

Report on Easter Settlement to Quakers in Yorkshire meeting 15th January 2022

In 2021 we were unable to meet in person at Cober Hill because of the Covid 19 pandemic.

Instead we met on line using zoom and there was very positive feedback from participants.

Using a theme of “Building a Better World” the sessions over the weekend included:

“Climate Justice and COP26 Talks” led by Oonagh Ryder from QPSW

“Looking at the Brighter Side” Led by Chris Petrie

“Creating Race Equality Tools Kits: What do we need so we can take action?” led by Lee Lester.

“Universal Basic Income” led by Reinhard Huss.

A Well-Being session led by Tansy Adair

Robert Keeble and Lee Lester were able to support us with the IT technology and Arthur Pritchard and friends entertained us on Saturday evening with a look at Quakers and Humour.

Lee Lester held some separate sessions for the young people including online creative writing and art sessions and discussion of the film “Living without Money”.

Easter Settlement 2022 – 15th to 18th April. (Option to stay till 19th)

We very much hope that we will be able to meet in person this year at Cober Hill.

In this time of uncertainty we will have contingency plans in place in case the government imposes another lockdown.

The theme will be “Let Your Lives Speak” and we will welcome Bruce McLeod, Chair of the charity, Friends of The Dales, who will talk about farming, the environment and the Yorkshire Dales and

Paul Ellis who has served as CEO of the green and ethical finance provider the Ecology Building Society since 1995. He will speak about personal capital and its deployment for a good society, building an alternative economy, and informed use of resources.

We also hope to have speakers from Northern Friends Peace Board and Turning the Tide.

We are grateful to Quakers in Yorkshire for the generous subsidy towards the cost of children’s places at the weekend and hope this encourages families to join us.

There will be a programme for the children and young people with activities and games provided.

Easter Settlement provides an opportunity for us to strengthen our spiritual base as part of a wider Quaker family. The weekend programme is a mixture of reflection, discussion, worship and fun. Single people and families, those new to the Society of Friends and established Settlers are all made welcome.

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