

Monthly Mailing – September 2018

for local meeting clerks or conveners



Welcome to your September 2018 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 **October 2018**, will be sent out on 25 September 2018.



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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-sep18

Listings and magazine

- **Books of the Month September 2018** from the Quaker Centre Bookshop.
- **Woodbrooke Upcoming Courses September 2018** Please display this courses listing. Booking details are given on the listing.

Reminder

BYM Sustainability Gathering: Bridging the gap – hope and action

19–21 October 2018, The Hayes Conference Centre, Derbyshire

Despite the extreme weather and bleak reports about climate change, there is still hope for the future. One of the best ways to experience and act on it is through joining with others in our community.

Deadline for bookings is 7 September. To book, visit www.quaker.org.uk/events

If you're in London...

Sara Barnard in conversation for Quaker Week

Join us on 2 October at the Quaker Centre Bookshop from 6.30pm where author Sara Barnard will talk about how her Quaker faith inspires her work. Leaflets for this event are enclosed for London Quaker meetings. For more information or for those outside London, please visit <https://quaker-week18.eventbrite.co.uk>.

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.

Gatherings and conference

1. Answering that of God in everyone:

A diversity and inclusion national gathering

18–20 January 2019, Woodbrooke

A diverse and inclusive community where all are welcomed has been an ever present aspiration for Quakers. This conference aims to equip Friends to make it a reality, offering keynote speeches, workshops, opportunities for informal discussion and all-age worship, all as discreet standalone sessions. We will explore diversity in a variety of forms, including race and ethnicity, class, age, sexuality and gender, in an intersectional way. Prepare to be challenged and inspired.

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Announce in notices.

2. Quaker Activist Gathering 2018

10am–4.30pm, 3 November 2018, Lancaster Quaker Meeting House

An action-focused day for Quakers who identify as activists, framed in worship. It will be a day to build common cause, explore the Quaker aspect of our actions, and discover how we can work more effectively.

Meet other Quakers, learn how Quaker Peace & Social Witness staff can support your activism, and develop your skills.

Book here: www.bit.ly/QuakerActivistGathering2018

Ben Foley, benf@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1056

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Announce in notices and display flyer.

3. Q-CAT Conference Preventing Torture – Effective Action

10.30am–4.30pm, 3 November 2018, Friends House, London

This conference will bring together a range of excellent speakers on this important topic and will end with a ‘What do we do next?’ session to discuss some practical action points. Places are limited and the conference will be open to the public, so please apply soon.

Book at: from.qcat@hotmail.com or

Q-CAT 79 Wellington Road, New Brighton, CH45 2NE

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Announce in notices and display flyer.

Peace Education

4. Peace education poster – everyday militarism

The enclosed poster has been created to help spark a conversation about how we can challenge militarisation. Please display poster and see the interactive version and discussion activities from Quaker Peace & Social Witness at www.quaker.org.uk/teaching-resources.

If you’d like to share how you use the poster, or any actions or ideas regarding challenging militarism, please contact:

Isabel Cartwright, isabelc@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1087



Display poster and announce in notices.

**Meetings in Wales will also receive a Welsh language version.*

Quaker Week

5. Quaker Week 2018 posters

29 September – 7 October 2018

The Quaker Week posters ‘Room for More’ should now be in the post to meetings so please look out for your copy. We hope they brighten up your meeting house and frontage. Additional copies and leaflets to give away can be requested from quakercentre@quaker.org.uk.

Look out for the Quaker Week posters.

Economic Justice

6. End Hunger UK Petition and Information

End Hunger week will be 13–20 October 2018. As part of it there is a petition calling on the Prime Minister to fix Universal Credit, so as to prevent people going hungry in this country. Individual Quakers are asked to sign the petition. There are further action ideas and sources of information provided.

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Announce in notices, ask Friends to sign sheets and return.

Children and young people

7. Facilitation and Leadership

Friday 19 – Sunday 21 October 2018, Woodbrooke

An invigorating event for 15- to 21-year-olds. Participants will develop confidence, understanding and skills alongside considering how to engage with Quaker aspects of facilitation.

There are still spaces available. Closing date 7 October.

Cat Waithaka, catw@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1011

www.yqspace.org.uk/FL2018

Please share with 15- to 21-year-olds in your meeting.

8. Journeys in the Spirit

A new Journeys youth and child flyer is now available in time for the new series of Journeys in the Spirit starting in October. This follows the theme for Quaker Week 2018 'Room for more' – including the themes of diversity, inclusion and hospitality amongst others.

For more information: cypadmin@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1013



Please announce in notices and display leaflet.

9. Quaker Youth Work Conference

10.30am–4.30pm, 10 November 2018, Woodbrooke

The Quaker Youth Work Conference is for those involved in running events with young Quakers aged 11+. It provides opportunities for networking and exploring issues of importance for those running young Quaker events.

Please book by 28 October at:

www.quaker.org.uk/events/quaker-youth-work-conference-2018

For more information: cypadmin@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1013



Please announce in notices and display leaflet.

10. Pilgrimage in 1652 Country

19–22 October, Yealand, Lancaster

The Quaker Pilgrimage for 12- to 15-year-olds provides an opportunity for young Quakers to follow in the footsteps of George Fox and other early Quakers alongside their peers. We will be visiting sites such as Pendle Hill, Firbank Fell, and Swarthmoor Hall. There will also be time for worship, games, activities and reflection on the day's experiences.

For more information: cypadmin@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1013



Announce in notices. Encourage people to book by 20 September.

Grants

11. QPSW Relief grant and Simmons grant

Applications opening in October

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.

A date for your diaries

All-age outreach conference

15–17 February, High Leigh

An invitation to AMs and Quaker Recognised Bodies to appoint those active in all forms of outreach to attend the all-age conference in February. This could be individuals or families involved in Quaker outreach in any form.

Booking details available in the next monthly mailing.

Kristin Skarsholt is available for questions at bymevents@quaker.org.uk