Monthly Mailing – October 2018

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



Welcome to your October 2018 mailing.

There are five items for area meetings only on this separate sheet. You will also find enclosed a copy of the letter sent to local meetings – items relevant to area meetings have an 'A' icon next to them and you will find enclosed any printed material relevant to these items.

Please send any updates or queries to Gaby Scott: gabys@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1045.

NB: The next monthly mailing, for **November 2018**, will be sent out on 30 October 2018.

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- action required by clerk for meeting business
- printed material is included relating to this item (number of sheets to right of icon)
- this item is relevant to area meetings
- All PDF documents for this mailing are at www.quaker.org.uk/mm-oct18

Items for area meetings only

Conferences

1. Journeys of Witness – QPSW Spring Conference 2019

22–24 March 2019, Hayes Conference Centre, Derbyshire

The QPSW Spring Conference will be held in March 2019. The conference is an ideal way for new Friends and attenders to find out about the work QPSW does on behalf of Friends and how they can get involved. Staff from various programmes of work will be present and are happy to talk to Friends outside the workshop and plenary sessions to answer questions.

Info: www.quaker.org.uk/events/2019-qpsw-spring-conference

2. Book now for Trustees and Treasurers Conference 2019

29–31 March 2019, The Hayes Conference Centre, Derbyshire 'Better practice' is the theme for the first joint conference for trustees and treasurers. How can we make our meetings run better, keeping them grounded in our faith while meeting our legal obligations? See flyer for further details. There will be time to network and discuss matters of direct relevance to you and your meeting. Area meetings are encouraged to send the area meeting treasurer and another trustee.

Andrew McVicar, andrewm@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1119 www.quaker.org.uk/events/trustees2019



Please consider appointing Friends to attend and invite Local Meetings to identify Friends who may benefit from the event.

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Pass details and the flyer to clerk of trustees and AM treasurer.

3. Inspiration and Practice: the spiritual grounding of our ecumenical and interfaith work

8–10 March 2019, Woodbrooke, Birmingham

Ecumenical and interfaith work can bring moments of breakthrough and challenges. We will explore the spiritual depth in such moments. What helps moments of openness and insight? How do we face and deal with barriers of substantial difference? We will bring such reflections together with examples of practical work on the ground, making use of current Quaker interfaith and ecumenical activity.

For those nominated, please book online at www.woodbrooke.org.uk/qccir-conference

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4. Over 150 years of Quaker Social Action, and counting...

Quaker Social Action (QSA) is a registered charity which has been living out Quaker values in its work against poverty since 1867. Its mission is to help people on low incomes in east London and the UK to seek solutions to the issues affecting their lives. QSA runs projects focusing on funeral poverty, homes and housing and financial capability. Some of this work has a UK-wide reach. QSA's leadership team would be pleased to consider any invitations to attend area meetings around the UK to speak about its work or discuss poverty issues, including opportunities for meetings to support its work.

For an informal discussion please contact Judith Moran, Director on judithmoran@qsa.org.uk or 020 8983 5035

Website: www.quakersocialaction.org.uk

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The booking period for AM representatives will close on 31 January 2019 after that, any remaining places will be generally available.



Junior Yearly Meeting nomination reminder

Nominations deadline 6 January, 2019

Junior Yearly Meeting (JYM) is an important opportunity for young people. Whether they are involved in Quaker activities or loosely connected, it has the potential to be of enormous benefit. It is often a formative event for their Quaker identity.

Not nominating? Please let us know so we can give your AM place to another young person, you can do this using the online form or by contacting Alex.

Information about JYM and nominations can be found at

www.guaker.org.uk/events/jym2019

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