

Monthly Mailing – December 2017

for local meeting clerks or conveners



Welcome to your December 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 **February 2018**, will be sent out on 30 January 2018.



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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-dec17

End of year meeting update request



We have recently contacted you for any changes to your meeting details, contact information, clerks or correspondence clerk. Please respond as soon as possible via email to updates@quaker.org.uk (or letter to FREEPOST QUAKERS). If you are unable to confirm all the details now please reply with as much information as possible and then send a follow up later once all changes have been confirmed.

Listings and magazine

- **Books of the Month December 2017** from the Quaker Centre Bookshop.
- **Woodbrooke Upcoming Courses December 2017** Please display this courses listing. Booking details are given on the listing.
- **Among Friends Issue 140, Autumn 2017** News and views from Europe and Middle East Section of FWCC. We remember Friends who have recently died – Fritz Renken of Switzerland Yearly Meeting and Mohammed Abdul Qavi of Blackheath Meeting. Plus Friends without Borders, epistle of Italian Quakers, news from Woodbrooke and QCEA.

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.

Conference

1. Annual Conference of Treasurers 2018

This will be held at The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire, from 15 to 17 June 2018. A flyer with more information is enclosed. Please pass this on to local and area meeting treasurers and others acting in a financial role.

To book: www.quaker.org.uk/events/act2018

Gabriel Cabrera, gabrielc@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1050



Please pass to your LM or AM treasurer or those in a financial role.

Safeguarding

2. Safeguarding matters

In your response to the end of year meeting update request sent from updates@quaker.org.uk please inform us of any new appointments to the following roles (including details of name, role, period of service):

- AM Safeguarding Co-ordinator (and deputy)
- Local meeting safeguarding reps (if appointed)
- Local meeting clerks and assistants (who are by default verifiers for DBS/PVG documents)
- Area meeting clerks and assistant clerks (who are also, by default, verifiers for the Area)
- Lead Trustee for Safeguarding

We then know who to contact re safeguarding matters and will have up to date lists of verifiers to hand over to our new DBS/PVG service provider.

Email safe@quaker.org.uk if you have any queries.



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Please complete the end of year updates and let us know those in safeguarding roles.

Courses at Woodbrooke

3. Woodbrooke courses for 2018

Woodbrooke's short course brochures are being sent out to you a little later this year but should arrive in the post before the New Year.

Please note that during December Woodbrooke will be installing a new booking system and will have to suspend the online course booking facility for a short while during that period. More details will be available at www.woodbrooke.org.uk.

You can still book places on courses either over the phone on 0121 472 5171 or by email at enquiries@woodbrooke.org.uk.

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Announce in notices.

Nurturing the life of the meeting

4. New resource – All Are Welcome

Quaker Life has worked with Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre on this new resource for elders, overseers and other interested Friends. This resource takes the form of nine new 'advices and queries' to explore what is happening in meetings, and for meetings to consider how they can develop as an all-age worshipping community.

The idea of the resource is that meetings will choose a different advice to reflect on at meeting for worship for business, discussion group or study group.

Available from cypadmin@quaker.org.uk or tel 020 7663 1013.

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Announce in notices and inform elders and overseers.

5. Patterns and examples: deep roots for strong communities

Edinburgh, 17 February; Ashford (Kent), 24 March; Liverpool, 26 May 2018 (10am to 4pm)

Quaker Life and Woodbrooke, working in partnership, invite you to join us at one of three gatherings around the country for Quaker role holders in 2018. Find out more at www.quaker.org.uk/events

Book to attend these valuable explorations days for Quaker role holders at <https://forms.quaker.org.uk/patterns-and-examples>

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Rhiannon Grant, Woodbrooke: 0121 4156 770, rhiannon.grant@woodbrooke.org.uk

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6. Facilitators online network relaunched

The Quaker Life Facilitators Network has been re-launched and we are encouraging those with experience to sign up. It is aimed at Quakers who already have some experience of facilitating and so might include teachers, trainers, facilitators, Kindlers, youth workers, JYM facilitators, Turning the Tide trainers etc. We will also use the group as a source for volunteers to go into local/area meetings and help facilitate sessions – usually one-off, working in pairs and outside of your own area meeting community. Annual training will also be offered.

Gill Sewell, gills@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1017

<https://forms.quaker.org.uk/qlnfc>

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Children and young people

7. Young People's Programme at Yearly Meeting 2018

4–7 May 2018, Felden Lodge, Hemel Hempstead
(finishing at Friends House, London on the Monday).

Bookings are now open for the Young People's Programme at Yearly Meeting. This residential event is for young Quakers aged 11–15 to gather in community with their peers, whilst exploring yearly meeting topics in age appropriate ways. There will be space for worship, discussion on topics of interest as well as time to take part in fun activities. Bookings close 18 March 2018.

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9. Volunteers needed for Children and young people's events

There are a range of national Quaker events for children and young people being planned for 2018. These events are important for Quaker children and young people. Offers of service are sought for adult volunteers to be part of the event teams. People who have been part of event teams in the past have found this challenging, rewarding and enjoyable. Offers are needed by the end of December 2017.

Full details of the opportunities can be found under the heading 'Children and Young People's 2018 Event Teams' on the website at www.quaker.org.uk/job-opportunities/opportunities.

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Please bring these opportunities to the attention of those in your meeting who might like to volunteer.

Outreach

10. Outreach Opportunities in 2018

Firstly a huge thank you to the 150+ local meetings who organised an outreach event in Quaker Week 2017. We certainly all worked hard to make Quakers well known and widely understood. The dates for next year have now been fixed: 29 September to 7 October 2018. There's still a chance to give feedback on 2017 to help us plan even better support for next year. Alongside Quaker Week we hope that meetings will continue to have a presence at community events, Heritage Open Days etc. We will also be having a significant presence at Hay Festival in late May and at Greenbelt in August.

If you have any feedback on Quaker Week 2017 email outreach@quaker.org.uk

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Social concerns

11. Quaker Housing Trust – meeting housing need

Quaker Housing Trust (QHT) is our yearly meeting's own housing charity (Qf&p 8.15). We use Friends' resources to help meet the needs of badly housed and otherwise homeless people in Britain. To mark fifty years of this practical witness we have published 12 new postcards. One is enclosed with this mailing. For the full set and more information about QHT, contact the Secretary.

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Please draw Friends' attention to the postcard. Perhaps put it on a noticeboard.

Grants

12. QPSW Relief grant and Simmons grants

Closing date 31 January

QPSW Relief grants of up to £4,000 per year for a maximum of three years are available for projects both overseas and in the UK for peace-building, and addressing relief of people who are suffering as a result of social and economic deprivation, natural disasters, climate change, war or conflict but not immediate crisis relief. Simmons grants of about £1,500 for one year will be available to aid Quakers' support / involvement in overseas projects helping rural young people become self-sufficient, or with a similar educational purpose. Projects need to be a concern of your local or area meeting.

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Announce in notices. Please note closing date is 31 January.

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