
Quakers in Yorkshire Newsletter

News, views, events from
Yorkshire Friends

Programme for QiY Quarterly Meeting
to be held on Zoom internet platform
Saturday 15 January 2022

10.00 – 13.00

The agenda will include reports from the Under-19s Co-ordinating group, Junior Holidays, Easter Settlement, Outreach Projects, Yorkshire Friends Holiday School, and the Racial Justice group

EVERYONE WELCOME

Quakers in Yorkshire Newsletter January 2022

Welcome to the January edition of the Newsletter. Paper copies of this can be offered to Friends who have difficulty accessing the internet. Please give the co-clerks the name and address of anyone who would enjoy receiving a hard copy. The newsletter will be published online only for the foreseeable future. Hard copies can be produced if requested.

QiY Quarterly Meeting

Our January meetings are usually planned for Leeds, but difficulties in recent years and the continuing COVID crisis have persuaded QiY Arrangements Committee that it would be prudent to hold meeting again on the Zoom website. To register for this meeting: <https://bit.ly/30tCqol>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. There will be no afternoon session. We will welcome our new Co-clerk, David Bunney of Central Yorkshire AM.

Newsletter reminder

All Yorkshire meetings are invited to send news for inclusion in the newsletter, published four times a year. The newsletter is sent electronically to AM and LM clerks. Please could you ensure that Friends without Internet access receive copies of this newsletter? If you have difficulty making hard copies, please inform the co-clerks.

A new editor for the newsletter is currently being sought. Please contact the co-clerks if you are able to help.

Please let the co-clerks know if you see any errors relating to your meeting or if there are additional items you would like to include here.

Changes of clerks

Please let QiY clerks know of changes in clerks so that we can keep our lists up to date! Under Data Protection regulations QiY cannot receive personal details from other parts of the Religious Society of Friends. This information must come from you individually.

Next meeting

We plan to hold our next meeting at Huddersfield Meeting house on Saturday 23 April. The two principal agenda items are Revision of the Book of Discipline and the Work of the Peace Museum in Bradford, which will be introduced by its director Clive Barnett.

Racial Justice

Rosemary Roberts reports from our Racial Justice group that this standing agenda item has been running now for a year. They hope Quakers in Yorkshire will want to confirm that this can continue.

As we begin a new year, we are asked to consider the following question:

The pandemic has affected our ability to support asylum seekers and refugees. How can we help people from many different backgrounds who do not feel welcome here?

Treasurer for the Quaker Peace Studies Trust

The Quaker Peace Studies Trust works for a more peaceful world by facilitating the study of peace, and methods by which peaceful societies can be nurtured. We do this by funding research, teaching and study within the Peace Studies and International Development Division at the University of Bradford and other institutions of Higher Education in England and Wales. As we prepare for the retirement of our current treasurer next year we are planning to recruit a new board member willing to take on the role of Honorary Treasurer. To find out more about the role contact our Clerk Jeff Beatty at qpst@quaker.org.uk

Easter Settlement

Welcome to all Families, children and young people in the Yorkshire Quaker community. You are invited to join us at

Easter Settlement 2022, from Friday 15 to Monday 18 April, or Tuesday 19th.

Accommodation and food is provided by Cober Hill Hotel, nestled in the North York Moors National Park and Heritage Coast, ensuring breath taking views.

All children and young people's places are subsidised by Quakers in Yorkshire:

<u>Age</u>	<u>Cost for weekend</u>
0 to 4 years	£15
5 – 9 year	£20
10 – 13 years	£40
14 – 21 years	£80

Some local Quaker Meetings can offer a bursary for adults so that families can join the event. There will be a programme for children and young people with activities and games provided.

Contact pauline@paulineleonard.plus.com or phone 0113 2786 351 for more details.

Youth Development Work

Exciting news - recruitment for a new youth worker has been successful! Final employment checks are under way and as soon as these are complete, we will send more details! We expect them to start on 4 January and will have their office base in the BYM Yorkshire Centre.

In the interim between Lee Lester leaving and now, other BYM staff and volunteers have continued to hold regular online meet-ups for young people. Building on the group in Sheffield with whom Lee worked most closely, the group has expanded to include young people from Leeds and across Yorkshire. All young people connected to Quakers are welcome. Most Sunday evenings will find a group, discussing, playing, supporting and worshipping together online.

In the new year, our new worker will be in touch to continue work with Junior Holidays and Easter Settlement, the seven Area meetings and the Quaker schools. You can always be in touch with Jude Acton, who manages youth development work across BYM judea@quaker.org.uk, but is also a Leeds Friend based in the Yorkshire centre.

If this work is to continue beyond the next nine months for which QIY has provided funding, further finance will be needed from local Quakers and area meetings to support work with young people and Quaker communities. Thank you to those individuals and Meetings who have already committed contributions.

Quaker Voices on Mental Health

Mike Wash (New Earswick) and John Miles (Nailsworth, Gloucestershire) inform us that the next meeting of the national group, Quaker Voices on Mental Health (QVMH) will be held online on Saturday 5 February. The title will be: ***What works? Quakers in mental health yesterday, today and tomorrow.*** The meeting will hear information about the revolutionary work of Quakers in the 18th century when The Retreat hospital was founded; they will look at what The Retreat is doing now and explore the other Quaker projects on mental health.

All are welcome. If you would like to be part of this day, please email quakervoicesonmentalhealth@gmail.com

The QVMH group is also concerned that the work of The Retreat should be given proper recognition in the plans that are drawn up for redevelopment of Heslington Road site. QVMH hopes the developers, P.J. Livesey, will ensure the history of The Retreat and the legacy of its founders, William and Samuel Tuke, is fully

recognised. A Heritage Group is being formed to advise the developers, and York Area Meeting trustees will be represented.

Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill

Friends of the Earth include on their website ways in which protests can be lodged against the new Policing bill. For an explanation of the issues follow this link: <https://campaigning.friendsoftheearth.uk/news/how-campaign-against-new-policing-bill>

News from Quaker Tapestry

Quaker Tapestry General Manager, Bridget Guest, retired at the end of November after 27 years dedicated service.

Since 1994, Bridget has led the transformation of Kendal Meeting House, giving it a new lease of life as a lively centre of education and welcome for the community and a continuing place of peace and worship.

Working closely with local Friends and Quaker Tapestry trustees, Bridget has steered the development of the Museum, the shop, café and flat, together with rooms for workshops and private hire mostly by community organisations. Roadshows taking Quaker Tapestry to other venues have all been planned from the Kendal offices.

In January, Quaker Tapestry welcomes Naomi Garnett, from the National Justice Museum in Nottingham, as new General Manager. Naomi has a strong track record of developing educational activities.

A complete renovation of the Meeting House roof has begun and will take place over the next few months under an enormous scaffolding tent.

Kendal Meeting House as you have never seen it before





Costing nearly £400,000, the work has been made possible through the generous support of Quaker Meetings, individuals and trusts. A major grant from Historic England via the National Churches Trust recognises the unique features of the Grade II* Listed Building and its part in the Georgian heritage of Kendal and Cumbria.



Winter opening

Covid permitting, the Museum and Kendal Meeting House will still be open during the building works, reopening after New Year. Please do visit and encourage others to visit during 2022. You can now make a booking for your visit via the Quaker Tapestry website www.quaker-tapestry.co.uk but booking is not essential. The shop is open and you can also buy by mail-order. QT 2022 calendars are still available.

Quaker Tapestry – working for Outreach for over 25 years based at Kendal Meeting House

peace pledge union

NEWS & COMMENT



2021: A year of peace campaigns amidst Covid and climate chaos

As we all know too well, war and militarism have continued throughout 2021, despite the Covid pandemic and the climate emergency. But throughout the year, the Peace Pledge Union and our allies have challenged war and promoted a pacifist response.

PPU members' actions have been very varied. Young women in the PPU have challenged the army's claims to be feminist. Welsh pacifists have exposed the armed forces' behaviour in schools. PPU members have joined other peace campaigners to resist arms fairs in London, Liverpool, Farnborough and Malvern. We have challenged COP26 to end the dodgy rule that exempts the world's militaries from even counting their carbon emissions.

These are just a few examples. You can read more in our summary of PPU campaigning in 2021: <https://www.ppu.org.uk/news/2021-year-peace-campaigns-amidst-covid-and-climate-chaos>

Our [educational work](#) and our support for [members](#) and local groups is on-going. We work alongside many other groups and activists on shared campaigns in the UK. We have also worked with other pacifists around the world through [War Resisters' International](#), of which the PPU is the British section.

Quakers in Yorkshire 15th January 2022

Agenda

- 10.00 Meeting open for login
10.30 Meeting for Worship
10.55 Testimony: Jean Elliott
11.00 Welcome from Clerks
Explanation of how the meeting will be run and introduction to the agenda
11.05 Reports of U19s events 2021 and 2022
We will hear from the
- Under 19s Co-ordinating Group,
 - Junior Holidays
 - Yorkshire Friends Holiday School
- 11.55 Easter Settlement plans
12.05 Outreach Projects Committee
12.20 Racial Justice Group Update
12:30 Report on Quaker Activities at COP26
12.50 Appointments and Notices
12:55 Closing minute

Quakers in Yorkshire Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/30tCqol>

This link will take you to a page to register to attend the QiY January 2022 Zoom session. After you register you will be emailed your personal link to the Zoom meeting.

Note: there will not be a young people's event to run concurrently with this meeting, but we hope it will be possible to arrange one at the time of our April meeting.

Editor's note

As retiring Co-clerk, this is my last edition of the Quakers in Yorkshire Newsletter. It's time to move on. Thank you for helping me compile it and for sharing the stories and activities of Yorkshire Friends.

*'The old order changeth, yielding place to new...
Lest one good custom should corrupt the world...'*

in peace, Arthur Pritchard