

BYM Sustainability Gathering 19 to 21 October 2018

Bridging the Gap – Hope and Action

The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire, DE55 1AU

Workshop offers

On Saturday, there will be an opportunity to attend up to two of these sessions. Please use the online booking form to indicate your first three preferences. We will do our best to accommodate you into two of these.

Deepening Right Relationship

Mey Hasbrook

The workshop will combine discussion with a simple creative activity. We will imagine how to deepen our care of the Earth with community while making mobiles. As we re-imagine sustainability through right relationship, contributions collected in advance from gathering participants will be integrated into the arts installation.

Follow-up with the speaker

Paul Hoggett

Exploring links between two challenges we all currently face - galvanising a societal response to climate breakdown and countering the rise of authoritarianism.

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Jo-anne Veltman

An opportunity for conversation with Jo-anne, exploring how you can find your motivation and calling to engage with the climate crisis.

Climate justice and the new economy

Chris Walker and Gill Westcott

Chris will brief us on QPSW's climate justice advocacy with the UK government, how Friends can get involved, and how we can support your witness on climate change. Gill will discuss what crucial changes in our economy can help limit climate change and ecological damage, drawing on the New Economy Booklets; and how Quakers are beginning working on these.

Ecothrift: Living on a planetary budget

Laurie Michaelis

What is our experience of the dilemmas, challenges and joys of life on a planetary budget? What choices have we made about food, transport, home energy, parenting and end-of-life planning? This facilitated conversation will tenderly explore some of the most sensitive issues in learning to live on Space Ship Earth.

Finding the Light in your recycling bin

Laura McQuillan and Rowena Bashforth

Reduce, reuse, recycle, refuse plastic straws. Being young Quakers we have grown up with these campaigns and they can become mundane parts of our lives. So we hope to facilitate a deeper spiritual connection to these actions by linking them to the Quaker testimonies and to discuss ways to support one another.

Footpaths for a greener life

Alison Crane

The "Footpaths" community carbon footprinting programme was developed by Transition Leicester and has been used by [some Quaker meetings](#). This workshop will include a taster or two and conversation about the programme and how it might work in your meeting and the wider community. We are hoping to run a training weekend for would-be facilitators in January.

What do you do if you have no hope?

Andrew Taylor-Browne

Many of us feel that we are rapidly heading into some form of now unavoidable environmental crisis and societal collapse. Does this mean we are powerless to act positively? Or can we find ways of using our lack of hope to energise us to do whatever is good?

Experiment with Life – outdoor guided meditation

Ian Marshall

This is a 1.5 hour outdoor session including guided meditation and movement to develop a strong sense of connection with aspects of the living world that may not normally be noticed, silent worship with a newly discovered friend (plant, bug, cloud, etc.), finishing with a period of worship sharing. If you wish to participate in this session, please make sure you bring appropriate outdoor clothing.

Love in Action

Clíodhna Mulhern

A reflection on spiritual activism – Love in Action. How does our spiritual deepening open our sense of communion with all of life? What is the connection between this sense of awe, wonder, love and gratitude and what we do on the streets, at the fracking site, at the petrol pumps and in the supermarket?

Sustainability at the ground level

Kathy May

We'll explore what works in engaging both our local/area Quaker meetings and our wider local communities. Please bring your experiences and ideas. How have you connected with other groups in the community? How have Friends in your meeting – including people in roles like clerks and elders – got involved?