

Monthly Mailing – April 2016

for clerks of area meetings, General Meeting for Scotland,
Meeting of Friends in Wales, and Young Friends General Meeting



Welcome to your April 2016 mailing.

Local 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, 020 7663 1045.

NB: The next monthly mailing, for **May 2016**, will be sent out on 26 April 2016.

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



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this item is relevant to area meetings



All PDF documents for this mailing are at www.quaker.org.uk/mm-apr16

Reminder

Deadline for applications to be an EA is 29 April!

Don't forget that the application deadline to be an EA – Ecumenical Accompanier or human rights monitor in the West Bank – in 2017 is 29 April.

All the documentation needed to apply can be found at: www.quaker.org.uk/applyeappi

Listings, programme guides and calenders

- **Books of the Month April 2016** from the Quaker Centre Bookshop.
- **Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre: Upcoming events and courses April 2016**
Please display this courses and events listing. To book your place on a course visit www.woodbrooke.org.uk and book online or download and print a booking form from www.bit.ly/wbform1. Alternatively call 0121 472 5171 to book.
- **Among Friends Issue 135** The journal of Europe & Middle East Section of FWCC, including reports from the World Plenary Meeting in Pisac, Peru. Also news updates from QCEA, QUNO and Woodbrooke, and remembering Friends who have died recently.
- **The Young Quaker Magazine** Including articles on: 100 years of conscientious objection; volunteering at the Calais refugee camp; a teacher's perspective on testing at primary schools.

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.

Yearly Meeting 2016

27–30 May, Friends House, London

General reminders



Please remind Friends to:

- register for Yearly Meeting at <https://forms.quaker.org.uk/bym>
- draw Friends' attention to the Friday afternoon activities
- encourage offers of service via <https://forms.quaker.org.uk/ym-2016-offering-help>

0207 663 1040, ym@quaker.org.uk

1. 15–18s Come to Yearly Meeting Accompanying

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

Accompanying is a non-residential offer for young people aged 15–18 during Yearly Meeting (YM). It includes attendance at YM and an optional social activities out of session time.

Anyone can come to YM. However to participate in Accompanying, individuals need to book in advance.

Closing date for bookings is Thursday 28 April.

Information and booking details at www.yospace.org.uk/accompanying-2016

Cat Waithaka, 020 7663 1011, catw@quaker.org.uk

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Please promote Accompanying to young people aged 15–18 (born between 1/9/1997 and 31/8/2000).

2. Young Adults at Yearly Meeting

27–30 May, Friends House, London

Young Adults at Yearly Meeting is something for 18–25ish year olds attending Britain Yearly Meeting. It will provide a way of being part of the main sessions at YM whilst maintaining a smaller community to check in with regularly during the weekend. Young Adults at YM is not a fully facilitated programme but we will offer regular sessions giving you a chance to prepare for and reflect on your experience of YM.

Young Adults at Yearly Meeting is run by Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre.

Michael Eccles: michael.eccles@woodbrooke.org.uk

Booking: <https://forms.quaker.org.uk/young-adults-at-yearly-meeting-2016>

Please advertise, for interest and for Friends to pass on to young adults they know.

Support and resources for meetings

3. Vibrancy in Meetings Pilot Programme

The Vibrancy in Meetings Pilot Programme is underway, with Rachel Matthews having started as Programme Co-ordinator in early March, followed by the first meeting of the steering group. Please see the enclosed newsletter which introduces the programme, and offers an opportunity for individuals and meetings to contribute to the planning and development of the programme.

Rachel Matthews, 07419 991638, vibrancy@quaker.org.uk

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Please bring newsletter to attention of meeting. Meeting/individuals may respond to requests for help.

4. Directory of services

mid-April

Later this month we will be sending out copies of the *Directory of services*. This is a completely new resource which gives a full listing of all the support and resources available to Quakers and Quaker meetings from BYM staff. It is provided as a printed resource so that it can be made available easily to Friends in meeting houses. The information will also be available via the www.quaker.org.uk website. One copy will be provided free to each local meeting and to the area meeting clerk.

Rosie Carnall, 020 7663 1066, rosiec@quaker.org.uk

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When you receive your copy, let Friends in your meeting know how they can access it.

5. Directory of Quaker and Quaker-related grant-making trusts

mid-April

The *Directory of Quaker and Quaker-related grant-making trusts* has been revised and updated. A copy will be sent to every local and area meeting clerk in mid-April (with the *Directory of services* – see above). Please get rid of all previous copies of the directory in circulation as they contain out-of-date information.

Miranda Girdlestone, 020 7663 1117, mirandag@quaker.org.uk

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Get rid of all previous copies! Pass the new version to overseers.

Children and Young People

6. Living as a Quaker event for ages 12 to 15

21–23 October, Felden Lodge, Hemel Hempstead

A weekend for young Quakers aged 12 to 15 to strengthen their understanding of Quakerism by working through the Living as a Quaker Pack. They will be supported to explore and reflect on their Quaker values, identity and beliefs and discuss how to talk to others about being a Quaker.

CYP Administrator, 020 7663 1060, cypadmin@quaker.org.uk

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Announce in notices, place flyer on noticeboard, give to parents of age group.

7. Exploring Worship

15–17 July, Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre, Birmingham

A weekend for children aged 8–12 at Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre with a separate programme for parents and carers.

Closing date for bookings 14 June

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Please announce in notices.

Young Friends

8. YFGM Gathering in Liverpool

29 April – 2 May, Liverpool Meeting House

Young Friends General Meeting (YFGM) is a national community of young adult Quakers ages 18–30ish. We meet several times a year to spend time together, explore our faith and have fun! Our next meeting will be from Friday 29 April to Monday 2 May. Newcomers are very welcome.

To register, go to the YFGM website at yfgm.quaker.org.uk or 020 7663 1050, yfgm@quaker.org.uk

Announce in notices.

Outreach

9. Outreach, witness and community: an event with Woodbrooke and Quaker Life

1–3 July, Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre, Birmingham

A creative and collaborative opportunity to explore and develop Quaker approaches to outreach. We will look at examples of outreach and witnessing in different settings and contexts and reflect on how this might look in your own situation and at ways of engaging with different groups in our communities. The course will be led by Mark Russ (Woodbrooke), Alistair Fuller (Quaker Life) and Maurice Nagginton (Manchester Area Meeting).

Book online at Woodbrooke website at www.bit.ly/quaker-outreach or 0121 472 5171



Share with groups or individuals interested in outreach or witness or both.

Conscientious Objectors Day

10. Events marking Conscientious Objectors Day

15 May marks International Conscientious Objection Day, celebrating resisters of war past and present.

14 May, 7.30pm, Friends House, London

Meet conscientious objectors challenging militarism and conscription from the European Bureau of Conscientious Objectors (EBCO)

15 May, 12 noon, Tavistock Square, London, WC1

Ceremony at The Conscientious Objectors' Stone

15 May, 3pm, Staffordshire, DE 13 7AR

The Quaker Service Memorial Trust Meeting for Worship with readings, www.quaker.org.uk/events/quaker-service-memorial-meeting-for-worship

15 May, Manchester Meeting House, Mount St, M2 5NS

Launch of exhibition on Quaker WWI Conscientious Objectors including performance of 'For Conscience Sake' by Plain Quakers.

Contact alironan61@gmail.com

Let us know if you're holding your own commemoration. More info: www.quaker.org.uk/our-work/peace/conscientious-objection or contact Tim Wallis at Quaker Peace & Social Witness 020 7663 1067, timw@quaker.org.uk, Twitter: #CoDay #100yearsofconscience @wfdiaries @DisarmQuaker



Please let Friends know about these events marking Conscientious Objectors Day.

Christian Aid Week

11. Christian Aid Week

15–21 May

The Meeting is encouraged to participate in the annual Christian Aid Week.

Helen Drewery, General Secretary, Quaker Peace & Social Witness 020 7663 1069, helend@quaker.org.uk



Please help your meeting to choose how to contribute.