



Welcome to the July Newsletter!

Here you will find events, opportunities and news of interesting things happening in Yorkshire Meetings, as well as the programme for the next Quakers in Yorkshire meeting in July.

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Racial Justice – Question of the Month

What/who is an ally?

Allies are “people who try to use their influence to magnify the voices of underrepresented or marginalised groups and help bring their battles to the forefront of a larger discussion.”

(<https://www.edi.nih.gov/blog/communities/what-allyship>)

They are members of a majority or privileged group - for example, white people working in solidarity with black people, or men in a business environment speaking out in support of women who are being discriminated against. They can be members of one marginalised group while being an ally to another group, e.g. a straight disabled person campaigning for LGBTQ rights.

Is your allyship effective?

Allyship occurs when "a person of privilege works in solidarity and partnership with a marginalised group of people to help take down the systems that challenge that group's basic rights, equal access, and ability to thrive in our society. **Effective allies** don't just talk about change, they take action and initiative to lead the change they want to see." (<https://www.kent.ac.uk/equality-diversity-inclusivity/effective-allyship>). They don't just talk the talk, or “virtue-signal” to make themselves look good.

Our question for this quarter is about allyship for racial justice, especially in the light of this year's Yearly Meeting (see the epistle [here](#))

Is there an organisation in your locality you could seek allyship with?

Stephan Ball, Sheffield
Rosemary Roberts, York
Susan Robson, Leeds.
Ruth McTighe, Barnsley

Click below to read more about Rosie's experience of allyship, and here to visit the [Speak Up Diversity](#) website.

Rosie's experience

Review of Quakers in Yorkshire for 2021

To read the review of the activities of Quakers in Yorkshire during 2021, click below. There will also be an oral presentation at the July 2022 quarterly meeting.

Quakers in Yorkshire 2021 Review



Events



Journey to Becoming a Quaker Diversity Ally

A weekend with Nim Njuguna at

Sheffield Central Meeting House and Bamford Quaker Community

Friday 5th to Sunday 7th August 2022

As Quakers we yearn to live in a compassionate society with values that are deeply engaged in social justice. This weekend will offer an opportunity to reflect on our journey towards becoming an enduring, spiritually rooted, Quaker community with a commitment to uprooting our white supremacy and helping to create a more inclusive, equal and just society.

You can attend both Friday and Saturday sessions, or just one (see attached poster for more details). There is a chance for Friends to enjoy deeper fellowship and reflection by spending a weekend with Nim and his wife Liz at Bamford Quaker Community.

Friday 5th August – Sunday 7th August – one or two nights at a cost of £35 per night with meals provided (with option for extra nights self-catering) Bursaries are available for those in Sheffield and Balby Area Meeting.

Contact Chrissie Hinde on chrissiehinde@ymail.com

Nim Njuguna worships at Harrow Quaker Meeting. He undertook the 2-year Woodbrooke Equipping for Ministry course and was an Eva Koch scholar in 2018 on the theme of 'Becoming a Quaker diversity and inclusion ally' and has shared many articles on this theme since. Nim is a retired Baptist minister, a Woodbrooke Associate tutor, a former Quaker prison chaplain and *is involved in restorative justice training and mediation*. He supports subsistence farmers in Kenya through Nakuru Environmental and

Cultural Trust, a UK based charity he helped
initiate www.ken100.org

Click here for more details

QUAKERS IN YORKSHIRE - YOUTH SUMMER SEASON

Sun 5th June (1900-2100) – Online Epilogue

Mon 6th June (1730-1900) – Link Group online

Sun 19th June (1900-2030) – SWYFAN with Jo and Zeph

24th – 26th June Junior Holidays (Places still available)

Sat 25th June Ackworth Gala, Ackworth school

Sun 3rd July (1900-2100) - Online Epilogue

Mon 4th July – (1730-1900) Link Group online

Sun 10th July – Leeds Area Meeting, all age meeting

Fri 15th July – Leeds Area (1900-2100) Teens Cake and Games

Sat 16th July – QiY Quarterly All Age meeting Scarborough

Sun 17th July – (1900-2030) SWYFAN with Jo and Zeph

Sat 23rd July (1000-1700) – Summer Social Gargrave Com.

Hall – Craven and Keighley Area Meeting only

Weds 27th July (1100-1600) Teen biking - Leeds Urban Bike
Park

Fri 29th July (1200-1500) Hello Holidays!

Picnic - Hyde Park, Leeds

Jo, the Youth Development Worker, delivers and promotes, Quaker youth and all age events in Yorkshire. Get in touch to find out more.

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Dates for the Diary...

6th August – All Age Adventure day.

16th August – Teen beach day. Probably Filey.

27th August – La Vuelta Watch-party, with mini-talks on Quakers and Cycling.

If you want to hear more about Quaker youth work in Yorkshire, sign up to Jo Baynham's mailing list by clicking below.

Quaker Youth Work in Yorkshire

Navigating the River – Towards a Youth Strategy for Quakers in Yorkshire

"Perhaps imagine the child as a rafter... the gentle stream of children's meeting carries our kids through the landscape of early adolescence worshipfully and carefully, life jackets on and adults close at hand. At 11 years old the first white water comes, the transition between primary school and senior school brings with it new opportunities, new community, new variety and new challenges, the water is faster here, routes vary and for perhaps the first time our young paddler has some choices to make. *Am I too old for children's meeting? What about Sunday morning sports? What happens when I sleep over at a friends on Saturday night?"*

Jo Baynham, Youth Development Worker for Yorkshire, shares exciting news about continuing and upcoming work and asks, what part do you have to play in the youth strategy for Quakers in Yorkshire?

[Read the full article here](#)



Opportunities



Could you be a governor of a very Special School?

Breckenbrough, near Thirsk, is a Quaker School, with seven of its Governors nominated by Quakers in Yorkshire. It is though, rather different from the majority of Quaker Schools, being entirely funded by local and central government, rather than by fee-paying parents. It is a Non-Maintained Special School (NMSS) approved by the Secretary of State, and all students have an Education, Health and Care Plan. Every aspect of the running of the school is underpinned by the Quaker ethos. Quakers in Yorkshire Nominations Committee are currently seeking more Quaker Governors. If you are interested, click below for more information.

[Find out more here](#)



Mollie Croysdale Charitable Trust looking for new Trustees

The Mollie Croysdale Charitable Trust was established by a Friend in Pickering Meeting. It's objects include support for Quaker work, including building maintenance and construction, but also allows support for other charitable activity.

There are currently 5 Trustees, three of which are Friends. None of those Friends are young and so they are looking for younger Friends to join them . They meet 4 or 5 times a year in either Pickering, Leeds or via Zoom.

Anyone interested in being appointed a trustee is asked to contact either Alison Dunne of Pickering Meeting or David Laverick of York Friargate.

Their email addresses are
alisondunne22@gmail.com and DavidJL39@gmail.com

Visit the Mollie Croysdale Charitable Trust website

News

Airton Meeting House Repairs Complete



Airton Friends are pleased to let everyone know that essential works and repairs to our listed grade II* Meeting House are now completed. These included exterior repointing, repair of the stone porch canopy, repairs to the roof structure, treatment for insect infestation and the conservation of all interior and exterior woodwork. New furniture is also expected imminently! To read more about the work, click below.

[Find out more here](#)

Spotlight on... Doncaster Conversation Club

Alan Robinson and Ann Hindley of Balby (Doncaster) Meeting provide an insight into Doncaster Conversation Club, an organisation working with, and standing alongside, asylum seekers and refugees in Doncaster.



Doncaster Conversation Club (DCC) is an organisation working with, and standing alongside, asylum seekers and refugees in Doncaster. Although it was an initiative by Doncaster Quakers that set it up, it is an independent organisation with its own trustees – although it retains close links with Doncaster Quakers. Its original aim was to encourage conversation among asylum seekers, by providing a drop-in session at which those who wished could get a drink and some company, and have an opportunity to practise and develop their English.

[Read more here](#)

[Find links to the DCC newsletters here](#)

Quakers in Yorkshire July Meeting



Date: Saturday 16th July 2022

Venue: Scarborough Meeting House (see below for directions)

Programme:

- 10.00 Tea and coffee on arrival
- 10.30 Meeting for worship
- 11.00 Welcome from Scarborough LM, Clerks' welcome, appointment of Elders and housekeeping matters
- 11.15 Reports from QiY trustees, Glenthorne trustees and Breckenbrough
- 12.30 Racial Justice update
- 12.50 Appointments
- 12.55 Notices including an appeal for suggestions of how we might celebrate the 400th birthday of George Fox in 2024
- 13.00 Lunch. Drinks provided by Scarborough LM
- 14.00 Break out for activities

Options include:

- A short walk from the MH to Throxenby Mere, which can be

extended into surrounding woodland

- [Scarborough Art Gallery](#)
- [Rotunda Museum](#)
- A trip to the beach or to Peasholm Park

Alternatively at the MH there will be space for socialising and an opportunity for Friends to share a piece of music (on CD or digitally) 'Desert Island Discs' style.

15.55 Gather for closing minute

16.00 Tea and cake, and departure

The MH is design to hold 80 but would be comfortable for around 50 without too much crowding. Weather permitting, doors and windows will be open to ensure ventilation. At present Friends are encouraged to wear face masks in the building.

There is space for children's activities, and the necessary accommodation, but there are no local Friends who are able to run the activities. If children are hoping to attend, hopefully drawn by the prospect of an afternoon by the sea, then they should be registered with the Clerks.

Click [here](#) to visit the Quakers in Yorkshire website.

Venue details

Full address: Friends Meeting House, Quaker Close, Woodlands Drive, Scarborough YO12 5QZ

Travel directions: The meeting house is situated on the A171 Scalby Road, adjacent to Scarborough Hospital. From the town centre follow signs for the hospital.

1.5 miles from railway station. Buses stop nearby. Car park on site.

July Quakers in Yorkshire meeting: **Dates for the diary...**

Saturday 16th July at Scarborough Meeting House

Deadline for items for the October Quakers in Yorkshire Newsletter:
Monday 12th September

October Quakers in Yorkshire meeting:
Saturday 15th October at the Mount School, York



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