

Monthly Mailing – May 2019

for local meeting clerks or conveners



Welcome to your May 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 **July 2019**, will be sent out on 25 June 2019. There is no monthly mailing for June 2019 due to the break in the schedule for Yearly Meeting in May.



action required by clerk for meeting business



printed material is included relating to this item (number of sheets to right of icon)



this item is also relevant to area meetings



All PDF documents for this mailing are at www.quaker.org.uk/mm-may19

Listings and magazine

- **Books of the Month May 2019** from the Quaker Centre Bookshop.
- **Woodbrooke Upcoming Courses May 2019**
Please display these course listings. Booking details are given on the listings.
- **Swarthmoor Hall upcoming courses and events Spring / Summer 2019**
Please display these listings. Contact details are shown at the bottom of the listings.
- **Among Friends Spring 2019: the newsletter from the Europe & Middle East Section of Friends World Committee for Consultation** This edition contains news on the EMES peace & service consultation, the latest from the Quaker United Nations Office in Geneva about their work on climate change, and updates from Stop Fuelling War and Woodbrooke.

Reminder

The Time is Now: Mass lobby of Parliament on environment and climate change

Wednesday 26 June 2019

Quakers will join thousands of people from across the country to call on MPs to take urgent action on climate change and for our environment. The mass lobby event will take place outside parliament from 1-3pm, with interfaith workshops and events at a nearby location in the morning.

To sign up and receive more info, please email Philip Wood at philipw@quaker.org.uk

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.

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

Children and young people

1. Opportunities to explore growing community

A range of opportunities to help meetings grow as communities. Request a day or half day, facilitated for you and choosing one of four ways of exploring being a Quaker community – all ages welcome. Or request a workshop on one of a variety of topics relating to children/young people in a Quaker context. Please consider whether one of these options might be suitable for your meeting.

Aleks Zawadzka, cypadmin@quaker.org.uk, 0207 663 1013
www.quaker.org.uk/cyptraining



Please pass the leaflet to elders/overseers.

2. Living as a Quaker event for 11- to 15-year-olds

18–21 October 2019 at the Sustainability Centre, Hampshire

Over a long weekend this event offers young people the opportunity to learn more about Quaker identity, values and beliefs, as well as exploring how to talk about being a Quaker. There will be interactive sessions alongside crafts, cooking, campfires and shelter building. It costs £125 and the closing date for bookings is 21 September.

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Share with young people connected to your meeting and their parents. Encourage bookings, offering bursaries of full or part payment if possible.

3. Junior Yearly Meeting 2019 epistle

JYM took place for 15- to 18-year-old Quakers in April. The epistle from this event is enclosed.

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Please read this out after meeting and display on a noticeboard.

Retreats

4. Retreat events at Woodbrooke in 2019

Reflections and responses to mortality and grief: 28–30 June 2019

Take time retreat: 6–9 September 2019

Quaker Life would like to share the details of two retreat events that are being held at Woodbrooke.

Our reflections and responses to mortality and grief is a chance to reflect personally on issues relating to dying, death and end of life.

Take time is a retreat for carers of people who have problems with their mental health.

People may need the meeting's support to enable them to attend these events.

Our reflection on mortality and grief bookings:
www.woodbrooke.org.uk/item/mortality-and-grief

Take time bookings: <http://bit.ly/take-time-wbk>



Please share discreetly with people in your meeting for whom these retreats may be needed and help them find ways to attend.

Sustainability and economic justice

5. Tax Justice Sunday

Sunday 7 July 2019

Tax Justice Sunday will be held on 7 July as part of Fair Tax Week, a new initiative organised by Fair Tax Mark. Church congregations around the country will be reflecting on the role of tax and how they can promote tax justice in their own communities. Quaker Peace & Social Witness is encouraging Quaker meetings across Britain to take part, and we enclose a flyer with some suggestions.

Olivia Hanks, oliviah@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1055

6. Sustainability & new economy workshops

Quaker Peace & Social Witness (QPSW) staff are available to run workshops for Quaker groups interested in exploring how to build a more just and sustainable economic system. The enclosed flyer outlines the topics and sessions currently on offer.

Please consider inviting someone to run a workshop with your meeting, or as part of a wider public event.

Philip Wood, neweconomy@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1071

www.quaker.org.uk/our-work/economic-justice



Announce in notices. Pass flyer to your economic justice group if you have one.



Announce in notices. If your meeting has one, please share with sustainability or social justice group.

Peacework

7. Roots of Resistance

Roots of Resistance, a grassroots network of Quakers across the UK who are building a creative, vibrant and radical Quaker response to the DSEI (Defence and Security Equipment International) arms fair has just published its action briefing which outlines how they hope to take action together. The briefing can be downloaded from its website. For printed versions, please email Roots of Resistance.

hello@rootsofresistance.org.uk

<https://rootsofresistance.org.uk>



Announce in notices.

**paper copy included for area meetings only*

Accessibility

8. Talking Friends

Talking Friends offers recorded material for Friends with visual impairment. Please encourage Friends with oversight or pastoral care responsibility to share information about Talking Friends with people who may wish to subscribe.

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Share this information with overseers and announce in meeting.