



Welcome to the January 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 January.

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Racial Justice - Question of the Month

When did you last speak to a person of a different colour or ethnic group to yourself? What did you both talk about? Did you learn anything about their life and experiences?

If you can talk to someone of a different generation to you, ask them the same questions. How are their answers different to yours?

A reflection on the resource scarcity session at the Quakers in Yorkshire October meeting

Like many, Roy Love was very interested by the session at the last QiY meeting focusing on the causes and consequences of resource scarcity on the wellbeing of our environment. Here he shares his thoughts on the topic.

Roy has worked as a development economist and written on modern slavery and human trafficking. He is offering a short course at Glenthorne next year on Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking.

Read his article here

Events

Legal issues for Employment

Session for refugees and those supporting them.



Getting a job can provide refugees with an income, training, contact with other people and a sense of doing something worthwhile.

Getting a job for a refugee is not always easy and there may be several obstacles to getting a suitable job.

Some refugees in Leeds have been exploited by their employers. There are some things that can be done to prevent exploitation and avoid legal problems.

You are **welcome** to attend a **free** session with Julia Nelson, a Barrister, who will explain how to avoid problems. She will cover some of the things that **should be done** and some of the things **not to do**. Please bring your questions with you.

2pm on Saturday 28th January 2023 Ukraine Community Centre, 5 Newton Grove, Leeds, LS7 4HW

Faith in Action

You are invited to join us for the first Faith in Action Gathering of 2023 on **Saturday 11th February in Leeds**. The day will be a time for Quakers putting their faith into action to connect, reflect and feel restored. It will be a spacious event with time for conversation and worship, as well as a workshop in the afternoon. For more information and to register, click below.

crèche for part of the day and host overnight visitors. If you are interested in either of these please contact Ailish and Lyndsay on faithinaction@quaker.org.uk

Register here



Find out more here

Easter Settlement 2023

Fri 7th to Mon 10th or Tues 11th April, Cober Hill, Scarborough

We are looking forward to Quakers gathering at Cober Hill, Cloughton, Scarborough for Easter Settlement 2023.

The theme will be "Dancing in the World – Exploring Quakerism" and speakers will include Jan Arriens, the inspiration behind the Truth and Integrity Concern; Paul Rogers, reflecting on Peace

Jonathon Baynham, Youth Development Officer for Yorkshire will lead a programme of enjoyable and stimulating activities for the children and young people. 11–18-year- olds may attend without parents or guardians under Jo's care. Contact him at 07529221651or JonathonB@quaker.org.uk

The cost for children and young people will again be well subsidised by Quakers in Yorkshire and this year we hope that many families will be able to join us. Can we ask you to encourage parents, grandparents and carers to apply and if the cost would prevent them can you offer a bursary or refer them for a grant from your Area Meeting or Quakers in Yorkshire?

Booking forms and brochures will be available at the next Quaker in Yorkshire Meeting on 21st January and on the website. Click below for prices.

Thank you for your support in building a Quaker Community experience.

Easter Settlement 2023 Planning Group

Click here for prices

Are you new to Quakers

Join a cohort of people across Yorkshire for a year of nurturing conversations for people who want to learn more: perhaps you are new to attending Quaker Meeting, or have become a member in recent years? Or maybe you'd simply like to explore the essentials of Quakerism and to feel more confident talking about it with others?

12 online evening sessions starting April 2023

Third Thursday of each month 7pm to 8:30pm online

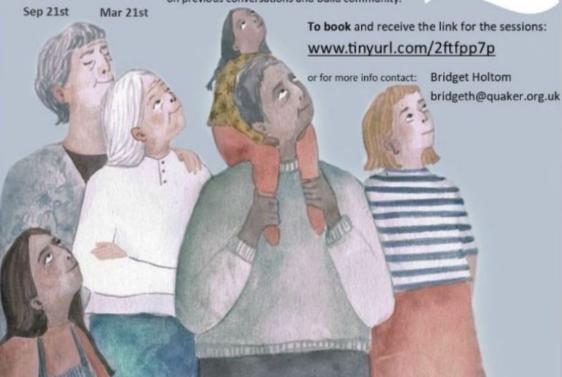
Facilitated by Bridget Holtom (Yorkshire Local Development Worker)



PLUS opportunities for in-person days together!

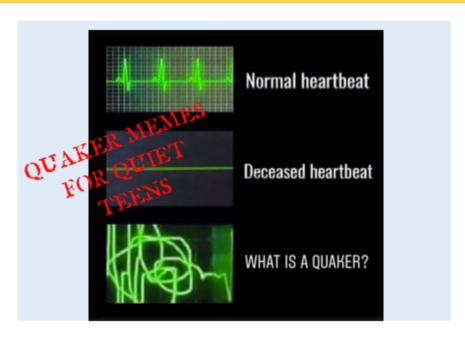
You don't have to commit to attending every session. However we hope Friends will be able to attend the majority of sessions as each will build on previous conversations and build community.

Free or by donation



Book here

Youth Events



Online and in-person youth events

From Link Groups and national events to online epilogues, Jo Baynham, the Youth Development Worker for Yorkshire, runs regular events for young Quakers through the year.

Here is what is coming up in January:

8/1/23: Online Epilogue. A social, peaceful space for 11-to18-year old's for Quaker Young people to gather, worship and explore together. A warm welcome is assured.

15/1/23: Leeds Teenage meeting, in person. Accompanied young people (ie. adults in main meeting) just show up.

25/1/23: Leeds teen social. Carlton Hill Meeting house 1730-1900. Food, conversation and socialising. Young friends from other AM's welcome.

30/1/23: Yorkshire Link Group Online. Online Yorkshire Youthwork with Jo, themes, games and worship.

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



The Yorkshire Hammock

Click below for the Christmas edition of The Yorkshire Hammock, a flexible and variable container for all things youth, quaker and Yorkshire, for young quakers, complied by Jo. Hard copies are available by post.

This document is to be printed duplex, in colour on A3, cut along the solid back lines and folded.

Click here

Junior holidays are short adventure holidays with a spiritual theme for children between the ages of 7 and 12 in the Quakers in Yorkshire area.

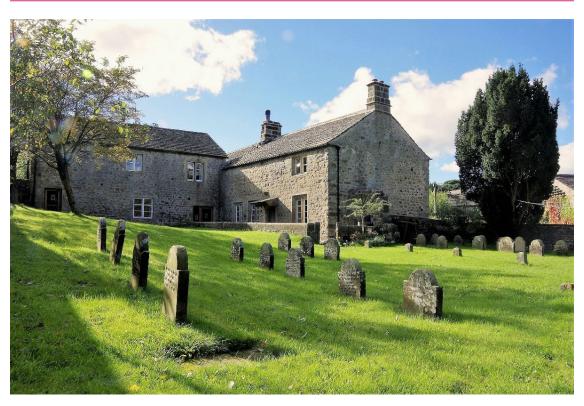
Dates for 2023 are:

9th to 11th June at Nell Bank Ilkley

22nd to 24th September at Barmoor near Pickering

For more details and to be added to the mailing list please contact Bronwen Alty bronwenalty@gmail.com

Opportunities



Volunteer Resident Friend needed at Airton Meeting

Meeting, in a beautiful rural village in the heart of the Yorkshire Dales

National Park.

Share our spiritual and social life, help with local Quaker outreach and manage daytime and overnight accommodation use of the premises. Historic two-bedroom cottage accommodation provided rent-free.

Applications close: 3rd February 2023.

Interviews: from end of February/ early March 2023

Start date: from April 2023

Further details: Philip Petty, Clerk to Appointment Committee, Airton

Friends Meeting, thepettys16@hotmail.com

Join the Quakers in Yorkshire Racial Justice Group

The Quakers in Yorkshire Racial Justice Group acts as a link point for sharing information between LMs and AMs throughout Yorkshire, and keeps Racial Justice at the forefront of our minds. QIY agreed to add Racial Justice to the agenda of our quarterly meetings, and we are responsible for co-ordinating this, and for bringing a question for reflection to Friends through both the meeting and the newsletter.

Due to some of our members having to step back from this work for various reasons, we are now looking for interested Friends and attenders who would like to join us. We meet on Zoom twice each quarter to prepare for QIY, and take it in turns to present the Racial Justice item at the meeting.

If anyone would be interested please contact either Rosemary Roberts (rosemarymroberts@gmail.com) or Ruth McTighe (smctighe@cix.co.uk).



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.

Click the link below to go to the Local Development Worker page, then click on the link for the appropriate session to register.

Sign up for Role Holder sessions here

News



Additional copies of Seeing Asylum available

There are some additional copies of *Seeing Asylum*, the booklet that went with the exhibition of photographs and text put together by Leeds Beckett University and Leeds Church Institute about Immigration Detention Centres. The exhibition was held in September 2022 at Roundhay Quaker Meeting House. The booklets make a lot of sense on their own even if the exhibition has not been seen.

They cost £1.20p each, or £2 including post and packing.

If larger numbers are required please contact Martin Schweiger to work out the best price depending on the number requested.

Enquires to Martin Schweiger at germ.buster@phonecoop.coop or by phone on 0113 4400736.

Funding of Quakers in Yorkshire in 2023

The income needed to fund the activities of Quakers in Yorkshire comes from the combination of contributions from Area Meetings; charges for events; grants and donations. Over the last two years, the pandemic and lockdowns have led to reduced income from grants and

QiY Trustees are aware of the strain on the finances of area meetings so have decided that in future we will divide our costs into core costs and support costs. The core costs will be contributed by Area Meetings on a per member basis. The support costs will be obtained by appealing for donations from Friends and meetings.

The core costs are those arising from running the QiY charity – the cost of holding Quarterly Meetings, insurance, safeguarding, newsletter, website, subscriptions, bank charges. The support costs are those arising from the activities which QiY oversees for the benefit of all Friends in Yorkshire - the Outreach Project system, Junior Holidays, Yorkshire Friends Holiday School, and Easter Settlement. The latter three activities charge fees but there is usually a subsidy from QiY to cover bursary and administration.

For further information, contact David Olver. Email david@olver.plus.com

Simplifying charitable functions – progress with GRASP recommendations

QiY established GRASP (Group to Reinvigorate and Simplify Structures and Processes) in autumn 2019. GRASP published an interim report and consultation in early 2020 and the final report in February 2021. Since 2020, area and local meetings have been considering the GRASP recommendations. David Olver has written up a short report on progress so far. Click below to read.

Read the report here

Change of Treasurer

Chris Petrie retires as Treasurer of Quakers in Yorkshire at the end of 2022. He is succeeded by Roy Love.

Contact details are: Roy Love, 2 Smithie Close, New Earswick, York YO32 4DG, Phone 01904 758 344. Email roylove439@btinternet.com

Chris Petrie has served as Treasurer for six years and has done so with great care for all aspects of the task. Quakers in Yorkshire is grateful for his service.

Our Local Development Worker for Yorkshire, Bridget Holtom, produces a quarterly newsletter with details of news, events and training of interest to Yorkshire Friends. Click below to sign up to receive these newsletters.

Sign up here



Spotlight on... Activism

"If I take action I enter into compassion, solidarity and empathy with people in powerless situations, and that helps change situations and me. It's a calling of both rage and love."

Jo Baynham interviews Bridget Holtom on her experiences of and thoughts on activism.

Read the full article here

Quakers in Yorkshire January Meeting



Date: Saturday 21st January 2023 Venue: Carlton Hill Meeting House, Leeds

Time: 10:00 - 16:00

Simplicity in the Society of Friends

The next meeting of Quakers in Yorkshire will be held at Leeds Carlton Hill MH on Saturday 21st January 2023, and also online. A summary timetable follows.

The morning session will comprise the reports from, amongst others, Junior Holidays, Holiday School, U19s Committee and the Easter

For the afternoon session we will be joined by BYM trustees, in person and online, when the theme will be 'Simplicity in the Society of Friends'. The trustees will give an overview of their inquiry into simplicity in how we conduct ourselves, including spirit led discernment and how to broaden participation, removing the boundary between worship and witness and how discernment at Meeting for Sufferings might be realised throughout BYM.

There will be an opportunity in breakout sessions for Local and Area Meetings to share their experiences of GRASP and the challenges that they face in managing an evolution that is relevant and contributes to our spiritual lives.

This meeting will be a success if Friends come with a mind to talk about their hopes for the future that can be taken up by other Yorkshire LMs and AMs as well as by the BYM trustees on a wider basis.

Do join us in Leeds in January.

The outline timetable for the meeting is:

Coffee
Silent Worship
Testimony
Reports including: U19s Coordinating Committee,
Holidays, Holiday School and Easter Settlement
Other reports, George Fox 400 th anniversary and
Lunch: bring own lunch with drinks provided.
Simplicity in the Society of Friends
Closing Minutes
Tea and departure

It will be possible for people to attend by Zoom. Click below to register in advance. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Register to join by Zoom

Venue Details

Full address: Friends Meeting House 188 Woodhouse Lane Leeds LS2 9DX

Travelling by bus:

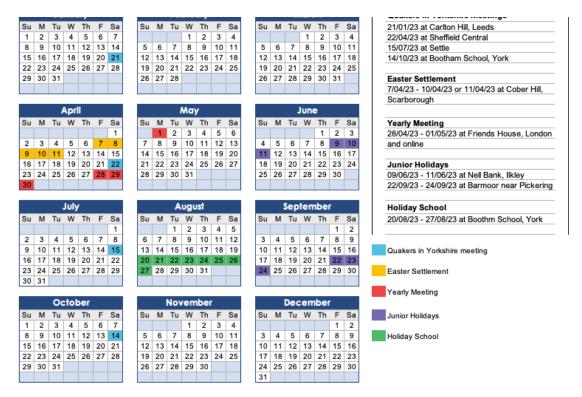
Buses from railway station: any bus from stand G, numbers 1, 93, 95. Buses from the bus station: buses from stands 20, 21 and 22, bus numbers 28, 96, 97, 731, or any bus which passes Leeds University. Station: Leeds City, 1 mile.

Travelling on foot:

The meeting house is a 30 minute walk from Leeds Station. Exit onto Wellington Street and walk straight up Park Row. Turn left onto Woodhouse Lane and continue until you see the meeting house on the right. Click below for Google Maps directions.

Travelling by car: there is a car park at the rear.

Googe Maps Directions



Dates for events in 2023

QiY quarterly meetings:

January 21 – Carlton Hill, Leeds April 22 – Sheffield Central July 15 - Settle October 14 – Bootham School, York

Easter Settlement

April 7-11 - Cober Hill, Scarborough

Yearly Meeting

April 28 to May 1 - Friends House, London and online

Junior Holidays

June 9-11 - Nell Bank, Ilkley September 22-24 - Barmoor, near Pickering

Holiday School

August 20-27 August – Bootham School, York

Click below for a PDF version of the calendar

Click here

Deadline for items for the April newsletter: Monday 13th March

If you have any feedback on the format of this newsletter, please send it to the email below.

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