

Monthly Mailing – September 2019

for local meeting clerks or conveners



Welcome to your September 2019 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 2019**, will be sent out on 24 September 2019.



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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-sep19

Listings

- September 2019 editions of **Books of the Month** and **Children & Young Adults Books of the Month** from the Quaker Centre Bookshop.
- **Woodbrooke Upcoming Courses September 2019**
Please display these course listings. Booking details are given on the listings.

We suggest that some of the items are read out as notices. Please pass enclosures to relevant members of your meeting or add to your noticeboard or newsletter where possible.

Support for meetings

1. Meeting centred support

Building on the successful Vibrancy in Meetings Pilot Programme, BYM and Woodbrooke invite input from Quaker communities across Britain to help us work out where to site a pilot staff hub and how to grow the number of local development workers across the yearly meeting.

The 'experiments in Faith' leaflet gives more information about our plans and how you can get involved.

mcs@quaker.org.uk www.quaker.org.uk/mcs



Announce in notices. Consider asking Friends to get involved.

Book of Discipline revision

2. What comes after *Quaker faith & practice*?

8–10 November, Woodbrooke, Birmingham

A weekend to explore “Why have a Book of Discipline?” will take place at Woodbrooke. Britain Yearly Meeting is at the beginning of the once-in-a-generation process of revising our Book of Discipline, creating something new to replace *Quaker faith & practice*.

Area Meetings can nominate Friends, but there are also open places.

Book here: www.woodbrooke.org.uk/book-of-discipline



Please announce in notices.

Quaker Week 2019

3. Get ready for Quaker Week

Saturday 28 September – Sunday 6 October 2019

This year's theme for Quaker Week is 'Quaker Stories'. We are focusing on telling and sharing our own stories of what it is like to live as a Quaker, the stories of our Quaker meetings and the wider Quaker story, of how Friends have worshipped, worked and witnessed over time and across the world. Every meeting will receive a set of four posters from previous Quaker Weeks. With them will be two new posters based on Rebecca Price's beautiful and very popular image of meeting for worship.

Please do let us know what you are doing during Quaker Week and, if you're on social media use #QuakerStories to share your story and find inspiration. To print and download some of our other Quaker Week posters, go to www.quaker.org.uk/leaflets.

Don't forget, you can order extra copies of the Quaker Week issue of 'The Friend'. Order your copies by Thursday 19 September at the special price of 50p each, minimum 20 copies. Order by post or email, further details <http://bit.ly/TheFriendQuakerWeek>

More information about Quaker Week at www.quaker.org.uk/outreach
020 7663 1017, outreach@quaker.org.uk

4. Experiment with Light

During Quaker Week, Experiment with Light are holding a series of five online meetings for meditation, from Monday 30 September to Friday 4 October. They will be on the themes of: privilege (Monday), sustainability (Tuesday), peace (Wednesday), diversity (Thursday) and simplicity (Friday).

These would be ideal for Quakers or for the Quaker-curious and for anyone wanting to know more about this practice. Please do share with anyone you know who may be interested. The name 'Experiment with Light' derives from terms used by early Quakers, who described their practice as 'an experiment upon the soul'.

To find out more and to receive a link to the meeting
www.experiment-with-light.org.uk/events.htm

Peace Week resource

5. Peace education resource available

Quaker Peace & Social Witness have produced 'Peace Week', a peace education resource for use in primary and secondary schools. It's full of tried and tested ideas for how to structure a peace week, a suite of primary lesson plans and activities for the whole school.

Hard copies can be bought from the Quaker Centre Bookshop for £10 plus p&p: 020 7663 1030/1031, quakercentre@quaker.org.uk
https://bookshop.quaker.org.uk/peace-week-pack_pwp

For further information call Izzy Cartwright:

020 7663 1087, isabelc@quaker.org.uk

or see www.quaker.org.uk/peaceweek for free download *

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Announce in meeting, look at the website and think about how to share Quaker stories.

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Announce in notices and encourage Friends to share with anyone who may be interested.

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Announce in notices and inform children's committee and others who may be interested.

** Now also available to download in Welsh*

All-age community

6. All Are Welcome – all-age event at Woodbrooke

1–3 November 2019, Woodbrooke, Birmingham

Woodbrooke and Quaker Life working in partnership.

This engaging and interactive weekend is an opportunity to explore how Friends and meetings can reach out to families, connect with each other and enrich our all-age worshipping community. It is ideal for anyone wanting to make change happen and help build inclusive and welcoming communities, especially for Friends with responsibility for eldership and oversight. This weekend is open to all ages and we will practice building an all-age community.

Book at www.woodbrooke.org.uk/item/all-are-welcome



Please display the enclosed poster and share any in your meeting who may be interested.

Children and young people

7. Young Quakers Participation Day

Saturday 7 December 2019, Friends House, London

We have written to Area Meeting Clerks with information about this year's Young Quakers Participation Day.

For young Quakers (14-18 years old) who are interested in a day held alongside MfS, seeking their views on issues of concern to them and also to Quakers in Britain.

Each Area Meeting can book two young people born between 1.9.2001 and 31.8.2005, inclusive (aged 14-18).

Alex Zawadzka, 020 7663 1013, cypadmin@quaker.org.uk



Please do all you can to support this nominations process. If you are aware of young people that might be interested in attending please let your AM Clerk know.

CYP booking reminders

8. Facilitation and Leadership

Friday 18 – Sunday 20 October 2019, Woodbrooke

An energetic and interesting event for 16 to 21 year olds, helping them understand groups and try out skills. It is for those new to facilitation and for those with previous experience – developing confidence, understanding and skills alongside considering how to engage with Quaker aspects of facilitation.

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

www.yospace.org.uk/FL2019



Bookings close 29 September. Please encourage young people and young adults to attend.

9. Living as a Quaker

18–21 October 2019, The Sustainability Centre, Hampshire

Exciting opportunity for 12 to 15 year olds – residential event exploring personal beliefs alongside outdoor skills and activities organised by the Children and Young People's Team and Youth Work project.

Book at <https://forms.quaker.org.uk/laaq-2019>

Alex Zawadzka, 020 7663 1013, cypadmin@quaker.org.uk



Bookings close 21 September. Remind families, CYP advocate and Children's Committee.

Outreach

10. Membership Weekend

1–3 November 2019, Charney Manor, Bassett, Oxfordshire

This weekend is for people who have been around Quakerism for a while and want to explore further. Those attending will be guided, without pressure of any kind, by experienced facilitators from the Quaker Quest team.

www.charneymanor.com/events

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Quaker Quest website: www.quakerquest.org



Please announce in notices and pass to those who may be interested in membership.

Peace and social witness event reminders

11. Stop the Arms Fair this September

September 2019, mainly London & some events across Britain

The international arms fair, DSEI, is setting up shop in London in September 2019, to export war and conflict around the world. When Britain plays host to one of the world's largest arms fairs, war, repression and injustice follow. Let's stop it here.

See www.quaker.org.uk/mm-aug19 for full details.

Daniel Jakopovich, danielj@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1090



Make Friends aware of the arms fair and the resistance to it.

12. Quaker Activist Gathering 2019

2 November 2019, Friends House, London

The activist gathering is a free event for Quakers and Quaker curious to come together for an intergenerational, restorative and invigorating day focusing on how we do social action. We will create a space to build connections, reflect and share stories and to bring faith deeper into practice.

Lyndsay Burtonshaw, 020 7663 1064, lyndsayb@quaker.org.uk

www.quaker.org.uk/events/quaker-activist-gathering-2019



Announce in notices and place flyer on noticeboard.

13. Conference: Envisioning a world that is open to all: let us see what love can do

27–29 September 2019, Woodbrooke, Birmingham

A timely interactive conference to learn about asylum and migration, hearing from those who have felt its impact, and working together to create the change we need. Through workshops, performances, panel discussions we will explore the interplay between race, privilege and migration. How it works and what we can do.

Tatiana Garavito, 020 7663 1096, Tatianag@quaker.org.uk

Register at www.woodbrooke.org.uk/envisioning



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