

Monthly Mailing – February 2020

for local meeting clerks or conveners



Welcome to your February 2020 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 **March 2020**, will be sent out on 25 February 2020.



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this item is also relevant to area meetings



All PDF documents for this mailing are at www.quaker.org.uk/mm-feb20

Listings

- February 2020 editions of **Books of the Month** and **Children & Young Adults Books of the Month** from the Quaker Centre Bookshop.
- **Woodbrooke Upcoming Courses February 2020**
Please display these course listings. Booking details are given on the listings.
- **Swarthmoor Hall 2020 Programme Guide** including residential retreats, courses and pilgrimages and **In Fox's Footsteps: Planning 1652 Country Quaker Pilgrimages**.

Reminder



Invitation to Sustainability Online Conference with Friends worldwide

Saturday 22 February 2020, 8am–11am

Join Friends around the world in FWCC's Online Sustainability Conference in order to gather the collective Quaker voice on sustainability. There will be time for worship sharing.

Register on the eventbrite link [fwcc.world/sustainability/conference2020](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fwcc-world-sustainability-conference-2020)

For further information: Faith Biddle, sustainability@fwcc.world, 020 7663 1198

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.

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

Children and young people

1. Young People's Event: 2020 Vision – finding hope in hard times

6–8 March, 2020 Dunfield House, Herefordshire

A weekend of community building and exploration for young people aged 13–17. Cost £125. Bursary help available.

To book: <https://forms.quaker.org.uk/2020vision>

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2. Quaker Youth Work Conference

28 March 2020, Sheffield Meeting House

Networking and learning day for all involved in Quaker youth work, i.e. link group, teenage meeting, summer events. Free with lunch.

To book <https://forms.quaker.org.uk/youth-work-conference>

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3. Woodbrooke Family Weekend

21–23 February 2020, Woodbrooke, Birmingham

This family weekend will use the P4C (Philosophy for Communities) methodology to explore and think about some big questions on belief, values and ethics – creating a positive and fun environment for deep discussion within intergenerational groups.

www.woodbrooke.org.uk/philosophy-for-communities-family-weekend

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4. New Journeys in the Spirit catalogue

Journeys in the Spirit is a resource providing free materials each month for adults working with children in a Quaker setting, and each year for use with Quaker young people. A new catalogue is enclosed which sets out the themes and topics covered by previous issues. It includes web links for where the materials can be found, as well as information about special editions and activity supplements.

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www.quaker.org.uk/cyp

5. Nominations for Junior Yearly Meeting 2020

Deadline for nominations 10 March, 2020

Please continue to consider whether there are young people who might benefit from attending JYM at Yearly Meeting Gathering. They do not need to be in regular attendance or consider themselves Quakers to be eligible. This is because it is an important opportunity that is often a formative event for their relationship with Quakerism.

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6. The Young Quakers Calendar 2020

Please display the Young Quakers Calendar 2020 in a place visible to Young Quakers. The calendar provides information about events taking place and resources available in 2020 for young Quakers aged 11 and above.

You can view the calendar online. Visit www.yqspace.org.uk/find-event and click on the Young Quakers Calendar link.

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Announce in notices. Pass to CYP advocate or committee.

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Share catalogue with Friends who work with children and young people in a Quaker setting.



Inform young people and let AM nominations know if they are interested.

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Young adults

7. YFGM Gathering in York

21–23 February 2020, Friargate Meeting House, York

These weekends are open to anyone aged between 18 and 30ish who is a Quaker, or Quaker-curious. They are a chance to meet like-minded people and find out more about, and influence, what Young Adult Friends do. At February's gathering we will be having a workshop from Turning the Tide about activism and healing. Our guest speaker is Edwina Peart, Diversity and Inclusion Coordinator at Britain Yearly Meeting. There will also be plenty of time for socialising and enjoying the city. Bursaries available.

Please email yfgm@quaker.org.uk for further information.

You can also follow us on Twitter (@YFGM_UK), Facebook (yfgm coordinator) or Instagram (youngfriendsgeneralmeeting).

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Registration will open no later than 24 January 2020.

Outreach

8. Finding out about Quakers 2020

April, October and November 2020

Quaker Quest runs events each spring and autumn for those wanting to find out more about Quakers. Some are for those new to Quakers, others are for those considering membership or deeper involvement. These reflective, informative, guided weekends take place at Charney Manor in Oxfordshire and Swarthmoor Hall in Cumbria.

See flyer for dates and contact details of venues.

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Please share with elders and overseers and with those at meeting new to Quakers or who may be considering deeper involvement.

Nonviolence and peacemaking

9. Inspiring Nonviolence – Online Course 2020

24 Feb – 5 April 2020

Turning the Tide GB and Woodbrooke Quaker Learning Centre are working in partnership to facilitate an online course called 'Inspiring Nonviolence'. Whether you are an experienced activist wanting some space to reflect or you're wondering about how to make a difference – you are very welcome to participate. For information and to book go to www.woodbrooke.org.uk/inspiring-nonviolence

turningtide.org.uk/inspiring-nonviolence

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10. Major conference on Christian and spiritual peacemaking

Saturday 25 April 2020, Maria Fidelis Catholic School, London

The Network of Christian Peace Organisations, of which Quaker Peace and Social Witness is an active member, is holding a major conference on Christian and spiritual peacemaking. The conference, whose provisional title is "Prophets and Reconcilers", will take place on Saturday 25 April at the Maria Fidelis Catholic School in London. We are encouraging local and area meetings to send delegations to the conference to take part and help make it a success.

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Announce in notices.

Have your say

11. **BYM survey: election support for Quakers**

BYM is asking for your views on the resources it provided during the December 2019 election and what support you'd like to help you engage with politics in the future.

www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/QuakerElections

If you have any questions, please contact politics@quaker.org.uk

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Encourage Friends to complete the survey.

Grants

12. **Adult Education grants for 2020–2021 academic year**

Adult Education grants for 2020–2021 are available for members and attenders taking a further or higher education course to equip themselves to serve society and/or Quakers in Britain. To apply you should be a mature student or graduate, either in membership of Britain Yearly Meeting or an attender of at least five years. You should be in need of financial support to take the course and the course should be offered at a reputable institution within the UK.

Applications close 30 April 2020.

www.quaker.org.uk/adult-education-grants

Contact: grants@quaker.org.uk

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