

Report to Quakers in Yorkshire – Easter Settlement 2018

Easter Settlement offers Quakers throughout Yorkshire an opportunity to come together for discussion, worship and fun; an opportunity to develop a social network and a spiritual life. In 2018 we had 50 adults and 9 young people attending the weekend and 5 day visitors on Saturday.

Over the weekend Friends offer their talents and abilities to lead groups in many activities.

In 2018 we were led in our reflections and discussions by Maud Grainger and Michael Eccles from 'Woodbrooke on the Road'.

Taking a very relevant theme for the present - 'In Turbulent Times Be A Quaker' they led us in sessions on: What are these Turbulent Times? Exploring Conflict, Forced Migration in the Press, A Study of the story – The Road to Emmaus, Active Hope, Spiritual Resilience.

Activities for the children and young people were organised by James and Hannah Davies, with support from Liz Schweiger, Jane Wood and parents Paul Shackleton and Edward Ullathorne.

Home Group Leaders were; Lizzie Rosewood, Helen Brockley, Chris Petrie, Robert Keeble, Jeffrey Beatty and Maureen Norton.

Settlers offered other activities over the weekend. They included:

- Walks led by Robert Keeble, Peter Rivers, Wendy Clow and Andy Beck.
- Easter Egg Hunt for the children by Liz and Martin Schweiger.
- Early morning Tai Chi by Toni Villanueva.
- Early morning poetry by Chris Petrie.
- Country Dancing by Helen Brockley and Anne Tunnicliffe.
- Circle Dancing by Pat Gerwat.
- Co-operative Juggling by Una Parker.
- Parachute games by Martin and Liz Schweiger.
- Craft activities such as Patchwork by Anita Kay, Origami by Elizabeth Collins, Zentangles and Mandalas by Gill Brown.

I would like to thank all those named above for their contribution. I think this demonstrates how Friends give of their time and ability to make the weekend such a varied and satisfying experience.

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The theme this year will be 'Building the New Economy' and we are grateful to Olivia Hanks from Quaker Peace and Social Witness for offering to come and share her knowledge and experience as a Programme Manager in Economics and Sustainability.

We are looking for volunteers to plan and offer activities for the children. Please pass the details on if you know anyone who may be interested.

We can offer an interesting and vibrant weekend and I hope you will come and join us.

Pauline Leonard

Co-ordinator of the Easter Settlement Planning Committee

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