

Monthly Mailing – September 2016

for local meeting clerks or conveners



Welcome to your September 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 **October 2016**, will be sent out on 27 September 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-sep16

Listings, magazine and notice

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

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.

Quaker Week and outreach

1. Are you ready for Quaker Week 2016?

1–9 October 2016

Are you ready for Quaker Week 2016? See the check list enclosed for tips and advice!

outreach@Quaker.org.uk



Announce in notices.

2. Free information packs for enquirers

Free information packs for new enquirers can now be ordered by local Quaker meetings. We hope that you will order copies for enquirers, which you can give out at events and gatherings, and perhaps one or two to keep on the shelf ready for a new attender. To request some copies please use the slip enclosed with this monthly mailing or email us at: outreach@quaker.org.uk



Announce in notices, tell new enquirers about it.

World War I Centenary

3. The Testimony – new instalment of WWI-inspired newspaper

The third instalment of *The Testimony* is now available. This is an addition to the 'Witnessing for peace on the centenary of WWI' resource pack sent out to meetings in 2014. The newspaper looks at Quaker work for peace during WWI and continues that story to the present day. Further copies can be ordered from:

The Quaker Centre: quakercentre@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1030

Any further information: Elizabeth Payne, elizabethp@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1158



Please share with Friends and place on an information display stand.

Children and Young People

4. 'Living our faith in the world' – an opportunity for 13- to 17-year-olds

8–13 April 2017, Embercombe, nr Exeter, Devon

13- to 17-year-old Quakers, and their friends, can apply for a place on the 'Living our faith in the world' event. This is a fantastic opportunity to live simply, live sustainably and make a difference in the world. It will be fun and life changing. Applications are open until 1 December after which places will be confirmed.

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

www.yqspace.org.uk/bym-events



Pass on this information to any who are in contact with 13- to 17-year-olds.

Young Friends General Meeting

5. YFGM Gathering in Lancaster

Friday 21 – Sunday 23 October, Lancaster Friends Meeting House

Young Friends General Meeting (YFGM) is a national community of young adult Quakers aged 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 21 to Sunday 23 October in Lancaster. Newcomers are very welcome.

To register, go to the YFGM website at yfgm.quaker.org.uk or contact the YFGM Office: 020 7663 1050, yfgm@quaker.org.uk
Friends House, Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ



Announce in notices and share with young Friends.

Library and Records

6. New Quaker Life Network Clusters for Librarians and Records custodians

Quaker Life is setting up two new clusters, one for meeting librarians and one for record custodians. The clusters are email discussion groups, providing the opportunity for Friends to share experience, ask questions and get advice, supported by Friends House Library staff.

For anyone interested in joining these clusters, please contact:

Meeting librarians cluster: Tabitha Driver, Friends House Library, 020 7663 1133, tabithad@quaker.org.uk

Records custodians cluster: Lisa McQuillan, Friends House Library, 020 7663 1127, lisam@quaker.org.uk



Announce in notices, pass on to librarians and custodians of records.

Talks, events and retreats

7. Talks by Quaker United Nations Office staff member on Human Rights and Refugees programme

Quaker Meetings from mid September to mid December

Daniel Cullen has just finished a year-long contract as Programme Assistant in Geneva, covering several human rights issues and focusing on the rights of children of prisoners. He will give an overview of the Peacemaker Placements programme.

Helen Bradford, 020 7663 1071, helenb@quaker.org.uk



Please read out in notices and put flyer up in meeting house.

8. Quaker Activist Gathering

Saturday 3 December 2016, York Friargate Quaker Meeting House

Quaker Peace & Social Witness is holding the third annual activist gathering – this time in York. This is a day for Quakers currently taking action for social change to connect, share ideas and inspire each other. This year we'll explore our place and role in movements, and give time sharing the skills we use to make change happen. Please see the Quaker Activist Gathering leaflet for more details. Please try to come with someone else in your local or area meeting, or who shares your interest in an issue, so you can work together afterwards.

Sign up to attend at www.quaker.org.uk/events/activist-gathering or any queries contact: Kristin Skarsholt, 020 7663 1121, kristins@quaker.org.uk



Announce in notices and make enclosed leaflet available.

9. Quaker retreat centre reopens

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The Claridge House Quaker retreat centre in Surrey has reopened after being closed for six months for refurbishment.

Visit www.claridgehousequaker.org.uk for full details of retreats, courses, house hire, and bed and breakfast accommodation.

01342 832 150, welcome@claridgehousequaker.org.uk



Please share with Friends who may be interested.