarmament

Friends have been asking what they can do next now that the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons has been adopted. 'A guide to calling on the UK government to attend the 2018 UN High-Level Conference on Nuclear Disarmament from May 14-16' provides some tips as well as key phrases to use when writing to your MP to call on the UK government to attend the conference at the highest level. Available shortly at [www.quaker.org.uk/nuclear-disarmament](http://www.quaker.org.uk/nuclear-disarmament)

Sahdya Darr, [sahdyad@quaker.org.uk](mailto:sahdyad@quaker.org.uk), 020 7663 1108



Announce in notices. Suggest Friends look at the resource on the website and contact local MP.

### 6. Fly kites not drones

18-25 March 2018

Reclaim the sky for peace this Persian New Year (Nao Roz) by flying kites not drones. Everything you need to know to make kites and explore the issue of armed drones is at <https://dronecampaignnetwork.wordpress.com/events/fly-kites-not-drones>

At QPSW we'd love to see your kites via email [ellisb@quaker.org.uk](mailto:ellisb@quaker.org.uk) or @kitesnotdrones on Twitter



A great activity for adults, children's meetings or an all-age Meeting. You could also connect with local peace groups.

## 7. Nobel Peace Prize nominations requested for 2019

*Closing date for nominations to Friends House is 13 July 2018*

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 nominations for the 2019 prize.

Please see the website for the criteria and contact information.

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[www.quakernobel.org](http://www.quakernobel.org)



Please inform Friends in your meeting about this and put the flyer up on the noticeboard.

## 8. Recruiting for 2 QPSW UK based peaceworkers

*One year fixed term contracts with UK peace organisations starting in September 2018*

Opportunity to work in a UK peace organisation for a year, funded by QPSW, on issues including addressing the roots of conflict, innovative work on nuclear weapons and militarism especially in schools.

If chosen you'll be offered a place with an organisation which we think matches your skills.

[www.quaker.org.uk/job-opportunities/jobs](http://www.quaker.org.uk/job-opportunities/jobs)



Please ask Friends in your Meeting to pass on this information and put up advert on your noticeboard.

## 9. Seeking Ecumenical Accompaniers – human rights monitors

*We are recruiting Ecumenical Accompaniers to serve in the West Bank and Israel in 2019 for 3 months' service.*

The Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine & Israel (EAPPI) provides protection by presence, monitors human rights abuses, supports Israeli and Palestinian peace activists and advocates for an end to the occupation.

For more information and to download an application pack please check our website: [www.quaker.org.uk/applyeappi](http://www.quaker.org.uk/applyeappi)



Announce in notices, put advert on noticeboard and pass to those who may be interested.

## Climate action

### 10. Help QPSW take action on climate change

Quaker Peace & Social Witness and Friends across the country are calling on the UK government to tackle climate change. To do this, we want to know what parliament thinks about climate policy. We're asking Friends to help us do this by writing to their MP and sharing responses with us. If you can help, visit the climate justice page on the Quaker website at [www.quaker.org.uk/climatejustice](http://www.quaker.org.uk/climatejustice), where we have provided more information and some guidance questions. If you'd like support to engage with your MP, or to take action on climate change, please contact Chris Walker using the details below.

Chris Walker, [chrisw@quaker.org.uk](mailto:chrisw@quaker.org.uk), 020 7663 1047



Please announce in meeting, and pass to interested Friends.

## Grants

### 11. Adult Education grants available – reminder

*Closing date 30 April 2018*

For information on the adult education grants visit the website: [www.quaker.org.uk/our-work/grant-making/adult-education](http://www.quaker.org.uk/our-work/grant-making/adult-education)

Ann Pfeiffer, [annp@quaker.org.uk](mailto:annp@quaker.org.uk), 020 7663 1053



Announce in notices.

## Quaker Week

### 12. Speakers for Quaker Week 2018

29 September – 7 October 2018

You can now book your speaker for Quaker Week. We can offer speakers on a wide range of subjects including Quaker worship and spirituality, Quaker history, peace education and economic justice. Speakers will adapt to the needs of your event, engage with your audience and facilitate any discussions that arise. It is worth thinking carefully about the topic for your speaker, and whether it will encourage people from other parts of your community to attend.

Email [speakers@quaker.org.uk](mailto:speakers@quaker.org.uk) and we will help find someone to speak at your event.

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Book your speaker for Quaker Week now!

## Ecumenical

### 13. Christian Aid Week 2018

13–19 May 2018

Quakers are founding members and a sponsoring church of Christian Aid and have supported their work for over 70 years. Please continue to support them, especially during Christian Aid Week.

Further details at [www.christianaid.org.uk/christian-aid-week](http://www.christianaid.org.uk/christian-aid-week)

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Help your meeting to get involved. See the covering letter and leaflet.

### 14. Churches Together in England 2018

Included is a leaflet from Churches Together in England (CTE) giving a brief description of who they are and the work of the body in 2018. Britain Yearly Meeting is in membership of CTE along with Cytûn – Churches Together in Wales, and Action by Churches Together in Scotland (ACTS). The Committee which looks after these working relations is Quaker Committee for Christian and Interfaith Relations.

Marigold Bentley, [marigoldb@quaker.org.uk](mailto:marigoldb@quaker.org.uk), 020 7663 1060

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Announce in notices, circulate the leaflet, visit CTE website [www.cte.org.uk](http://www.cte.org.uk)

\*Leaflet included for meetings in England

## Accessibility

### 15. Talking Friends

Is there anyone in your meeting who is visually impaired or finds it difficult to read for other reasons? If so, you can help them to access Quaker publications such as *the Friend*, *Quaker News* and *Friends Quarterly*. A subscription to Talking Friends will give them audio recordings produced by volunteers at half the price of the printed publications. See the flyer for further information.

Contact Alan Johnson, [alanjohnson1@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:alanjohnson1@blueyonder.co.uk)

0121 476 0217, [www.talkingfriends.org.uk](http://www.talkingfriends.org.uk)

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Announce in notices, inform overseers and bring to the attention of Friends who may benefit from this service.

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