

Monthly Mailing – November 2017

for local meeting clerks or conveners



Welcome to your November 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 **December 2017**, will be sent out on 28 November 2017.

New appointments in your meeting



We will shortly be contacting you for details of new appointments and any changes to contact details of role holders in your meeting. You can send details of changes whenever they occur to updates@quaker.org.uk.



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-nov17

Listings and magazine

- **Books of the Month November 2017** from the Quaker Centre Bookshop.
- **Training for Quaker roles at Woodbrooke, 2018** Please display this courses listing. Booking details are given on the listing.
- **Friends World News** The magazine of Friends World Committee for Consultation. This issue introduces the new Sustainability Communications Officer and contains news from the FWCC Sections and the Treasurer's report.
- **The Young Quaker** The Young Friends General Meeting magazine for young Friends published three times a year to coincide with YFGM weekends. This issue focuses on inclusion.

Governance Gold



Governance Gold is designed to be kept by clerks to form a library of extra useful advice. This edition is about the status of local meetings.

Michael Booth, Church Government Adviser, michaelsb@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1023

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.

Action on militarism

1. Take action on militarism pack

Friends across Britain have been asking Quaker Peace & Social Witness for support in taking action on militarism. The 'Take Action on Militarism' pack aims to give Friends some information, and some ideas of what they might want to do.

Sam Walton, samw@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1090

www.quaker.org.uk/our-work/peace/challenging-militarism-1



Pass to Friends concerned about militarism, or put on the table.

Safeguarding

2. Verifiers for DBS/PVG – New appointments for 2018 onwards

Please note that anyone appointed Clerk or Assistant Clerk becomes a DBS/PVG verifier for the local or area meeting by which they are appointed. Please make sure we know who has been appointed in clerking roles/teams via updates@quaker.org.uk so that we can add people to the list of verifiers. It is always possible to appoint additional verifiers to help with the checking of original documents. We recommend where possible that additional people are appointed by the area meeting – they can then verify for anyone across the area meeting – not just from their local meeting.

Neil Jarvis, neilj@quaker.org.uk or safe@quaker.org.uk

020 7663 1192



Inform us of all new appointments via updates@quaker.org.uk

3. Safeguarding Co-ordinators Conference, January 2018

26–28 January 2018, Woodbrooke, Birmingham

A conference for area meeting safeguarding co-ordinators (not generally for local meeting safeguarding reps). There is one place per area meeting. If your AMSGC is not available to attend, an alternate (such as the trustee with lead responsibility for safeguarding) may attend. Places may be booked directly with Woodbrooke. The weekend will cover adults at risk of harm, safeguarding children in your meetings, details about our new DBS/PVG provider, taking care of yourself and networking with other AMSGCs from across Britain. Staff from Friends House and CCPAS will be present.

Woodbrooke, enquiries@woodbrooke.org.uk, 0121 472 5171

www.woodbrooke.org.uk



Make sure someone from your area meeting is attending this conference. The attendees will be encouraged to cascade learning and insights after the event.

Conferences

4. QPSW Annual Spring Conference 2018 – Journeys of Witness

23–25 March 2018, The Hayes, Swanwick, Derbyshire

This conference is aimed at those fairly new to Friends or to the work of Quaker Peace & Social Witness, and at QPSW Correspondents. It will focus on the work that QPSW does in the world on behalf of Quakers, and how QPSW seeks to support Friends individually and in meetings to translate faith into action.

Kristin Skarsholt, kristins@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1121,

www.quaker.org.uk/events/2018-qpsw-annual-spring-conference



Forward names of Friends who may benefit from this conference to your area meeting or consider supporting their attendance as a local meeting.

Friends World Committee for Consultation

5. Support for Friends World Committee for Consultation

Representatives serving on Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) ask for your prayerful upholding and financial support of FWCC's work. Quaker concerns cross continents and varied ways of worship and theology. We hope you can help support FWCC as it continues to connect Friends in our work, our worship and our lives.

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www.quaker.org.uk/qwrc



Ask your meeting to consider how you could best support FWCC.

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