

# Monthly Mailing – March 2019

for clerks of area meetings, General Meeting for Scotland,  
Meeting of Friends in Wales, and Young Friends General Meeting



## Welcome to your March 2019 mailing.

Local meeting clerks have received the same material to help you discuss it with them if needed. Please note that there is *one item for area meetings only* at the end of this letter. Please send any feedback or queries to Gaby Scott: [gabys@quaker.org.uk](mailto:gabys@quaker.org.uk), 020 7663 1045.

NB: The next monthly mailing, for **April 2019**, will be sent out on 26 March 2019.



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this item is relevant to area meetings



All PDF documents for this mailing are at [www.quaker.org.uk/mm-mar19](http://www.quaker.org.uk/mm-mar19)

## Listings

- **Books of the Month March 2019** from the Quaker Centre Bookshop.
- **Woodbrooke Upcoming Courses March 2019**  
Please display these course listings. Booking details are given on the listings.
- **Swarthmoor Hall Spring 2019 Courses and Events**

## Reminder: Inclusion and diversity survey



Yearly Meeting 2017 minuted “a call to examine our diversity”. Please remind Friends in your meeting to complete this short survey at [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/quakersurvey](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/quakersurvey) **by 28 March 2019** to assist this work. A paper copy is enclosed for your noticeboard.

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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.

## Children and young people

### 1. Young People's Programme at Yearly Meeting

24–27 May, High Leigh Conference Centre, Hoddesdon, Herts

Reminder to book on to the Young People's Programme (YPP) at Yearly Meeting. YPP is a residential event for 11- to 15-year-olds (those born between 1 September 2003 and 31 August 2007). It helps young Friends to engage with Yearly Meeting topics, explore their faith and practice, whilst including space for building community and taking part in fun activities.

Please book at [www.quaker.org.uk/ym/children-and-young-people-1](http://www.quaker.org.uk/ym/children-and-young-people-1) by 22 March 2019

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Announce in notices and share information with those between 11 and 15 years old and their families.

## 2. Children's Programme at Yearly Meeting

25–27 May, Friends House, London

The children's programme is for those under 11 years old (those born after 1 September 2007) attending Yearly Meeting 2019. Sessions will run on the Saturday, Sunday and Monday, mornings and afternoons. A session for 5- to 11-year-olds is also available during the Swarthmore Lecture on the Saturday evening.

Full information and booking forms are on the Yearly Meeting's children and young people's page:

[www.quaker.org.uk/ym/children-and-young-people-1](http://www.quaker.org.uk/ym/children-and-young-people-1)

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## 3. 15–18s Come to Yearly Meeting Accompanying

24–26 May, Friends House, London (non residential),

Booking deadline Sunday 28 April

Please promote Accompanying to young people aged 15–18 (born between 1 September 2000 and 31 August 2003).

Accompanying is a non residential offer for 15–18's at Friends House in London during Yearly Meeting (YM). It includes attendance at YM and optional social activities out of session time.

Anyone can come to YM. However to participate in Accompanying, individuals need to book in advance.

[www.yqspace.org.uk/accompanying-2019](http://www.yqspace.org.uk/accompanying-2019)

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## 4. Exploring Worship

5–7 July 2019, Woodbrooke, Birmingham

This event is for 5- to 11-year-olds and will run in two groups (5–7s and 8–11s) with some time spent all together. We'll be exploring worship in small groups having big fun, building dens, playing games, watching film clips, hearing stories and listening to music. All children must be accompanied by an adult who can also attend the programme 'Being a Quaker Parent' (see item 5 below).

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To Book: [enquiries@woodbrooke.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@woodbrooke.org.uk)

## Families

### 5. Being a Quaker Parent

5–7 July 2019, Woodbrooke, Birmingham

This is an opportunity for parents and carers to explore together some of the joys and challenges of being part of a Quaker community. We will share our experiences and reflect together on what being a Quaker and a parent means to us and consider how we live out our faith in the world and in our daily lives, reflecting on how we and our Quaker communities can nourish and support each other.

Accompanying children aged 5 to 11 will attend 'Exploring Worship' which runs simultaneously. A crèche will be available for children under 5, and a light-touch programme for 12 to 15 year olds.

To find out more and to book a place, go to

[www.woodbrooke.org.uk/learn/being-a-quaker-parent](http://www.woodbrooke.org.uk/learn/being-a-quaker-parent)

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Announce in notices and share information with the under 11s and their families.

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## Peace work

### 6. We are recruiting Ecumenical Accompaniers

*Closing date for applications is 23 April 2019*

We are recruiting for Ecumenical Accompaniers to serve in the West Bank and Israel in 2020 for 3 months' service. Please pass on to anybody you know who might be interested in providing protection by presence and monitoring human rights abuses. Expenses and living allowance are offered.

[www.quaker.org.uk/applyeappi](http://www.quaker.org.uk/applyeappi)



Announce in notices. Put advert up in Meeting House.

### 7. We are recruiting for UK Peaceworker

*Closing date for applications is 2 May 2019 (09:00)*

We are looking for people with a commitment and passion for peace work to work in a UK peace organisation, funded by QPSW, for one year from September 2019.

Please ask Friends to pass on information about UK Peaceworker post to anybody they know who may be interested in applying.

For more information on the UK Peaceworker scheme please go to [www.quaker.org.uk/our-work/peace/peaceworkers](http://www.quaker.org.uk/our-work/peace/peaceworkers)

To apply go to [www.quaker.org.uk/job-opportunities](http://www.quaker.org.uk/job-opportunities)



Please put on noticeboard and pass to those who may be interested.

### 8. Nuclear Weapon Ban Briefing

In this mailing you will find the Nuclear Weapon Ban briefing, produced by Northern Friends Peace Board, working with other members of the Network of Christian Peace Organisations. If you have a Quaker Peace and Social Witness Correspondent in your meeting, then they will have received more information about the urgency of work against nuclear weapons. You might also be interested to read our recent blog, which offers ways to take action on a range of Quaker concerns in the current political climate.

[www.quaker.org.uk/blog/5-things-we-can-do-to-put-quaker-values-into-brexite](http://www.quaker.org.uk/blog/5-things-we-can-do-to-put-quaker-values-into-brexite)



Announce in notices and circulate the briefing.

## Item for area meetings only

## Children and young people

### 9. Advocates for Children & Young People's Work guidance

In this mailing you will find the new leaflet for the Advocate for Children & Young People's Work. This is a guidance leaflet for Advocates and area meetings, detailing the role and what is required of the area meeting and the support available.

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Announce in notices.

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