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.

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 calendars

- **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.yqspace.org.uk/accompanying-2016
Cat Waithaka, 020 7663 1011, catw@quaker.org.uk

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

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
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

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

**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

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.

**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
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

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
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