



## Exploring Oversight

**Friday 25 - Sunday 27 January 2019**

**£245 - Residential**

This course will help those with responsibility for oversight in Quaker meetings gain a better understanding of the role and the confidence to do it. What does the role involve? What is expected? What is the spiritual basis of oversight? How can overseers respond to and meet the pastoral needs of the meeting? We will look at the range of tasks, share good practice and explore ways of handling difficult issues as well as looking at practical ideas and useful resources.

This course focuses on oversight in Britain Yearly Meeting but may also be of interest to Friends from other yearly meetings.

## Exploring Eldership

**Friday 25 - Sunday 27 January 2019**

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This course will help those with responsibility for eldership in Quaker meetings gain a better understanding of the role and the confidence to do it. What does the role involve? What is the spiritual basis of eldership? How can elders respond to and nurture the spiritual life of the meeting? Participants will have the opportunity to explore the role and share experiences with others as well as looking at practical ideas and resources that will be of help. This course focuses on eldership in Britain Yearly Meeting but may also be of interest to Friends from other yearly meetings.

## Being a Quaker Trustee

**Friday 25 - Sunday 27 January 2019**

**£245 - Residential**

Particularly suitable for new/less experienced Area Meeting trustees, or as a refresher. We will be factual and practical, but all we do will be underpinned by the spiritual question of what trusteeship means within Quakers? What does God require of us? What does the law require? What is considered good practice for Quakers and for charities? How do trustees, area and local meetings relate to each other? We aim to provide easy-to-understand information and enjoyable learning, to make trusteeship approachable and rewarding.

## A Friendly Introduction to the Quaker Way: an online course

**Friday 25 - Sunday 27 January 2019**

**£54**

Are you relatively new to Quakers and keen to find out more? This course sets out the Quaker 'basics'. It will give you an understanding of the history and international reach of Quakerism, and the importance of spiritual experience to the Quaker Way. We will discuss what happens in a Meeting for Worship and how Quakers make decisions and organise themselves. We will explore what Quakers mean by 'testimony' and explain simple spiritual practices for you to experiment with.

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## **A Friendly Introduction to Membership**

**Friday 1 - Sunday 3 February 2019**

**£245 - Residential**

What is Quaker membership? How do I apply and what will happen? The weekend gives an opportunity to explore the meaning of membership and belonging, and to share with others at a similar stage in their journey with Quakers. We will look at the history of Quaker membership, the practical aspects of applying for membership, and at the rewards and responsibilities belonging to a faith community brings.

## **Changing Shape of Eldership and Oversight**

**Monday 4 - Wednesday 6 February 2019**

**£245 - Residential**

Eldership and oversight – or to put it more clearly, Quaker ways of providing pastoral and spiritual care – are changing. Meetings are sharing out the work differently and more widely, trying not to burden individuals while also including attenders. This course will explore the history of this work and the different patterns now being used to support the spiritual and social lives of meetings. Everyone welcome: you do not need to have been appointed to any specific role in order to participate.

## **Quaker Nominations**

**Friday 8 - Sunday 10 February 2019**

**£245 - Residential**

An event for members of Quaker nominations committees. How can we root ourselves in good practices of discernment whilst responding to the particular issues that face us? Nominations are at the quiet heart of the way we live together as Friends, when we listen faithfully to the Spirit. We will include the practical aspects of being 'on nominations'. Friends can expect a renewed insight into the potential of nominations to strengthen meetings and enabling them to flourish.

## **Being a Quaker Clerk**

**Friday 8 - Sunday 10 February 2019**

**£245 - Residential**

This course is for new or prospective clerks with little or no experience of Quaker clerking. We will focus on clerking local meetings but clerks of other meetings or committees will also find they can learn much about their role. There will be practical sessions including planning agendas, drafting minutes and discipline in the meeting. We will also consider other responsibilities that come with being a clerk. Participants will learn from each other as well as from the leaders.

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