

Monthly Mailing – October 2017

for clerks of area meetings, General Meeting for Scotland,
Meeting of Friends in Wales, and Young Friends General Meeting



Welcome to your October 2017 mailing.

Local 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 **November 2017**, will be sent out on 31 October 2017.

Items for area meetings only are at the end of this covering letter.



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this item is relevant to area meetings



All PDF documents for this mailing are at www.quaker.org.uk/mm-oct17

Listings and magazine

- **Books of the Month October 2017** from the Quaker Centre Bookshop.
- **Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre: Upcoming events and courses October 2017**
Please display this courses and events listing. Booking details are given on the listing.

Reminder: Engaging with Families

11 November 2017 at Friends House or 2 December 2017 at Lancaster Meeting

An event bringing together elders, overseers and others to explore how meetings might engage imaginatively with families and encourage them on their spiritual journeys.

To book go to the events page on the website at www.quaker.org.uk/events
or contact cypadmin@quaker.org.uk

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.

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

Book of Meetings

1. Book of Meetings survey

We are reviewing how Friends and meetings use the Book of Meetings and information contained within it. If you use the printed book or other methods to access meeting information, please help us by completing the short online survey located here <https://forms.quaker.org.uk/bom2018>. The survey will only take 2 or 3 minutes to complete. A paper copy is enclosed for those without internet access.



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World community of Friends

2. World Map of Friends

This is a map from the Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) showing where Friends are located around the world. If you are travelling, you can see at a glance if there are Friends where you are going. If there are, the contact details for the relevant FWCC Section Office are on the map. They will be able to give you contact details for the meetings and groups in their areas. Further copies are available from the FWCC World Office, contact: kimb@fwcc.world



Please post this map in your meeting house.

Vibrancy

3. Vibrancy in Meetings Evaluation

The Steering Group of the Vibrancy in Meetings Pilot Programme are delighted to share with you the set-up report from our external evaluators. It sets out the basis for the evaluation, and comments on the set-up phase of the programme. It gives a flavour of the work we are doing, and the exciting possibilities which it offers.

Rachel Matthews, rachelm@quaker.org.uk



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New on the website

4. New Britain Yearly Meeting blog

Britain Yearly Meeting has launched a new blog, which you can find online at www.quaker.org.uk/blog. It will provide a place to explore a wealth of perspectives relating to our centrally-managed work and act as a spark for reflection, discussion and action, both online and off.



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Mental health

5. Quaker forum for mental health

10am–4pm, Saturday 9 December, Friargate Quaker Meeting House, York, YO1 9RL

The Retreat, the Quaker provider of mental health services based in York, is holding its first annual forum. The theme of the event is 'Dementia...our shared journey'. The forum is open to all with an interest in dementia.

Shirley Torrens, shirleytorrens1@gmail.com, 01782 750 689



Please circulate the booking form and encourage people to book.

1652 country

6. New Swarthmoor Hall leaflet for 2018 – 'In Fox's: Planning 1652 Country Quaker Pilgrimages'

This new leaflet is intended for Friends who are thinking about organising a Quaker pilgrimage in 1652 country. It could be for a meeting, group of Friends, or a family group. For smaller numbers friends may also like to consider book a place on one of the pre-arranged pilgrimages hosted by Swarthmoor Hall. These are taking place 18–22 June and 20–24 August 2018.

01229 583204, info@swarthmoorhall.co.uk

www.swarthmoorhall.co.uk



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Quaker Activist Gathering

7. Join the 2017 Quaker Activist Gathering!

10am–4pm, Saturday 14 October, LIFT Islington (London)

What does our Quaker faith prompt us to do in the world? Join Quaker Peace & Social Witness and US Friend and activist George Lakey for a day of sharing, workshops, networking, and movement-building.

Plus: between 6–9pm at Friends House George Lakey will give a free talk to launch his new book, *Viking Economics*. See bookshop.quaker.org.uk for further information.

Contact: Kristin Skarsholt, bymevents@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1121

Register for the gathering at: www.quaker.org.uk/events/qag-2017



Please read out in notices and put out the flyer with the online booking link for the gathering.

Quaker Week

8. Quaker Week 2017

30 September to 8 October 2017

We hope you have a good Quaker Week – more than 50 local meetings have shared their events with us. If you hold an outreach event do share the details with us at outreach@quaker.org.uk.



Email us about your outreach events.

Items for area meetings only

Young Quakers

1. Junior Yearly Meeting 2018 nominations

Friday 4 May to Monday 7 May, accommodated at Lee Valley

JYM is an important opportunity for young Quakers aged 15–18 years old (born between 1.9.99 and 31.8.02 inclusive). In 2018 JYM takes place in May alongside Yearly Meeting.

In an envelope marked 'JYM 2018 nominations' you will find the information you need to nominate to JYM 2018. This includes a letter, the nominations guidance, the form to submit your nominations and an information sheet for young people.

Thais De Oliveira, cypadmin@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1013

www.quaker.org.uk/events/JYM2018



Please read the letter and pass the papers to those responsible for nominations to JYM to complete the form.

2. Young Quakers Participation Day

Saturday 2 December 2017, Friends House, London

A reminder that if your AM is sending young people or young adults to the Young Quakers Participation Day you need to book them on. You will be sent an email confirming that we have received your booking.

Booking deadline: Sunday 12 November 2017.

Booking information www.quaker.org.uk/events/yqpd17

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Please book for young people and young adults by Sunday 12 November, 2017.