

Monthly Mailing – August 2016

for local meeting clerks or conveners



Welcome to your August 2016 mailing.

Area meeting clerks have received the same material to help you discuss it with them if needed. Please send any feedback or queries to Gaby Scott: gabys@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1045.

NB: The next monthly mailing, for **September 2016**, will be sent out on 30 August 2016.

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



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this item is also relevant to area meetings



All PDF documents for this mailing are at www.quaker.org.uk/mm-aug16

Listings, magazines and review

- **Books of the Month August 2016** from the Quaker Centre Bookshop.
- **Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre: Upcoming events and courses August 2016**
Please display this courses and events listing. Booking details are given on listing.
- **Among Friends Issue 136, Summer 2016** The journal of Europe & Middle East Section of FWCC, including report on a vigil held outside the Eurosatory arms fair in Paris in June. NB. PDF copy only in this mailing. Paper copy to follow in September mailing.
- **Friends World News, Vol 1 No. 183** The bulletin of the Friends World Committee for Consultation, including reports from the World Plenary Meeting in Peru.

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.

Courses and events

1. 'So you've read Quaker faith & practice, what next?'

4–6 November 2016, Woodbrooke, Birmingham

A weekend organised by the Book of Discipline Revision Preparation Group especially for Friends of less than about 10 years standing, or certainly people who've come to Friends since the last time our book was revised! A chance to reflect on the spiritual experience of reading *Quaker faith & practice* and to consider its meaning in our lives.

Bookings via Woodbrooke on 0121 472 5171 or online at www.bit.ly/wbform1. Other enquiries to qfp@quaker.org.uk



Announce in notices and/or pass to overseers to identify potential participants.

2. Exploring Being Friends Together

10 October 2016, Woodbrooke, Birmingham

A day to explore the Being Friends Together website and how to use it as a tool in your meeting's learning and growing together.

No skill or experience is necessary; this is an ideal opportunity for clerks, elders or anyone involved in developing the life and learning of the meeting to find out more about this treasure trove of resources, ideas and workshops.

Email together@quaker.org.uk to find out more and to book a place.

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Share with anyone who might be interested and encourage someone in your area meeting to come along.

3. A weekend event for newcomers at Charney Manor

4–6 November 2016, Charney Manor

New to Quakers? Want to explore Quaker worship?

This weekend is for people who know little or nothing about Quakers, and for those who have been around Quakers a while and want to explore further. Come and find out more about core Quaker beliefs, discover Quaker worship and hear how Quakers live their lives.

How to book?

Download the booking form at: www.charneymanor.com/events

Email: admin@charneymanor.com

Telephone: 01235 868206

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Announce in notices and to newcomers and enquirers.

World War I Centenary

4. Echo Chamber: Voices of conscience – an exhibition from the Quaker Arts Network

18 August–2 September, Friends House, London

The Quaker Arts Network will host an exhibition at Friends House. The exhibition focuses on conscientious objection drawing inspiration from COs during World War I and bringing our understanding of conscience up to date. Open 11am–4pm daily (except bank holiday Monday 29 August).

A launch event will be held on 18 August from 6.30pm. Please write to Elizabeth Payne, elizabethp@quaker.org.uk if you wish to attend.

Telephone: 01235 868206

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Please announce in notices and place flyer on noticeboard.

Children and Young People

5. Workshop to explore engaging 0–3s and families in meetings

15 October 2016 and 12 November 2016

Newcastle, Liverpool, Cambridge and Bristol

These workshops aim to encourage and support meetings to engage with 0–3s and families in meetings including identifying what steps meetings need to take to encourage families to come and to be ready when they do.

Thais de Oliveira, 020 7663 1013, cypadmin@quaker.org.uk

www.quaker.org.uk/workshops

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Announce in notices and share with Children's Committee.

New economics and sustainability

6. Apply for a QPSW Sustainability & New Economy grant

Got ideas for a project that will help to build low-carbon, sustainable communities or a more just kind of economics? Apply for £100–£2,000 before 3 October 2016.

Find out more at: www.quaker.org.uk/sustainabilitygrants

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Announce in notices.

Crime, Community and Justice

7. Engaging with your local policing bodies

Police and Crime Commissioners (PCC) in England and Wales, and the Scottish Police Authority (SPA) are responsible for setting policing policy, practice and budgets in our communities. The enclosed flyer gives details of a new briefing from QPSW Crime, Community and Justice Subcommittee for Friends wanting to engage with these public servants.

Paula Harvey, Crime, Community and Justice Programme Manager
020 7663 1036, ccj@quaker.org.uk



Announce in notices.

Quaker Chaplaincy

8. Quaker chaplaincy update request

Quaker chaplains can be found in a variety of settings including prisons, secure units, universities, colleges, hospitals, hospices, on the streets in the evening outside pubs, in sports clubs and workplaces. We need your help to keep our national database of Quaker chaplains up to date. Please let us know who the Quaker chaplains (not prison chaplains) in your local/area meeting are.

Marleen Schepers, 020 7663 1143, chaplainsupport@quaker.org.uk
www.quaker.org.uk

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Inform Friends House about Quaker chaplains.

Publications

9. Directory of services

The new *Directory of services* was sent to all local and area meeting clerks at the end of April with the request to make it available to the meeting. We hope you are finding it a useful addition to your meeting resources. We really want Friends to become familiar with the directory as a source of information and support and ask you to mention it during notices, in your newsletter and to the different groups and role holders in your meeting who may want to make use of it.

We welcome your feedback about the directory:
feedback@quaker.org.uk



Please continue to spread the word about the *Directory of services* to Friends in your meeting.

10. Quaker News – Quaker Week issue

Quaker News issue 96 should reach meetings by 23 September, in good time for Quaker Week (1–9 October). Some meetings like to have extra copies of *Quaker News* to give out during Quaker Week. If your meeting would like extra copies of issue 96, free of charge, please contact Leslie Bell: 020 7663 1019, leslieb@quaker.org.uk.

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Order your extra copies by 30 August.