

Monthly Mailing – November 2019

for local meeting clerks or conveners



Welcome to your November 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 **December 2019**, will be sent out on 26 November 2019.



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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-nov19

Listings

- November 2019 editions of **Books of the Month** and **Children & Young Adults Books of the Month** from the Quaker Centre Bookshop.
- **Woodbrooke Update** Information about Woodbrooke in 2020 and upcoming opportunities, please disseminate and display in your meeting where possible.
- **The Young Quaker, Issue 22, October 2019** covering the themes of identity and values. *The YQ is always looking for contributions from young Friends, e.g. a photo of activism work, an idea for an article, a drawing or poem. Contact: theyoungquaker@gmail.com

Annual updates



FAO meeting clerks. We will shortly be sending out the annual request for updates to meeting role holders and meeting information, via email to all meeting correspondence clerks. Please pass this on to the person in your meeting that deals with this information.

Quaker values in politics



It still seems likely that there will be a general election soon. But at the time of writing, we don't know when. We are busy planning for when one is announced. For updates, please look out for future mailings and keep an eye on www.quaker.org.uk/politics. The 'early general election guide' we sent in the last mailing can be found there too.

If you have any questions, please contact politics@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.

Events

1. Diversity and Inclusion Gathering 2

17–19 Jan 2020, Woodbrooke, Birmingham

The Diversity and Inclusion Gathering will build on the 2019 event and prepare Friends for Yearly Meeting Gathering 2020. Participants need to be familiar with the issues and come prepared to participate in worshipful reflection.

0121 472 5171, enquiries@woodbrooke.org.uk

www.woodbrooke.org.uk/diversity-and-inclusion-gathering



Please announce in notices and encourage attendance.

2. QPSW Spring Conference 2020 – Journeys of Witness

20–22 March 2020, The Hayes Conference Centre, Derbyshire

Updated information about the conference is enclosed. Keynote speakers will be Esther Leighton and Sam Donaldson. We will also hear about QPSW work on Climate justice, learning from peace activists in East Africa and work in Israel/Palestine.

Please forward names of Friends who may benefit from this conference to your Area Meeting or consider supporting their attendance as a Local Meeting.

bymevents@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1142

www.quaker.org.uk/events/2020-qpsw-spring-conference



Please nominate Friends via your Area Meeting to this conference.

3. Nominations for Junior Yearly Meeting 2020

Sunday 2 – Friday 8 August at Yearly Meeting Gathering in Bath

Deadline for nominations 10 March, 2020

JYM at YMG is an important opportunity for young people. Whether they are involved in Quaker activities or loosely connected, it has the potential to be of enormous benefit. It is often a formative event for their Quaker identity.

We have written to Area Meeting Clerks with information about nominations for next year's Junior Yearly Meeting.

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



Please let young people know about this opportunity (see leaflet) and let those conducting Area Meeting nominations know if they are interested.

Support for meetings

4. Mental Health Conversations

This is a new report, based on conversations with Friends who have lived experience of mental health problems. It offers insights into the experience and into how meetings respond and what helps or doesn't. It asks the question: what is our Quaker ministry on mental health?

Share with Friends interested in mental health and ask them to help the meeting to reflect – and to take action.

Alison Mitchell, mhdo@retreatyorkbfund.com, 07483 028490

www.retreatyorkbfund.com



Please announce in notices and share with elders/pastoral carers.

Economic justice

5. New publication from Land Value Tax group

The Quaker Land Value Tax Group has produced the enclosed publication 'Towards equality: the hidden role of land', with help from a QPSW grant. The group came out of Friends' discussions and training around the new economy, and is open to anyone who would like to help take this work forward.

For more information, or to get involved with the group's work, please contact Jocelyn Gaskell, quakerlvtgroup@gmail.com



Please announce in notices, place in library or share with economic justice group if you have one.

Grants

6. Eva Pinthus Awards

Awards of up to £5,000 and pastoral support available from the Quaker Peace Studies Trust for students who are studying Peace Studies. The awards provide support for Quakers and Attenders registered for a degree in peace studies at any university in England and Wales who can demonstrate a commitment to the Religious Society of Friends in any country. Applicants need to show some involvement with Friends, and membership of the Society or attendance at Meeting for Worship are not essential. The Awardee will be asked to report periodically to QPST and to maintain contact with a Local Meeting so that the outcomes of their study can be propagated to a wider audience. Apply by 1 April.

Christy Bischoff, bischoffchristy@gmail.com
<https://evapinthusaward.wordpress.com/apply>



Please announce in notices and inform overseers.

Workshop

7. Singing Workshop

10am–4pm, 25 January 2020, Friends House, London

Singing is a wonderful way of bringing your Quaker community together.

Join Leonora Davies and Elena Browne for a day at Friends House as we explore how to use singing in children's meeting, all age worship and beyond.

This is an event for all ages. Those under 18 will need to come with an adult who will be responsible for them during the day. The cost is £10 for adults and £5 for under 18s. A packed lunch will be provided.

Please see flyer included in this mailing or the website events page for details of how to book: www.quaker.org.uk/events

For more information please contact
Mel Cook, 020 7663 1014, melaniec@quaker.org.uk



Please announce in notices.

Government inquiry

8. Responding to the Prevent inquiry

The government is reviewing Prevent – the way in which it tries to stop people getting involved in terrorism. It has issued a call for evidence, which is open until 9 December. BYM will be responding but we would also encourage you to respond as individuals if you have evidence and experience related to Prevent.

You can find out more at www.gov.uk/government/collections/independent-review-of-prevent. Please contact politics@quaker.org.uk if you have any queries about BYM's response.

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Final event booking reminders

9. Young Quakers Participation Day

Saturday 7 December 2019, Friends House, London

Booking deadline: Sunday 17 November, 2019

We have written to AM Clerks with a *final* reminder that for young people to attend the Participation Day they need to be booked on.

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

Each area meeting can book places for 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 continue to encourage young people to consider attending so that AMs can meet the booking deadline of Sunday 17 November, 2019.