

Welcome to the October 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 October.

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Racial Justice - Question of the Month

"We have heard that love and justice also require us to consider deeply how the Society of Friends in Britain might make financial and other reparation for our part in the wrongs of the transatlantic slave trade.

Love and justice require us to examine our own practices and behaviours, and to work for systemic change.

Love and justice require us to believe those who have the bravery and honesty to share their stories with us.

We encourage local and area meetings to begin, or continue, work to understand how Quakers and Quaker structures benefited from the transatlantic slave trade.

Love and justice require us to tell the truth, as best we can, about historical and contemporary injustices."

from Britain Yearly Meeting 2022 minute 27

Which of these points is receiving attention in your local or Area meeting?

Which of these points, if any, should be a priority for Quakers in Yorkshire?

For the full piece from the Quakers in Yorkshire Racial Justice group, click below.

[Read more here](#)

Events

Quaker Week

Quaker Week 2022 runs from **Saturday 24 September to Sunday 2 October**. It runs every year to help Quaker meetings to attract new people and share their faith.

This year's theme is '**Share your light**'. There is a particular focus on engaging with and welcoming families. Below are links to some resources you could share within your meetings.

These three videos are informal conversations on some of the key topics from the Woodbrooke training. You could watch them with a group from your meeting, as a starting point for talking about your next steps:

[Engaging with families](#) (Alistair Fuller and Kathy Chandler)

[The role of joy](#) (Sophie Smith and Helen Chambers)

[Linking with our localities](#) (Jude Acton and Mel Cook)



YOU ARE INVITED
to an Open House to celebrate the completion of recent works to
AIRTON MEETING HOUSE

Sunday 25th September from 11:00 am

Tea and light refreshments will be provided, please bring your own
picnic lunch

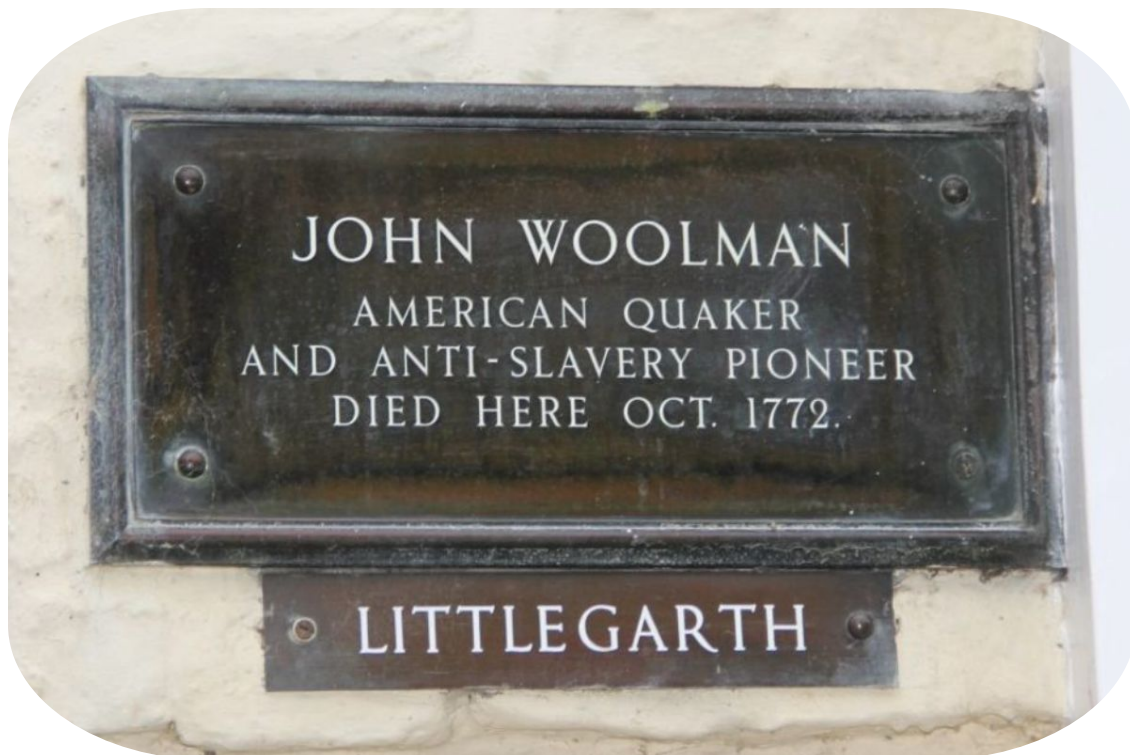
1:00 pm a brief talk on the history of this Meeting House
with time for questions and discussion

2:00 pm music for a (we hope) sunny afternoon

3:00 pm everyone is welcome to join our regular Quaker worship;
stay for as little or as much of the hour as you wish

For more information and to let us know that you will be coming,
please e-mail

laurelphillipson@gmail.com



Walk to Celebrate 250th Anniversary of Anti-Slavery Pioneer in York

7th October 2022 marks the 250th anniversary of the death, here in

York, of John Woolman, the visionary Quaker who was a pioneer of Anti-Slavery – but so much more: Animal Rights, Indigenous Peoples' Rights, Environmental Awareness, and Vegetarianism. To say he was ahead of his time – he died in 1772, in Marygate, York – is a massive understatement. His anniversary will be marked by a short walk from the house where he died, to his grave. For more details, click below.

[Find out more here](#)

Youth Events

SUPPORTED £130 - STANDARD £170 - SUPPORTER £210
TRAVEL INCLUDED, PICK UP LEEDS AND SHEFFIELD.
TRAINS FROM BRISTOL TEMPLE MEADS

21-23/10/22 (1ST W/e
OCT HALF TERM)

FINALLY IN 3D

AN ACTION PACKED, OUTWARD BOUNDS ADVENTURE RESIDENTIAL
YORKSHIRE AND SOUTH WEST REGION
COLLAB AT CULMINGTON MANOR, SHROPSHIRE
WITH JO AND ZEPH. DOING ALL THE THINGS WE
COULDN'T DO DURING LOCKDOWN! EMAIL
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A residential event for Yorkshire and South West 11 to 18s

[Click here to book](#)

Online and in-person youth events

Jo Baynham, the Youth Development Worker for Yorkshire, runs regular events for young Quakers through the year. Find his full calendar of events below.

Quaker Youth Events Calendar

If you want to hear more about Jo's work, sign up to his mailing list by clicking the link below.

Quaker Youth Work in Yorkshire



Finally in 3D

"We want to celebrate the community that online youth work has wrought us over the bleak COVID season, but we want to do it with mud, climbing walls, kayaks and a crackling bonfire."

Read Jo Baynham's piece recognising the importance of online worship and youth work, and celebrating a return to in-person events.

[Read the full article here](#)

Opportunities



Service Opportunity with Quaker Voluntary Action

Anne Jackson-Wild of York Area Meeting is wanting to lay down her service with QVA after ten years as a trustee. Read about her experiences with QVA and find details of how to offer your service below.

[Find out more here](#)

[Visit the Quaker Voluntary Action website](#)

Grants for Outreach

Meetings are encouraged to apply for grants to support their outreach projects.

Quakers in Yorkshire Outreach Grants are administered by the

Outreach Projects Committee.

All types of outreach can be supported. Examples are speakers, stalls, leaflets, short videos; publicity; displays at events; support for Quaker Quest events.

Email outreach@quakersinyorkshire.org.uk or click bellow for full details of how to apply.

Find out more here

Peer Support Zoom Calls for Role Holders

These role-holder gatherings will be facilitated by Bridget Holtom bridgeth@quaker.org.uk around a theme relevant to each role. The 1 hour zoom sessions will be an interactive space to raise concerns, share case studies, compare ways of working and find solutions together across Yorkshire. Please register in advance to receive a zoom link and you will get a reminder closer to the time.

Area Meeting Clerks and Clerks to Trustees

Tue Oct 11 19:30 register [here](#)

Local Meeting Clerks

Tue Oct 11 11:00 register [here](#)

Wed Oct 12 19:00 register [here](#)

Elders/Spiritual Care

Tue Dec 13 11:00 register [here](#)

Wed Dec 14 16:30 register [here](#)

Nominations Committee Members

tbc

Overseers/Pastoral Care

Tue Sep 27 16:30 register [here](#)

Wed Sep 28 19:30 register [here](#)

Tue Nov 8 18:00 register [here](#)

Thu Nov 10 12:30 register [here](#)

Safeguarding Coordinators

tbc

Treasurers

Wed Oct 19 19:00 register [here](#)

Trustees

tbc

Find updated times for these events on this page: [Local Development Worker – Quakers in Yorkshire](#)

News

Wakefield Meeting Garden Parties with Refugees and Asylum Seekers



In August Wakefield Local Meeting hosted two garden parties at their Meeting House for Refugees and Asylum Seekers. Working with Wakefield District City of Sanctuary, they also have a regular Thursday social evening during which refugees and Friends chat together, play games and enjoy refreshments.

On the first Saturday of each month at 11 a.m. Quakers join other groups on the steps of Wakefield cathedral to take part in a silent vigil for peace.



Yorkshire Friends Holiday School returns!

"Between scheduled activities we communed in the glorious sunshine, and it was wonderful to be able to connect again after so long."

Staff, student helpers and participants alike were delighted to return to Bootham School for a whole week of Holiday School fun in August. The theme for the week was 'home'. Read the full epistle below.

YFHS 2022 Epistle



Musings on Yorkshire Friends Holiday School 2022

"We felt at home amongst the familiar faces of dedicated staff and were excited to meet the new faces of the next generation of young Quakers...They made Holiday School their home for the week."

Bridget Holtom, the Local Development Worker for Yorkshire, shares her thoughts on the theme and her return to Holiday School to lead the opening session.

[Read more here](#)

Spotlight on... QUNO Summer School

Acacia Marshall, a member of Craven and Keighley Area Meeting shares her experience of attending the Quaker United Nations Office

summer school this year.



QUNO summer school was packed with so much information and enriching conversations, it was a massively insightful and hopeful two weeks. QUNO currently focusses on 4 main issue areas which are: Human rights and refugees, Human Impacts of Climate Change, Peace and Disarmament and Ethical and Just Economic Systems. We spent two sessions on each of these issue areas, learning about mechanisms within the UN that QUNO engages with, and the objectives that they are working towards. There were around 30 participants, from across the world. We had space to discuss these issues of which we all had different experiences yet found common ground and had similar visions of the world that we would like to see.

[Read more here](#)

**Quakers in Yorkshire
October Meeting**



Date: Saturday 15th October 2022

Venue: The Mount School, York

Time: 10:00 - 16:00

Morning: Reports and presentations from Bootham and The Mount Schools. Racial Justice update.

Afternoon: The focus will be on the causes and consequences of **Resource Scarcity on the wellbeing of our environment**, looking at this from a conflict, population growth and international development perspective. This will involve presentations and a panel discussion, the panel comprising **Professor Paul Rogers**, Emeritus Professor of Peace Studies at the University of Bradford, **Martin Schweiger** of Quaker Concern over Population (QCOP), and **Digby Swift**, former Senior Adviser in the UK Department for International Development. The discussion will involve questions and comments from participants. All are welcome.

The complete programme will follow in a later email.

It will be possible for people to attend by Zoom. Details will be posted on the Quakers in Yorkshire website and sent in a later email.

Visit the Quakers in Yorkshire website

Venue Details

Full address: The Mount School York, Dalton Terrace, York YO24
4DD

Travel directions: The school is easily accessible from the station
by foot (15 minutes walk) or by taking the number 1 or 5 bus from
the station to Cambridge Street and walking 5 minutes to Dalton
Terrace. There is car parking on site.

Google Maps Directions

Dates for the diary...

October Quakers in Yorkshire meeting:

Saturday 15th October at the Mount School, York

Deadline for items for the January Quakers in Yorkshire Newsletter:

Monday 19th December

January Quakers in Yorkshire meeting:

Saturday 21st January, Carlton Hill Meeting House, Leeds

Easter Settlement 2023, “Dancing in the World – Exploring
Quakerism”:

Friday 7th April to Tuesday 11th April

Paul Ellis has made available the text of his talk at Easter Settlement
2022 “Personal Capital”. If anyone who attended would like a copy,
please contact Pauline Leonard at: pauline@paulineleonard.plus.com



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