

# Monthly Mailing – July 2019

## for local meeting clerks or conveners



### Welcome to your July 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](mailto:gabys@quaker.org.uk), 020 7663 1045.

NB: The next monthly mailing, for **August 2019**, will be sent out on 30 July 2019.



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-jul19](http://www.quaker.org.uk/mm-jul19)

## Listings and more

- **Books of the Month July 2019** and **Children & Young Adults Books of the Month 2019** from the Quaker Centre Bookshop.
- **Woodbrooke Upcoming Courses July 2019**  
Please display these course listings. Booking details are given on the listings.
- **CIRcular, Issue 37, Yearly Meeting 2019** a digest of activities undertaken both by the Quaker Committee for Christian & Interfaith Relations (QCCIR) and Friends in interfaith and interchurch work across the yearly meeting.
- **The Young Quaker, Issue 21: May 2019 – The Literary Issue** The Young Friends General Meeting magazine. View online at [www.theyoungquaker.org.uk](http://www.theyoungquaker.org.uk) or email [theyoungquaker@gmail.com](mailto:theyoungquaker@gmail.com) for more information.
- **Clerks Calendar 2020** Please keep this calendar for reference and planning purposes. An updated version will be sent out at the beginning of 2020.
- **Seeking Routes Art Exhibition, 20 July–8 September, Swarthmoor Hall** An exhibition by Quaker artists supported by Quaker Arts Network on the theme of Quaker witness to sustainability – including a programme of workshops, lectures, poetry and performances.

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.*

**Did you know you could receive this mailing electronically?** Each year we send out thousands of printed copies of the monthly mailing to clerks. For many meetings, receiving the mailing on paper will be the best option. However, if you feel receiving the paper copy is not essential for you, you could help us become a more environmentally sustainable organisation by choosing to get the mailing by email instead. You can change your preference at any time by contacting Gaby Scott: 020 7663 1045, [gabys@quaker.org.uk](mailto:gabys@quaker.org.uk).

## Support for meetings

### 1. BYM and Woodbrooke Trustees decision

On 7 June Trustees of Woodbrooke and Britain Yearly Meeting met to discuss next steps, after the evaluation of the Vibrancy in Meetings pilot showed it helped Friends in these areas feel more connected, confident and supported. The aim is to have a Local Development Worker within reach of each Quaker community within five years.

More information is available at [www.quaker.org.uk/blog](http://www.quaker.org.uk/blog)

A hard copy is also included in this mailing.



Announce in notices and visit the blog.

## Quaker Week

### 2. Quaker Week 2019

*Saturday 28 September to Sunday 6 October 2019*

Quaker Week is all about Quaker stories. Do you know each other's stories? Can you share your meeting's story with the world? See the attached flyer for ideas. If you are on social media, use the hashtag #QuakerStories to find examples and share your stories.

[outreach@quaker.org.uk](mailto:outreach@quaker.org.uk)



Announce in notices, pass to outreach committee or others who can take it forward.

## Sustainability

### 3. Quaker Renewable Energy Scheme

In 2011, Quakers in Britain committed to becoming a low-carbon, sustainable community. Friends House and Swarthmoor Hall, together with over 120 meeting houses have switched to Good Energy which provides locally sourced and traceable renewable energy – saving 1,154 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>, equivalent to taking over 830 cars off the road.

If your meeting is not on a green tariff, you may wish to consider the 'Quaker Energy Scheme' which offers preferential terms/prices for Quaker meetings.

Contact Good Energy on 0800 254 0003 to register your interest.



Read the brochure and fact sheet. If your meeting is interested, contact Good Energy to register your interest.

## Mental Health forum

### 4. Quaker Mental Health Forum – Mental health in community

*Saturday, 19 October 2019, The Priory Rooms, Birmingham, B4 6AF*

Quaker Life would like to encourage meetings to attend the Quaker mental health forum. This year's forum will explore the impact of community on mental health, consider what makes a healthy community and reflect on Quaker witness in creating spiritual connections within the community.

Alison Mitchell, 07483 028 490, [mhdo@retreatyorkbfund.com](mailto:mhdo@retreatyorkbfund.com)

[www.retreatyorkbfund.com](http://www.retreatyorkbfund.com)

Book online at <http://bit.ly/QMH-forum-2019>



Display the flyer on your noticeboard and invite people to book online.

## Children and young people

### 5. 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](mailto:catw@quaker.org.uk), 020 7663 1011  
[www.yqspace.org.uk/FL2019](http://www.yqspace.org.uk/FL2019)

### 6. 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>  
or ring 020 7663 1013

**Deadline 21 September**

### 7. How young Quakers can witness for peace at the arms fair

*Monday 9 September, 2019 from 6pm to 8pm.*

*Meet Tidal Basin Road, outside Royal Victoria DLR at 6pm*

Come and meet other young Quakers and attend the silent vigil held the evening before the September DSEi arms fair. There will be Friends House staff and people who campaign for peace at this event. Young people attend this event independently. Friends House staff will support young people joining the vigil and parents/guardians should be happy that the young people attending the event are of an age where they can take responsibility for themselves.

See leaflet for further details and how to register.

Cat Waithaka, [catw@quaker.org.uk](mailto:catw@quaker.org.uk), 020 7663 1011

## Witness against the arms trade

### 8. 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 we play host to one of the world's largest arms fairs, war, repression and injustice start here. Let's stop it here.

Friends interested in opposing the arms fair can see the flyer on activities by Roots of Resistance (printed copy included) and an additional flyer on the monthly mailing web page about the vigil.

**Young Quakers see the information in the item above.**

Daniel Jakopovich, [danielj@quaker.org.uk](mailto:danielj@quaker.org.uk), 020 7663 1090



Announce in meeting, display leaflet and inform young people who might be interested.



Announce in notices. Inform families, CYP advocate and Children's Committee.



Please pass information to young people who may be willing and able to attend / their parents.



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

\*A flyer about the silent vigil is at [www.quaker.org.uk/mm-jul19](http://www.quaker.org.uk/mm-jul19)

## Asylum and migration conference

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

27–29 September 2019, Woodbrooke

A weekend conference learning about asylum and migration, hearing from those who have felt its impact, and working together to create the change that we need. Speakers, workshops, performances and panel discussions will explore the interplay between race, privilege and migration. Register at [www.woodbrooke.org.uk/envisioning](http://www.woodbrooke.org.uk/envisioning)



Announce in notices and encourage Friends to register.

## Hardship grants for individuals

### 10. Hope grants for individuals

Grants of up to £750 are available to improve the quality of life for Quaker members and attenders who are unemployed or unable to make a living wage. Past grants have funded: equipment for a new or developing hobby; help with the cost of attending evening classes or lessons; help with cost of participating fully in the life of the Society of Friends; help with travel costs, like visiting an aged relative. Applications must be supported by an overseer. For details see: [www.quaker.org.uk/hopegrants](http://www.quaker.org.uk/hopegrants)  
[grants@quaker.org.uk](mailto:grants@quaker.org.uk)



Announce in notices and alert overseers.

### 11. Pollard & Dickson Trust

Pollard & Dickson Trust has grants of up to £1,500 available for Friends & attenders in Britain to help those unable to meet daily living expenses and to support Friends to attend activities, courses or events that will have benefits for the wider Quaker community. Contact Augene Nanning, Pollard & Dickson Trust Administrator [pollardanddickson@gmail.com](mailto:pollardanddickson@gmail.com)



Place flyer on noticeboard and alert overseers.

### 12. William Gunn's Charity

A letter is enclosed with information for overseers about William Gunn's Charity. This Charity exists to assist individual Members who are in personal financial need by making grants of money to them or by paying for services and / or items needed by them.

Grants Secretary: Val Brittin 01905 25472

Clerk to Trustees: Jackie Fowler 01952 253378

Email: [williamgunnscharity@gmail.com](mailto:williamgunnscharity@gmail.com)



Please pass the letter to your overseers for their attention.

## University chaplains training

### 13. New University Chaplains' Training Conference 2019

4–6 November, Wallis House, Birmingham

Organised by the Churches Higher Education Liaison Group, of which Quakers are a member, this conference offers practical advice from experienced colleagues plus the chance to visit three university chaplaincies and meet people in similar roles.

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[www.quaker.org.uk/chaplaincy](http://www.quaker.org.uk/chaplaincy)



Announce in notices and display flyer on noticeboard.