



Yearly Meeting Gathering 2017

University of Warwick, 29 July–5 August

Programme trailer

Sunday: Heart – Power within: What is our spiritual grounding for activism and social change?

George Lakey will introduce this day. George is an American Friend and long-term activist for social change. He has led over 1,500 workshops on five continents, taught peace studies at colleges and universities, and authored seven books on nonviolent social change, peace, and organisational development. He has been involved with activist groups at local, state, national and international level, and is visiting professor in peace and conflict studies at Swarthmore College. He is currently very involved with Earth Quaker Action in the US, a group working for a just and sustainable economy. George will also hold two workshops and be involved in two more in conjunction with Turning the Tide.

www.trainingforchange.org/people/george-lakey

www.eqat.org/our_mission

Monday: Head – Power we're up against: Using intellect and reason to be effective.

Steve Whiting will introduce this day. Steve has run the Yearly Meeting Turning the Tide programme for 22 years. The programme was established to develop and use the tools of nonviolence to support groups acting for a just and peaceful world. Groups worked with include Trident Ploughshares, Climate Camp, anti-globalisation movements and overseas work in South Asia and East Africa. Steve is a long-time peace activist.

Tuesday: Hands – Power together: How we do things is as important as what we do. What skills/tools do we have that we can share?

Bridget Walker will introduce this day. Bridget has a background in international development having worked for Quaker Peace and Service, Oxfam and Christian Aid. Prior to retirement she was co-director at Responding to Conflict. Her Quaker service includes involvement with QUNO Geneva committee and QPSW Overseas Peacebuilding subcommittee. She is currently heavily involved with local interfaith work and work for refugees and asylum seekers.

Thursday: Feet – Powering forward: How do we work with others, what do we need to do to move forward?

In the introduction to this day we will hear from three people about their experience of working with others:

- Mairi Campbell-Jack – Britain Yearly Meeting (BYM) Scottish Parliamentary Engagement Officer. She works in Edinburgh with General Meeting for Scotland and is also a member of BYM Communications Team. Recently she has been doing a lot of work around militarisation in schools, working jointly with Forces Watch on behalf of Friends.
- Ann Morgan – Lancashire Living Wage Campaign – see www.quaker.org.uk/ym for more details.
- Bernadette O'Shea – Citizens UK – see www.quaker.org.uk/ym for more details.