



## **A Friendly Introduction to Gender Diversity**

**Friday 15 - Sunday 17 March 2019**

**£245 - Residential**

In recent years we may have become more aware of transgender people – in our meetings we may encounter a transgender newcomer seeking a spiritual home, a longstanding Friend may 'come out', or we might have a relative who is trans or non-binary. This weekend aims to demystify gender diversity by hearing personal stories. We will explore the distinctive role of our meetings in embracing the richness of gender diversity based on our testimonies to truth, equality and simplicity.

## **Chaplaincy Retreat**

**Friday 22 - Sunday 24 March 2019**

**£245 - Residential**

This weekend retreat will provide the opportunity for Quaker chaplains working in any setting (prison, education, hospital or others) to reflect, relax and reconnect with our spiritual foundation. We will use a mix of creative listening, the labyrinth, journalling and a range of spiritual practices to provide opportunities to recharge our batteries and remind ourselves why we do this important work. This weekend is not a training event and may not be suitable for people with no chaplaincy experience.

## **Appreciative Inquiry in Quaker Settings**

**Friday 22 - Sunday 24 March 2019**

**£245 - Residential**

Appreciative Inquiry (AI) is a strengths-based approach to development and change that is particularly relevant to Quaker principles and practice. This course provides basic training in AI, which will equip Friends with the understanding and skills to facilitate AI processes in their meetings or committees. It will be especially useful to Friends serving in roles, employed staff and any Friends with experience in leadership or facilitation wishing to develop their skills and learn a new approach to real issues.

## **Beethoven's 9th Symphony**

**Wednesday 27 - Friday 29 March 2019**

**£295 - Residential**

Beethoven's final symphony expresses complex and intimate states of mind while embracing the universal aspirations of the Age of Revolution, in unprecedentedly dramatic and beautiful music. In this course we shall look both at the historical context and the way that Beethoven has shaped the work. We shall hear Simon Rattle conducting the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra in an eagerly awaited performance. This course is intended for all music lovers, and specialist knowledge is not needed.

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## **Telling our (digital) Quaker Stories**

**Friday 29 - Sunday 31 March 2019**

**£245 - Residential**

This course provides the opportunity to participate in a digital storytelling process to create a short film on the theme of 'Our Quaker stories'. Through participating in a supportive story circle you will create a short script and additional visual material to make your own two minute digital story. At the end of the weekend we will share our stories together and consider future possibilities for sharing them more widely. No specialised technical knowledge is required but we request that you use your own smart phone or tablet if you have one. If this is not possible please get in touch and we will make arrangements to have extra equipment available.

## **Registering Officers Training/Conference**

**Thursday 4 - Sunday 7 April 2019**

Thursday 4 April: A training event for new Quaker Registering Officers. Run in partnership with the Recording Clerk's Office of BYM. Details will be sent to Registering Officers directly.  
Residential - £125

Friday 5 - Sunday 7 April: A conference for Quaker Registering Officers. Details will be sent to Registering Officers directly.  
Residential - £245

## **Galatians: an online course**

**Tuesday 7 - Tuesday 28 May 2019**

**£36**

'For freedom Christ has set us free'. This is the heart of Paul's teaching in this letter. Here is Paul's most radical expression of how the experience of the Spirit can transform how people think of themselves and treat each other. In this online course we will tackle the letter step by step, aiming to bring Paul's words alive, find connections with Quaker understandings, and better understand Paul's confidence that faith in the living word can bring a new creation.

## **Let Your Life Preach: an online course**

**Monday 20 May - Sunday 16 June 2019**

**£24**

Are we challenging the injustices in the world? In worship are we hearing the cries of the world and are we responding to the call to act? Together we will explore the roots of our tradition to see how this helps us today. 'In our communities we can find ways to challenge, to test and to work together to build the kingdom of heaven on earth. This may be challenging, this may be uncomfortable but we can work together with love and tenderness. Friends, it's time to ask ourselves, if we were accused of being Quakers, would there be enough evidence to convict us?'

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