

Outreach



Information on how to access the resources and support available to Friends running outreach events and sharing the Quaker experience.



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Connect with us – Contact details for specific areas of work are provided throughout the Directory of Services. The general contact details for Friends House are:

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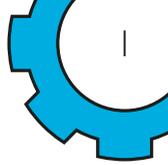
Quaker Centre Bookshop

You can order books, book boxes, resources and posters from the Quaker Centre Bookshop at Friends House, London.

Quaker Centre Bookshop, Friends House, 173 Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ

www.quaker.org.uk/shop
quakercentre@quaker.org.uk
020 7663 1030/1031.

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Introduction

“Outreach is for me an invitation to others to join us in our way of worship and response to life which are so important to us that we wish to share them. At the simplest level this means supplying information about meetings, Friends to contact, and basic beliefs, all of which should be given accurately, clearly and if possible attractively. In the second stage outreach offers to others, through meetings, personal contact and literature, the experience and truth which Friends have found for themselves through three centuries and which impel us just as strongly today.”

Edrey Allott, 1990
Quaker faith & practice 28.09

Britain Yearly Meeting's outreach work communicates our Quaker faith and values to the wider world and lets people know that Quakerism welcomes those looking for a spiritual home. Nationally, we organise an annual Quaker Week, place advertising and distribute information on Quakers. We also offer advice on running local outreach events and responding to enquirers, supply leaflets, posters and other resources, and provide support for Quaker chaplains.

Outreach is at its best when it arises from a grounded and lively meeting community, who enjoy meeting for worship and are happy to share this experience with others. We can also provide help and support in deepening the life of the meeting.

Resources

The following printed or electronic materials support outreach activities.

Outreach posters are available for free, but other items may be charged for to cover costs. For information about all the resources that are currently available, visit www.quaker.org.uk/outreach or contact the Quaker Centre Bookshop for a brochure.

Becoming Friends – Living and learning with Quakers

This is a flexible online course designed to help those new to Quakers find out more and explore their own understanding of, and connection with, Quakers. Visit www.woodbrooke.org.uk/becomingfriends. The basic course is also available in printed form from the Quaker Centre Bookshop (see contact details below).

Exhibition materials

These four concertina leaflets – ‘Quakers’, ‘Quaker worship’, ‘Children & young people’ and ‘Quaker Peace & Social Witness’ – are available for display in meeting house foyers, on stalls or in venues outside the meeting house. A full set of 18 panels on foam board, 30 cm², is available to buy, and Quaker Life has a limited number of sets for loan at a lesser charge. See ‘Key contacts’ for how to get in touch and request these.

Films available on the Quakers in Britain website

A number of films that may be useful for outreach purposes are available to watch online: www.quaker.org.uk/dos-outreach.

Leaflets for adult enquirers

- **‘A Quaker view on...’** – an introduction to Quaker witness, social justice and the peace testimony.
- **Concertina leaflets** – attractive introductions to four contrasting areas of Quaker activity: ‘Quakers’, ‘Worship’, ‘Children and young people’, and ‘Quaker Peace & Social Witness’.
- **‘Getting ready for Quaker worship’** – a leaflet for those who haven’t experienced Quaker worship, outlining what to expect before, during and after meeting for worship.
- **‘Living what we believe’** – an overview of the Quaker testimonies to truth, equality, simplicity and peace.
- **‘Quakers and peace’** – a brief account of the peace testimony.

- **‘Quakers today’** – an introduction to contemporary Quaker thought and practice, with passages on meetings, God and Jesus.
- **‘Quaker worship’** – a description of Quaker worship, useful for outreach.
- **‘The Quaker way’** – a short account of the history of Quakers and an outline of Quaker attitudes to Jesus, business and simplicity.
- **‘Your first time at a Quaker meeting’** – for those experiencing worship for the first time, this leaflet explains the purpose and experience of worship.

Leaflets for new adult attenders

- **‘Membership: Principles and processes’** – this outlines the principles and processes behind our membership procedures.
- **‘Nominations: Principles and testimonies’** – explores and offers guidance on area meetings’ nominations processes.
- **‘What do you do in meeting for worship?’**
– a way for meetings to explore worship together.

Outreach handbook: Reaching in, reaching out

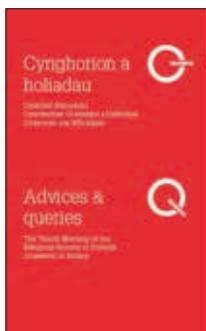
This handbook is full of advice, tips and ideas about outreach activities that are spiritually inspiring, socially rewarding, exciting and fun. It is available to download or as a hard copy.

Outreach posters

Each year we create a new set of posters for outreach purposes. These are linked to the theme for the annual Quaker Week in the autumn (see the ‘Training and events’ section below). Posters from previous years remain available to order. In addition, there are other



posters produced from time to time relating to Quaker testimony and activism.



Resources available in Welsh

Mae'r holl daflenni allgymorth allweddol ar gael yn y Gymraeg. (All key outreach leaflets are available in Welsh.) The website www.quakersinwales.org.uk has more information about Quakers in Wales, including a short film suitable for outreach.

Resources for events

- **Advices & queries** – this short, spiritual introduction to Quaker thought is an invaluable resource for outreach.
- **Badges** – ‘I’m a Quaker – ask me why’ pin badges, ‘Quakers – live adventurously’ pin badges, and plain magnetic ‘Q’ badges. These offer a low-key way of being open about our faith or of identifying Quakers at outreach events.
- **Balloons** – red or green balloons with our ‘Q’ logo for stalls, open days and Quaker social events.
- **Gold cards** – these cards give six answers to the question ‘What do Quakers say?’ as well as providing details of how to obtain a free information pack.
- **Who are the Quakers?** – a freepost information pack request card for new attenders and those interested in finding out more about Quakers.
- **Wristbands** – ‘Quakers – live adventurously’. These are a way to be open about our Quaker faith, and to invite conversation, and can be worn or given away at outreach events.



Resources for use with children and young people

- ***Quaker meeting and me*** – this booklet is intended to help children find a way into Quaker meeting for worship. Images from a garden illustrate the different aspects of what is happening in meeting for worship.
- ***I'm a Quaker – ask me why*** – this booklet is intended to help young people find out more about what being a Quaker means. Its bright, attractive fold-out design makes it ideal for outreach purposes.
- ***School Journeys in the Spirit*** – a resource for meetings that are organising a visit to groups of children and young people, offering ideas for outreach.



Support

Book boxes

The Quaker Centre Bookshop offers a book box 'sale or return' service, which can be used to help inform and enliven events for Quakers and outreach events. Alongside our regular publications on Quaker history, worship and contemporary thought, we can include in the box specific titles relevant to your event. For more information about this service, visit www.quaker.org.uk/shop/sor.

Britain Yearly Meeting staff team support

The Outreach Team in the Quaker Life department at Friends House supports Friends and meetings around the country to connect with their wider communities, share their Quaker faith with others, and enrich their lives as living communities of faithful people.

Quaker Centre Bookshop

Our bookshop stocks a wide range of titles on Quakerism, Christianity, world religions, peace, sustainability and other related topics, and includes a sizeable children's section. You can browse our online catalogue and shop online or come and visit us at

Friends House; contact details can be found on the inside front cover of this booklet. 'Books of the month', a regular update on new titles, is sent out to all meetings with the clerks' monthly mailing.

Quaker Life Network Outreach cluster

This cluster encourages and assists Friends and meetings to develop their outreach work and gain confidence in sharing their Quaker faith. It focuses on helping meetings to support new enquirers and attenders. Anyone with an interest in outreach can join the cluster and work with us to develop practical approaches to sharing our faith with others.

Training and events

Enquirers' gatherings

Each year there are two or more residential gatherings for adults who are interested in finding out more about the Quaker way. These are held at Charney Manor (Oxfordshire). For details of upcoming gatherings, email quakerquestnetwork@quaker.org.uk.



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Outreach conference

Every third year, we organise a conference both for Friends who are involved in outreach work and those who want to find out more. These are thought-provoking and inspiring events that enable Friends to share their experiences of which outreach activities have worked for their meeting and to increase others' confidence to try out new ideas.

Invitations to send a representative to the conference are sent to every area meeting in the clerks' monthly mailing. Dates of the next one are given in the Britain Yearly Meeting events calendar at www.quaker.org.uk/events.

Quaker Life Network Outreach cluster

Members of the Outreach cluster can visit a meeting to support the planning and delivery of events for enquirers and new attenders, and to help them explore Quakerism. If you think this

would be valuable for your meeting, please get in touch using the details given in the 'Key contacts' section below.

Quaker Week

Every autumn, Quaker meetings across the country hold Quaker Week, a national event in which we encourage meetings to think about outreach and perhaps organise an outreach event. While many meetings engage in outreach all year round, Quaker Week offers a time to focus on all the things we do that enable people to discover more about Quakers and the Quaker way.

Each year we create a new set of posters and other resources for use during Quaker Week and throughout the year. To find out more about Quaker Week, and when the next one will be, visit www.quaker.org.uk/outreach.

Other related publications

Being a Quaker: A guide for newcomers – Geoffrey Durham (published by Quaker Quest)

This book is available to purchase from the Quaker Centre Bookshop.

Key contacts

We are keen to hear from meetings about their outreach activities, how they welcome new attenders and the ways they have found to enrich the spiritual life of their meeting. You can contact us by email or phone to order resources, request support or tell us about your outreach activities:

- **Outreach Development Officer:** outreach@quaker.org.uk; 020 7663 1017.
- **Quaker Life Network:** qlnetwork@quaker.org.uk; 020 7663 1007.

Other organisations

This list is not exhaustive. For a full overview of other Quaker organisations that can offer resources, support, training and events go to www.quaker.org.uk/listed-informal-groups.

- **Charney Manor**

Charney Manor is a Quaker-run conference and retreat centre in Oxfordshire. www.charneymanor.com; email sales@charneymanor.com or phone 01235 868 206.

- **The Kindlers**

The Kindlers is an experimental group working to rekindle the power of Quaker worship by renewing and deepening our spiritual practices. Visit www.quaker.org.uk/kindlers.

- **Quaker Quest**

Offering a chance to find out about the Quaker way – to experience worship, explore spiritual issues and talk to Friends about their faith. Visit www.quakerquest.org for more information. If your local meeting would like to offer Quaker Quest, email quakerquestnetwork@quaker.org.uk or phone 01372 454 363. The Quaker Quest Network also oversees residential enquirers' weekends.

- **The Quaker Tapestry:** www.quaker-tapestry.co.uk.

- **Swarthmoor Hall**

Under the care of BYM, Swarthmoor Hall runs a diverse programme of courses, retreats and events and is a visitor attraction in its own right. Visit www.swarthmoorhall.co.uk, email info@swarthmoorhall.co.uk or phone 01229 583 204.

- **Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre**

Woodbrooke is a major provider of learning for Quakers in Britain and Europe from its site in Birmingham, via its travelling teaching service and through online courses and learning materials. Visit www.woodbrooke.org.uk, email enquiries@woodbrooke.org.uk or phone 0121 472 5171.

Supporting information

Safeguarding – Safeguarding is protecting children, young people and vulnerable adults from harm. For more information visit www.quaker.org.uk/safeguarding. Here you will find a link to Meeting safety, which outlines the responsibilities for Quaker meetings in Britain. We recommend that area meetings join the Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service. Visit www.ccpas.co.uk or email info@ccpas.co.uk.

For general safeguarding advice, as well as Quaker advice on how specific safeguarding matters may affect the pastoral needs of individuals and the meeting community, contact our Safeguarding Coordinator at safe@quaker.org.uk or on 020 7663 1023.

General issues relating to a Quaker meeting

– If you have concerns about issues in your Quaker meeting that you would like to talk over, contact our Support for Meetings Officer at supportmeetings@quaker.org.uk or on 020 7663 1023. Alternatively, contact the Recording Clerk's Office at recordingclerk@quaker.org.uk or on 020 7663 1161.

Information updates – Please keep us informed of changes to the key role-holders in your local and area meetings: clerk, treasurer, safeguarding coordinator, registering officer, clerk of (area meeting) trustees. To let us know of any such changes please contact our Database Administrator at updates@quaker.org.uk or on 020 7663 1119.

Data safety – Quaker meetings in Britain need to store information on their members and attenders in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998, which protects individuals from the unauthorised use of their personal information. Friends House Data Safety Group can offer meetings general advice on data safety. For more information visit www.quaker.org.uk/data-safety. Here you will find a link to Data Safety and Information Security, which offers guidance to meetings. You can also contact our Data Safety Officer at datasafety@quaker.org.uk or on 020 7663 1161.

Complaints and feedback

– Britain Yearly Meeting's complaints and feedback procedure enables anyone to let us know about problems or to give feedback on service received from staff at Friends House. To find out more visit www.quaker.org.uk/contact-us. Complaints can be made in writing to the Recording Clerk's Office at Friends House. Alternatively, email feedback@quaker.org.uk or phone 020 7663 1161.

Quaker faith & practice – *Quaker faith & practice* is the book of Christian discipline of Quakers in Britain. It expresses the breadth of Quaker theology through the experience of Friends and describes our corporate structures. Copies can be purchased from the Quaker Centre Bookshop. It is also available at <http://qfp.quaker.org.uk>.

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