



# Radical Hearts, Open Minds

## Information and Timetable

**Radical Hearts, Open Minds** are a series of identical events being held across Britain in the Autumn of 2025. They are part of the consultation process about support for Quaker Communities from 2026 – 2030.

### Introduction

Thank you for your interest in the **Radical Hearts, Open Minds** events. Please read on for further information about the day.

### What will the day be like?

We will explore and celebrate as an all-age community. We will have different activities in different rooms.

We hope these days will be fun and joyful. They are a chance to meet people from different Quaker communities, and to explore how we can help our communities thrive.

We expect every event to have about 40 participants across a range of ages. We will have a mixture of activities available in each session. These will include things like talking in small groups, using arts and crafts, thinking on our own, writing things down, sharing ideas in the big group.

We will have a team of people organising and running the days. This will include staff and volunteers from Quakers in Britain and from Woodbrooke. Some of the staff and volunteers are children and youth workers, and have been through the Quakers in Britain safer recruitment process.

### Timetable

Our day will look like this:

Time	Activity
9:30	Arrivals & Refreshments
10:00	Welcome and Introductions

<b>10:15</b>	Session 1: Flourishing in the future
<b>11:30</b>	Refreshment Break
<b>11:45</b>	Session 2: What kind of support will nourish growth and change?
<b>13:00</b>	Lunch and Marketplace.
<b>14:00</b>	Worship together
<b>14:15</b>	Session 3: How does your allotment grow? (with break)
<b>15:30</b>	Reflecting on our day
<b>16:00</b>	End of the day

## Timetable in more detail

### 9.30 Biscuits

All good events start with refreshments! Teas and coffees will be available from 9.30, and a variety of snacks – including biscuits and fruit.

### 10.00 Welcome

We'll come together in our main room to say hello and make sure we know where all the useful things are, like toilets, fire escapes, and lunch.

### 10.15 Session 1 - Flourishing in the Future

Option A: Age 11 – 103+ will explore how our Quaker communities could look into the 2030's and beyond, if we enact our vision in "[Our Faith in the Future](#)". Led by staff or Associate Tutors from Woodbrooke.

Available for age 11 – 103+. (see *FAQs for more information about Our Faith in the Future*).

Option B: Age 3 – 18 will explore the theme of flourishing playfully. Led by staff members and volunteers from Quakers in Britain.

Age 11 – 18 year olds can choose which option they attend.

### 11.30 Break

### 11.45 What kind of support will nourish growth and change?

Two groups in different rooms will think about these two questions:

- What are the priority areas for supporting Quaker communities over the next 5 years?
- How can the support offered by Quakers in Britain, Woodbrooke Learning and other Quaker groups be most effective over the next 5 years?

The two groups will use different ways to think about the questions. Some will be more creative, some more based on talking and writing.

Anyone can be in either group. Ages 0 – 11 will need their parent/guardian to be in the same group.

Led by staff members and volunteers from Quakers in Britain.

## 13:00 Lunch and Marketplace

A vegetarian lunch will be provided. We have asked about individual dietary requirements on the application form. We will do our best to accommodate these.

We suggest that parents/carers bring suitable food for small children.

**Marketplace** – we invite participants to bring information or displays about things which are happening in their local or area meetings, which might be inspiring for other participants. More information will follow on this.

## 14:00 Shared worship

We will join together in shared worship. This will be suitable for all ages and conditions.

## 14.15 How does your allotment grow?

We're going to create a flourishing allotment together as an image of our Quaker communities now. We will be using craft materials, making, writing, and chatting.

Our allotment will show all the things which are flourishing now in different Quaker communities.

We will be all together for this session. We will help each other, using our different skills and abilities.

There will be a quiet space in another room for individual reflection during this session.

Led by the Quaker Life Representative Council Planning Group

## ?? Are there more biscuits??

Yes! Of course! Afternoon refreshments will be available during this session, but we may not take a formal break.

## 15:30 Reflecting on our day and saying goodbye

After our busy afternoon, we will come together to admire our allotment.

We will celebrate the day we have had together. We will think about what will happen next with the things we have learned and discussed. We will appreciate everyone for the gifts they have brought us.

## Being an all-age community for the day

Everyone is part of our Quaker Communities, whatever their age or personal circumstances.

We all find the light and life in ourselves and joyfully share it with one another.

We are exploring and consulting about the new strategy, and it is important that a wide diversity of people can share their ideas and thoughts. We have designed these days to do that.

The facilitators will be creating a variety of opportunities to join in with the day, which suit different people.

You are invited to be curious – coming with a radical heart and an open mind – to share an experience with your companions for the day.

Please make sure that you have read the Community Agreement, which you will find a link to on the [Radical Hearts, Open Minds](#) events page.

## More Information

The purpose of these days is to help Quaker Life Central Committee and Woodbrooke Trustees revise their Integrated Strategy for Supporting Quaker Communities.

You can find out more about the new strategy, and the consultation on the [Approaches for the Future – Faith, Inclusion and Growth](#) page of the Quakers in Britain Website.

We also hope that these days will be a rich opportunity to explore how we can thrive as Quaker Communities. We hope you will go back to your own Quaker communities with ideas and enthusiasm.

There is lots of support available to help your Quaker community to thrive. You can find out more on the [Quaker Communities](#) section of the Quakers in Britain website, and on the [Woodbrooke Learning and Research](#) website.

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