

# Monthly Mailing – March 2016

## for local meeting clerks or conveners



**Welcome to your March 2016 mailing.**

Area meeting clerks have received the same material, numbered identically, to help you discuss it with them if you need to. Please send any feedback or queries to Gaby Scott: [gabys@quaker.org.uk](mailto:gabys@quaker.org.uk), 020 7663 1045.

NB: The next monthly mailing, for **April 2016**, will be sent out on 29 March 2016.

### **Book of Meetings 2016 now available to order**

The Book of Meetings contains information on every meeting in Britain, including times and places of worship and details of clerks and officers. It also gives details of committees, listed informal groups and other Quaker resources, together with international groups. Available from the Quaker Bookshop from April, £8 plus postage & packaging. Order form enclosed.

Contact: Nounou Vongphit, [quakercentre@quaker.org.uk](mailto:quakercentre@quaker.org.uk), 020 7663 1030.

*Please bring this to the attention of your librarian and your meeting generally.*



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All PDF documents for this mailing are at [www.quaker.org.uk/mm-mar16](http://www.quaker.org.uk/mm-mar16)

## Listings, newsletters and programme guides

- **Books of the Month March 2016** from the Quaker Centre Bookshop.
- **Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre: Upcoming events and courses March 2016.**  
Please display these courses and events listings. You can book courses online at [www.woodbrooke.org.uk](http://www.woodbrooke.org.uk) or download and print a booking form from [www.bit.ly/wbform1](http://www.bit.ly/wbform1). Alternatively call 0121 472 5171 to book over the phone.

## Reminder

### **Britain Yearly Meeting Children's Programme**

*28–30 May 2016, Friends House, London (running mornings and afternoons)*

### **Britain Yearly Meeting Young People's Programme**

*27–30 May 2016, Felden Lodge, Hemel Hempstead, HP3 0BL*

Places are still available for both of these events but bookings close on **16 March**. Visit [www.quaker.org.uk/cypevents](http://www.quaker.org.uk/cypevents) for more information or contact the CYP Administrator: 020 7663 1013, [cypadmin@quaker.org.uk](mailto:cypadmin@quaker.org.uk)

*Many thanks to the Friends from Luton & Leighton Area Meeting who help to collate this mailing.*

We suggest that some of the following items are read out as notices. Please pass enclosures to relevant members of your meeting or add to your noticeboard or newsletter where possible.

## Peace

### 1. Nominations for 2016 Nobel Peace Prize

In 1947 the Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to Quakers worldwide for the relief work they did between the two world wars and after World War II. As a Nobel laureate, Britain Yearly Meeting is able to make nominations for the prize. Any Friends or meetings wishing to put forward names for the 2016 prize should contact Helen Bradford before 3 May 2016.

Helen Bradford, 020 7663 1071, [helenb@quaker.org.uk](mailto:helenb@quaker.org.uk)



Please announce in notices and contact Helen before 3 May if you wish to make a suggestion.

### 2. Peaceful Schools conference

*24 June 2016, Friends House, London*

A national conference for primary schools is taking place at Friends House on 24 June. 'Learning Through Peace' is aimed at head teachers, deputy and assistant heads and school staff involved in social and religious education. School governors and others who support or work with schools are also welcome. Please promote the conference.

You can book a place using the enclosed form or email [anna@peacefulschools.org.uk](mailto:anna@peacefulschools.org.uk) for more information.



Please announce in notices and pass on to anyone with a link to a primary school.

### 3. Human rights monitors needed in Israel and Palestine

The Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI) is recruiting for volunteers to live in the West Bank and East Jerusalem for three months during 2017, working as human rights monitors.

Find out more and apply at [www.quaker.org.uk/applyeappi](http://www.quaker.org.uk/applyeappi). The deadline for applications is 29 April 2016.



Please announce in notices and put up the flyer so Friends can see it.

## Quaker social witness in Zimbabwe

### 4. Friends of Hlekweni Secondary Bursary Scheme

Over 700 students have been supported through secondary school by the Zimbabwe Secondary Bursary Fund, run by Zimbabwean Friends and supported by British Quakers for over fifty years. The need is huge – the scheme helps really promising students who would otherwise have to drop out after primary school. The Friends of Hlekweni are seeking your support to enable children to continue their schooling.

The Quaker Centre, 1 Oakley Gardens, Downhead Park, Milton Keynes, MK15 9BH

[info@friendsofhlekweni.org.uk](mailto:info@friendsofhlekweni.org.uk), [www.friendsofhlekweni.co.uk](http://www.friendsofhlekweni.co.uk)



Please announce in notices and share the flyer with any Friends who wish to support the scheme.

## Children and young people

### 5. Engaging young adult Friends consultation

Quaker Life wants to hear from young adults with an involvement with Quakerism about the relationship that they have with the Society of Friends. The consultation is running until 10 April and there are a variety of ways to get involved, details of which are on the website. No matter how involved you currently are, we want to hear from you.

Georgina Bailey, 020 7663 1020, [georginab@quaker.org.uk](mailto:georginab@quaker.org.uk)  
[www.quaker.org.uk/children-and-young-people/young-quakers#eyaf](http://www.quaker.org.uk/children-and-young-people/young-quakers#eyaf)



Please announce in notices and pass flyer on to young adults linked to your meeting.

### 6. Accompanying – for 15- to 18-year-olds coming to Yearly Meeting 2016

*27–30 May 2016, Friends House, London (non residential)*

Accompanying is a non-residential offer for 15- to 18-year-olds (born between 1/9/1997 and 31/8/2000) at Friends House in London during Yearly Meeting (YM). It includes attendance at YM and optional social activities outside of session time.

Anyone can come to YM – however, to participate in Accompanying individuals need to book in advance. The closing date for bookings is Thursday 28 April. Visit [www.yqspace.org.uk/accompanying-2016](http://www.yqspace.org.uk/accompanying-2016) for more information and booking details.

Cat Waithaka, 020 7663 1011, [catw@quaker.org.uk](mailto:catw@quaker.org.uk)



Please promote this opportunity to young people in your meeting aged between 15 and 18.

### 7. Exploring worship – being a spiritual warrior

*15–17 July 2016, Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre, Birmingham*

Exploring worship is an exciting and challenging weekend for children aged between 8 and 12, with a separate programme for parents and carers.

The weekend is about worship and there will be opportunity to wonder about some big questions – what is God? What is worship? Where is God? What is a Quaker? For the accompanying parents/carers there is a parallel, less structured course giving the opportunity to share and reflect on experiences of being Quaker parents or grandparents.

Contact [enquiries@woodbrooke.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@woodbrooke.org.uk) to book, or for more information contact the Children's Work Officer:

Mel Cook, 020 7663 1014, [melaniec@quaker.org.uk](mailto:melaniec@quaker.org.uk)



Please encourage families with children of the right age to think about attending.

### 8. 'Living our Beliefs' event for Quaker youth/link groups

*9 July 2016, Friends House, London*

'Living our Beliefs' is a one-day event for Quaker youth/link groups taking place at Friends House, London. The purpose of this event is to bring together young Quakers as a worshipping community, and explore their faith and practice through the 'Living our Beliefs' publication.

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