Quaker Life

Trustee and treasurer conference 2025 Timetable and workshop descriptions



Time	Description
9:30am	Arrivals and refreshments
10:00	Worship, welcome and introduction
10:20	Opening speaker (Paul Whitehouse)
11:00	Break and networking
11:20	 Workshops Changing charities, an update (blended, all online participants) Resilience and readiness for change Building trustee leadership
12:05	Movement
12:15	 Workshops Changing charities, the role of trustees and treasurers Property management The spiritual side of trusteeship (blended, all online participants)
13:00	Lunch: food, stalls and networking
14:15	Re-gather, worship and notices
14:30	 Exhibitor workshops National Churches Trust, who, and what for Quakers? (blended, all online participants) ACAT (independent examination) JustMoney Movement Friends Trusts Limited
15:15	Refreshment break
15:30	Plenary
16:15	Closing worship
16:30	Finish

Workshop descriptions

Changing charities, an update (blended for all online participants)

What has been happening in the regions in Britain that are looking at their charity structures. An update on progress in Wales, Scotland, London, Yorkshire and other regions where conversations are taking place about the work.

Resilience and readiness for change

What does resilience as a role-holder mean? Is resilience present in your Quaker community and are there options to help build it up?

Building trustee leadership

What does leadership look like in your Quaker community? As trustees and treasurers, we are leaders in our community. How are we supported to lead for the time that we are in those roles?

Changing charities, the role of trustees and treasurers

What might you need to know as a trustee or a treasurer to support changes in your charity or work more closely with other AMs? How is BYM involved and what support is there for these changes?

Property management

This workshop will explore the support available to AM Trustees and others from BYM national staff in managing property. Its **use**, **maintenance** and **ownership**. We will explore:

- Central information available
- People with specific areas of work and expertise
- Networks and sharing possibilities
- Emergency support and back up

With a focus on: responsibilities, risks, finances & employees.

The spiritual side of trusteeship

What is the spiritual grounding for trustees and treasurers? These roles can sometimes feel like secular work, so what makes this work different for people of faith?

National Churches' Trust

National Churches Trust is a heritage charity with a conservation lead approach supporting churches, chapels and meeting houses across the UK. Whether for worship, quiet reflection, access to critical services or space to explore, churches are a priceless part of the UK's heritage and of its social fabric. Our vision is that church buildings across the UK are well maintained, open to everyone, sustainable (both economically and environmentally) and valued.

In this workshop we'll be covering the basics of who we are as a charity as well as looking at: what support we offer in general, where we get our money from and how you can access that support for your meeting house. The Society of Friends are unlike any other denomination in the UK. So, bring your most awkward and difficult questions and we will do our best to answer.

We will cover topics such as grants, business plans, maintenance plans, community engagement, heritage, tourism, our advocacy work, our fundraising, and the National Churches Survey.

ACAT – Independent Examination

An overview of Independent Examination – which charities are eligible for it, and what trustees should expect from an examiner.

Mark Heaton is a trustee of ACAT, Chair of Association of Independent Examiners and a practicing accountant (Mark Heaton FCCA FCIE).

JustMoney Movement

How is our financial decision-making shaped by our values? What steps can we take to green our finances? This workshop will provide space to share experiences of ethical banking and investing, and explore areas for further action. **JustMoney Movement** is an ecumenical charity with a vision of a world where money shapes a fairer, greener future. Our <u>Money Makes Change online hub</u> provides information and resources on ethical spending, banking and investing, and we produce a regularly updated <u>guide to Fairer, Greener Banking</u> for churches and charities.

Friends Trusts Limited

Friends Trusts Ltd was set up in the early C20th to facilitate ownership of property and investments by Quaker bodies within British law. FTL holds property and investments on behalf of Area Meetings and other Quaker bodies. Most Meeting Houses are held by FTL as "custodian trustee" or "nominee". This workshop will explore:

- What FTL is for,
- How it operates,
- Why AMs (CIOs) would want to keep using it (or not)

And explore potential future services that FTL could provide to Quakers in Britain.

John Dash is the Company Secretary and property manager of FTL.

Finance staff at BYM oversee the investments and financial operations.