



Equipping for Disability Equality

Sunday 17 - Tuesday 19 August 2018

£245 - Residential

Quaker meetings are 'Service Providers' under the Equality Act 2010, and committed to fulfilling an 'equality testimony' as faith in action. This course will equip meetings to understand and meet legal obligations and key disability rights ideas with joy, celebration and creativity, highlighting links to Quakerism. Tutors will share personal experience of using the Equality Act 2010, and its strengths and limitations as a tool for disability equality. Suitable for anyone, but we particularly encourage meetings to send representatives.

Handling Conflict in our Meetings: a course for role holders

Friday 7 - Sunday 9 September 2018

£245 - Residential

While handling difficult situations is challenging and can be deeply painful, it can also be the means for growth and development. We will explore a variety of ways for managing conflicts and difficulties that arise in meetings, including processes for restoring harmony, using as an illustration a model, 'cycle of harmony and discord'. We will practise skills to help address conflict, and the feelings these situations can provoke. We will explore what we might like to change in our meetings.

Threshing and Clearness

Monday 10 - Wednesday 12 September 2018

£245 - Residential

The Quaker tradition includes a range of methods for exploring complex issues in a context of worship. This course will look at threshing meetings, Meetings for Clearness, and other discernment processes – all of these are well established but not always well known parts of the Quaker tradition. We will explore how the different processes work and how they relate to the decision making Meeting for Worship for Business. The course will include opportunities to experiment with some of the methods.

Oversight: our gifts in and to our community

Friday 14 - Sunday 16 September 2018

£255 - Residential

This course will help those with responsibility for oversight in Quaker meetings explore the gifts they bring to this role. The value of the course lies in the opportunity to share, at a deep level, experiences, joys and challenges with others who have been involved in oversight and those just starting out. Time will be given to considering the spiritual basis of our work, how we can work together with Friends offering eldership in our meetings and how we can build community.

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Meeting for worship for business: an online course

Monday 17 September - Sunday 14 October 2018

£75

Meetings for worship for business are one facet of Quaker worship; but what is actually going on in a meeting for worship for business? Why do we do what we do? What is the spiritual underpinning? This course is for all Friends, to help you to understand our decision making process better. Friends 'on the bench' as well as clerks can benefit from the course which will help you to understand more about deepening our experience of worshipful discernment as a group. This course can be completed in your own time. Each week there will be materials in a range of formats for you to engage with.

Getting to know 'Made of Money'

Friday 21 - Sunday 23 September 2018

£245 - Residential

Where do our beliefs, attitudes and values about money come from? Would you like to learn about new ideas to support others with money management? Quaker Social Action have been running their award-winning Made of Money course for over 12 years. Our experienced tutors will guide you through this engaging and interactive two-day course. You will come away with the skills and practical resources to share with your family and support people in your community and at local meetings.

How to be a Conscientious Objector Today

Monday 24 - Wednesday 26 September 2018

£245 - Residential

A century after World War One, we are no longer conscripted to fight. Instead, our taxes are conscripted to fund war and our minds are conscripted to support it. This is a chance to learn from our predecessors and resisters around the world now, to explore how we can resist warfare today. Looking at militarism in education, entertainment, media and elsewhere in civil society, we will identify ways to be "conscientious objectors" to militarism in our everyday lives.

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