

Monthly Mailing – October 2016

for local meeting clerks or conveners



Welcome to your October 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 **November 2016**, will be sent out on 25 October 2016.



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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-oct16



Book of Meetings

The Book of Meetings will not be published in 2017. We intend to print the book once every two years from 2018. We will be contacting meetings for updates as usual and from this will provide an errata listing any changes to main contact details since the Book of Meetings 2016. Up-to-date information on each local meeting can be found on the 'Find a meeting' page of the BYM website: www.quaker.org.uk/meetings. You can send amendments to your meeting's page anytime throughout the year by email to updates@quaker.org.uk.

Please share this information with your local meeting.

Listings and magazines

- **Books of the Month October 2016** from the Quaker Centre Bookshop.
- **Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre: Upcoming events and courses October 2016**
Please display this courses and events listing. Booking details are given on the listing.

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.

Library and records

1. Records Custodians training day

Saturday 11 March, 2017, Friends House

This one-day workshop for meeting records custodians will cover topics such as data protection for meetings, managing retention, digital records and more.

Numbers will be limited, for more information and to book a place, please contact Lisa McQuillan: 020 7663 1127, lisam@quaker.org.uk



Announce in notices, pass on to custodians of records.

Quaker Week and outreach

2. Are you ready for Quaker Week 2016?

1–9 October 2016 – across Britain Yearly Meeting.

A reminder to display the new 'Inspired by Faith' posters for Quaker Week – maybe take photos and repost on social media using the hashtag #QuakerWeek16. An invitation to announce your outreach events by posting them on www.quaker.org.uk/events and share any media coverage with annev@quaker.org.uk. Tweet @BritishQuaker photos of any posters you see or of events you hold and help spread #QuakerWeek16. Look out for adverts in print media including *The Guardian* and *Private Eye*.

outreach@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1017

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Get ready for Quaker Week!

Children and Young People

3. Young Quaker Calendar 2017

If you are running any events or groups for young Quakers aged 11 and over in 2017 and would like these publicised in the Young Quaker Calendar 2017, please request a form from:

Lucy Sam: 020 7663 1160, lucys@quaker.org.uk

All information should be received no later than Saturday 5 November 2016 to allow time for printing and publication.

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Announce in notices.

4. Quaker Youth Work Conference

Saturday 5 November 2016, Friends House, London

The Quaker Youth Work Conference is for those involved in running events with young Friends aged 11 and over. The theme this year is, 'Be Inspired: stories of young Quakers and social witness'. We will hear from guest speakers Sam Walton and Ellis Brooks. The conference provides an informal networking opportunity for anyone working with young people in a Quaker context.

The conference is free (including lunch).

Bookings close: 17 October 2016.

CYP Administrator, 020 7663 1013, cypadmin@quaker.org.uk

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Announce in notices and put flyer on the notice board.

Remembrance Sunday

5. White Poppies for Remembrance Sunday

11 November 2016

Many Quakers wear a white poppy for Remembrance (alone or with a red one) and many meetings sell or give away poppies at the meeting house. Some meetings also take part in local remembrance events or organise their own, for instance laying a wreath of white (and red) poppies at a local war memorial. You can order boxes of white poppies directly from the Quaker Bookshop this year.

Order poppies from Quaker Bookshop, 020 7663 1030, quakercentre@quaker.org.uk, www.quaker.org.uk/shop.

For more information or advice about white poppies and remembrance events, contact Tim Wallis: 020 7663 1067, timw@quaker.org.uk, www.quaker.org.uk/peace

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Please consider ordering a box for the meeting house.

Courses and conferences

6. Being Friends Together Training Day

10.30am to 4pm, 10 November 2016, Woodbrooke

This one-day training event is a day to learn how to explore Being Friends Together and use it as a tool in your meeting's learning and growing together.

No charge but advance booking required.

No skill or experience is necessary; email together@quaker.org.uk to find out more and to book.



Book your place now.

7. QPSW Annual Spring Conference 2017: Journeys of Witness

24–26 March 2017, The Hayes, Swanwick, Derbyshire

This conference is aimed at those fairly new to Friends or to the work of Quaker Peace & Social Witness (QPSW) and at QPSW Correspondents. It will focus on the work that QPSW does in the world on your behalf, and how QPSW seeks to support Friends individually in their lives and jointly in their meetings to translate faith into action.

Kristin Skarsholt, bymevents@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1121, www.quaker.org.uk/events/2017-qpsw-annual-spring-conference



Forward names of Friends who may benefit from this conference to your area meeting or consider supporting their attendance.

8. Skill-up day: church divestment and investment for a zero-carbon economy

Saturday 19 November, Friends House, London

Does your meeting have investments in fossil fuel companies? Have you thought about moving your money somewhere that builds the world you want to live in – but feel confused about how?

This is a skill-up day for climate campaigners, treasurers and finance officers, and anyone interested in how church investments can work for a better future. Organised by QPSW in partnership with Operation Noah. Free. More details on poster.

Sunniva Taylor if queries: 020 7663 1047, sunnivat@quaker.org.uk



Ask if anyone wants to attend. Display poster.

New economy

9. New economy reading groups

Quaker Peace & Social Witness (QPSW) is launching a reading group programme to accompany the new economy project. The programme is intended for those Friends interested in learning more about economics and how we can radically reshape our economic system. It will lead Friends through a course of sessions exploring the issues raised in the new economy booklets. To join the programme, Friends must find or set up a group at their meeting and sign up. No previous experience of economics is required. At least one member of the group must then sign up at www.quaker.org.uk/neweconomy to receive session plans.

Cait Crosse, 020 7663 1035, caitc@quaker.org.uk

Announce in notices and publicise in local meeting.

Turning the Tide

10. New Turning the Tide website!

The new Turning The Tide website is live! <http://turningtide.org.uk>
Turning the Tide is the nonviolence training programme of Quaker Peace & Social Witness, supporting all those working for social change.

The website has:

- a toolkit of introductory exercises for those looking for facilitation ideas;
- a blog, sharing news and analysis and useful resources;
- clearer information on the support that Turning the Tide offers, and
- how to request a workshop.

020 7663 1064/1, turningtide@quaker.org.uk



Take a look at the website and the new Turning the Tide flyer.