

Monthly Mailing – December 2019

for local meeting clerks or conveners



Welcome to your December 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 **February 2020**, will be sent out on 28 January 2020.

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.



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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-dec19

Listings

- December 2019 editions of **Books of the Month** and **Children & Young Adults Books of the Month** from the Quaker Centre Bookshop.
- **Woodbrooke Quaker Roles Courses 2020**. Please see this booklet which is available in printed and PDF format.
- **Among Friends Autumn 2019: the newsletter from the Europe & Middle East Section of Friends World Committee for Consultation**. This edition contains news of the Amari play centre in Ramallah, the EMES children & young people's work consultation, a visit by two young adult ministers from the Americas, the QUNO summer school and more.

Governance Gold



After a break, Governance Gold has returned. This latest issue contains material on sending information to be included in the prison and court register maintained by Meeting for Sufferings. Please file this with your other issues of Governance Gold. Previous issues are available at www.quaker.org.uk/clerks.

Children and young people

1. Young People's Event

6–8 March, 202 Dunfield House, Herefordshire

A weekend of community building and exploration for young people aged 13-17. Cost £125. Bursary help available.

To book: <https://forms.quaker.org.uk/2020vision>

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Announce in notices.

2. Quaker Youth Work Conference

28 March 2020, Sheffield Meeting House

Networking and learning day for all involved in Quaker youth work, i.e. link group, teenage meeting, summer events. Free with lunch.

To book <https://forms.quaker.org.uk/youth-work-conference>

Jude Acton, judea@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1160



Announce in notices and pass to CYP convenor.

3. Singing Workshop

25 January 2020, Friends House, London

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.

To book your place, please complete the online form at:

<https://forms.quaker.org.uk/singingworkshop>

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www.quaker.org.uk/events/singingworkshop



Announce in notices – poster sent in previous mailing.

4. Volunteers needed for children & young people's events 2020

Being on a team at a children or young people's event gives Quakers the chance to be part of a purposeful Quaker community, to develop skills, to contribute to Quakers in Britain and to make a difference to the lives of children and young people.

Full details of the events planned for 2020, what is involved for volunteer team members and how to offer service, can be found on the website www.quaker.org.uk/volunteercyp.

Offers of service are requested by the end of December 2019.

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Please ask people whether they are able to offer service to the event teams next year or may know of others they could ask.

Families

5. Philosophy for Communities Family Weekend

21–23 February 2020, Woodbrooke

Philosophy for Communities Family weekend, all ages discussing life's big questions together and having fun.

judea@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1160

www.woodbrooke.org.uk/P4C-Family



Announce in meeting.

Young adults

6. Young Friends General Meeting

21–23 February 2020, Friargate Meeting House, York

YFGM is open to Young Friends or the Young and Quaker Curious, 18-30(ish). Registrations opens mid January 2020.

If interested please email yfgm@quaker.org.uk



Announce in notices.

Support for meetings

7. A day retreat for Quakers who work in mental health

10.30am-4pm, 29 February 2020

Edgbaston Meeting House, Birmingham

A day of worship, reflection, sharing, connections and gentle activities. There is no charge for the day – but please book a place. There will be lunch and you will be asked to pay on the day for this.

To book, visit <http://bit.ly/quaker-mh-day-retreat>

For more information contact

Alison Mitchell mhdo@retreatyorkbfund.com.



Announce in notices; pass to any Friends who work in mental health and publicise widely.

Conferences

8. Major conference on Christian and spiritual peacemaking

Saturday 25 April 2020, Maria Fidelis Catholic School, London

The Network of Christian Peace Organisations, of which Quaker Peace and Social Witness is an active member, is holding a major conference on Christian and spiritual peacemaking next year. The conference, whose provisional title is “Prophets and Reconcilers”, will take place on Saturday 25 April at the Maria Fidelis Catholic School in London. We are encouraging local and area meetings to send delegations to the conference to take part in it and to help make it a success.

For more information please contact

Daniel Jakopovich, danielj@quaker.org.uk



Announce in notices.

9. Sustainability Online Conference with Friends worldwide

Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) World Office are hosting an online conference with friends worldwide to gather a collective Quaker voice on sustainability. The conference will hear from speakers and will be followed by two hours of worship sharing.

Join us on Saturday 22 February 2020. Register on our eventbrite link via our website at fwcc.world/sustainability/conference2020

If you have any questions, email sustainability@fwcc.world



Announce in notices.

10. QPSW Spring Conference 2020 – Journeys of Witness

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

Quaker Peace and Social Witness works with and on behalf of Quakers in Britain to turn our faith into action. This is an inspiring and inspiring weekend and you will meet Friends from across Britain and hear about a range of QPSW work, including climate justice, learning from peace activists in East Africa and work in Israel and Palestine. Keynote speakers will be Esther Leighton and Sam Donaldson.

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.

Peace Education

11. Register now for online peace education course

13 January – 23 February 2020

QPSW and Woodbrooke are delivering a six week online course in peace education starting in January. If you are interested in supporting children/young people as peacemakers in their communities, this course is for you. Through a combination of videos, online activities and webinars, we will model a range of peace education approaches and the underpinning ideas. Course costs £36 and requires around 18-20 hours of flexible learning over 6 weeks.

Register at: www.woodbrooke.org.uk/Peace-Edu-2020

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Ellis Brooks ellisb@quaker.org.uk 020 76631009

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Announce in notices.

QUNO Summer School

12. Quaker United Nations summer school

5-16 July

Applications are now open for the Quaker United National summer school in 2020.

Application forms and more information are available from:
www.quno.org/quaker-un-summer-school-2020
or email qunss@quno.ch

Closing date for applications 15 January 2020

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Please pass this on to young people who might be interested to apply.