

Quakers in
Yorkshire
Newsletter
July 2023

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

Minute 27 of Britain Yearly Meeting 2022 ends with the statement "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."

The [International Center for Transitional Justice](#) says that "Reparations are meant to recognize and redress the wrongdoing that occurred and to repair the consequences of the violations to the extent possible."

CARICOM, a long-standing grouping of 20 Caribbean countries (a sort of Caribbean equivalent of the EU), speaks about [Reparatory Justice](#), rather than reparations - a term with much broader implications.

Our questions this time are:

 Have you ever in your life had a positive experience of

reparatory justice?

 What does reparatory justice mean to you?

Quakers in Yorkshire Trustee Annual Report for 2022

2022 was a year of recovering from the Covid pandemic. It started with uncertainty as to whether physical activities would be possible and ended with confidence that lockdowns and restrictions were no longer needed as vaccinations had overcome the worst consequences. Quakers in Yorkshire was able to hold successful live events for Easter Settlement, Junior Holidays and Holiday School.

The quarterly meetings in 2022 tried to strike the right balance between sensitivity to Covid precautions and enabling Friends to meet together. There was a mix of formats during the year.

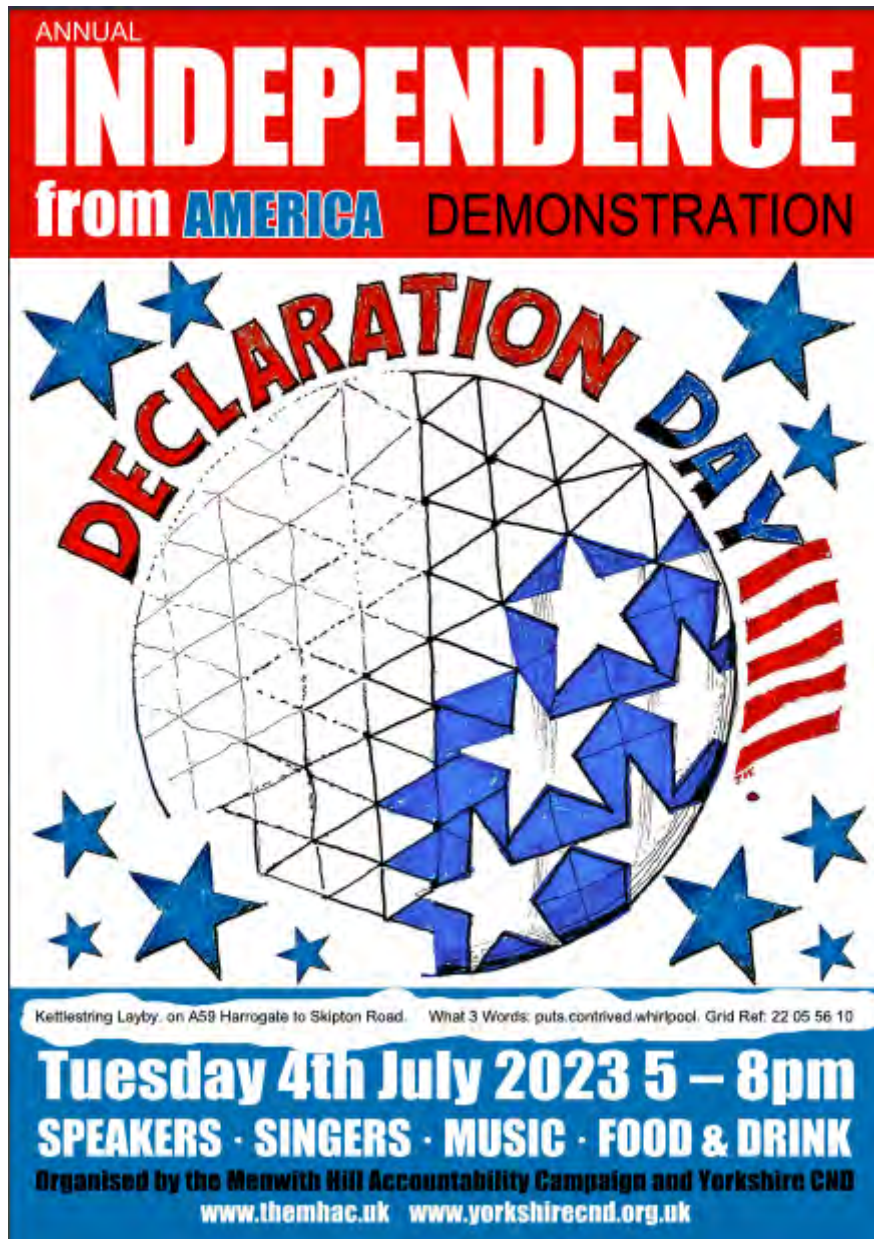
Committees worked hard to fulfil their remits, mostly by meeting online. Thanks go to the members of Nominations Committee, Arrangements Committee, Outreach Projects Committee and the Under 19s Coordinating Group. Also to the organising groups for Easter Settlement, Junior Holidays and Holiday School.

Both income and expenditure were significantly higher than 2021. The total income was £52,780, compared to £24,893 last year, as events returned to normality. The increase in total expenditure was £65,831 compared to £51,611 last year but 2021 was inflated due to the giving of funds to Britain Yearly Meeting to fund the Yorkshire Youth Development Worker.

Click below for the full report.

[Read the full report here](#)

Events



ANNUAL
INDEPENDENCE
from AMERICA DEMONSTRATION

DECLARATION DAY

Kettlestring Layby, on A58 Harrogate to Skipton Road. What 3 Words: puts.contrived.whirlpool. Grid Ref: 22 05 56 10

Tuesday 4th July 2023 5 – 8pm
SPEAKERS · SINGERS · MUSIC · FOOD & DRINK
Organised by the Menwith Hill Accountability Campaign and Yorkshire CND
www.themhac.uk www.yorkshirecnd.org.uk

[Click here for more information](#)



Quakers in Britain
Yorkshire Centre
www.quaker.org.uk

Join Bridget Holtom (Local Development Worker) and Jo Baynham (Youth Development Worker) for a chat with a **cuppa and cake** at the Quakers in Britain Yorkshire Centre.

Wednesday Lunchtimes

12-2pm

All Friends welcome

Bridget

Jo

Wednesday 22nd February 2023
Wednesday 5th July 2023
Wednesday 13th September 2023
Wednesday 6th December 2023



Quakers in Yorkshire Family Day

Saturday 15th of July

10:30-16:00

Settle Meeting House

Quaker Business in the morning with a crèche,
children's and youth activities alongside.

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All-age activities in the afternoon.

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Celebration lunch provided.

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Bring your children/grandchildren/associated young
people.

Financial contributions welcomed but not required.

Woodbrooke Places events at Quaker Meeting House, Central Leeds

Book now for:

[George Fox in his Own Words](#) on 22 July

During this day we will explore four well-known passages written by George Fox and listen to them performed in plainsong by Paulette Meier. What did these messages mean in the 17th century? What do they mean for us today?

There is more information at <https://www.woodbrooke.org.uk/courses/george-fox-in-his-own-words/>

[Refresh Your Quaker Role](#) on 30 September

Are you a roleholder in need of refreshment? Join us for a day of informal workshops. We will explore Threshing and Clearness; take time out to relax and recharge; and end with a lively discussion of how service and spirituality can support each other.

Full details are available at <https://www.woodbrooke.org.uk/courses/refresh-your-quaker-role/>

[What Happens in Meeting for Worship?](#) on 28 October

Meeting for Worship is a central Quaker practice, but it can be a bit of a mystery! To explore it, we'll spend time together in silence and discussion. We'll cover the diversity of spiritual experiences, spoken ministry, and the use of Advices & Queries.

There is more information at <https://www.woodbrooke.org.uk/courses/what-happens-in-meeting-for-worship/>

[The Heart of the Quaker Way](#) on 2 December

The Quaker way is often portrayed as an individual one or one hard to define. However, there is a clear and contained sense of what it is to be a Quaker and how to be Quaker. This course explores what can be thought of as the heart of the Quaker way.

Full details are available at <https://www.woodbrooke.org.uk/courses/the-heart-of-the-quaker-way-3/>



Yorkshire Friends Holiday School's 90th Anniversary!

Date: Friday 25th August 2023 - 3.30pm – 8.30pm

Location: Bootham School, 49-57 Bootham, York YO30 7BU

Come and celebrate YFHS's 90th anniversary by joining the fun at YFHS 2023! All former participants are invited, along with any young people you know who may be interested in attending future events.

Click below for more information and to book.

Find out more and register 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's what's coming up over the next few weeks:

28/6/23: Leeds Teen Pizza Social. We're making banners for the Menwith Hill Protest.

2/7/23: Online National Youth Group. A social, peaceful space for 11-to-18-year olds for Quaker Young people to gather, worship and explore together. A warm welcome is assured.

4/7/23: Independence from America Menwith Hill Protest. A protest outside of the home of allied extrajudicial killings and data harvesting since WW2. Enough is enough. Lifts are possible by arrangement. See "Hammock" for more details.

15/7/23: Quakers in Yorkshire Family Day. A catered family day with


wonderful activities with Friends from all across Yorkshire, in the beautiful village of Settle.

16/7/23: Leeds Teenage meeting. Worship followed by a shared lunch.


Find his full calendar, and details of how to book, below.

Quaker Youth Events Calendar

The Yorkshire Hammock



A flexible and occasional container for all things that intersect Quakers, Young People and Yorkshire – collated by Jo, for young Quakers



The Yorkshire Hammock

Click below for the most recent edition of The Yorkshire Hammock, a flexible and variable container for all things youth, quaker and Yorkshire, for young quakers, compiled 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](#)



**YORKSHIRE FRIENDS
HOLIDAY SCHOOL**



**Bootham School York
20th-27th August 2023
13-18yr olds**

bursaries available
for more information WWW.YFHS.ORG.UK

[Book here](#)

Junior Holidays 2023

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.

The next Junior Holidays is:
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

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

Opportunities

Bamford Quaker Community looking for new residents



The Quaker Community at Bamford are looking for Quakers interested in joining the residential community in the Peak District. See below for details of a welcoming event and to read their vision statement.

Email mail@quakercommunity.org.uk or visit www.quakercommunity.org.uk for more details.



New life, new home, new Friends.
New Light Weekend
18-20 August 2023

We are welcoming Quakers interested in joining and renewing the residential community in the Peak District, regenerating ourselves, the land, the buildings and each other.

Contact: Quaker Community Bamford, Water Lane, Hope Valley, Derbyshire, S33 0DA 01433 650085
mail@quakercommunity.org.uk
www.quakercommunity.org.uk

Living sustainably Deepening spirituality Regenerating community

Read their vision statement here

Easter Settlement 2024 - Bookings Manager and Treasurer needed

There is an urgent need for a person to take over the Bookings and Treasurership of Easter Settlement with the standing down of Helen Brockley and Chris Petrie. A full job description can be obtained on application, but some knowledge of finance and of spreadsheets is considered to be necessary. Applications should go to Pauline Leonard, pauline@paulineleonard.plus.com, in the first instance.

Open up and tell your story: Sign your Meeting House up for Yorkshire Churches Day

Yorkshire Churches Day (YCD) is a chance for every place of worship in the county to open up and showcase the amazing history and heritage found inside their buildings.

This year it will be held on Saturday 16 September

A day to tell stories and bring to life the variety, beauty, history and sheer wonder of Yorkshire's churches, chapels and places of worship. The aim of the day is to encourage everyone to visit their local church even if they have never stepped foot inside a church before. It will be a day for those who are curious about history and heritage of their local surroundings. Click below or visit <https://www.yhct.org.uk/yorkshire-churches-day/> to read more and

register your Meeting House.

Find out more here



Faith in Action Coordinator job opportunity

Quakers in Britain is looking for a Faith in Action Coordinator to help strengthen and grow grassroots Quaker activism for positive social change. This is an ideal role for a 'people person', who is passionate about empowering others.

Click below for more information.

Find out more here

Tenancy for the cottage linked to Rawdon Meeting House soon available

Cottage in LS19: 17th century 2 bed cottage, linked to 17th century Rawdon MH, with lounge, kitchen, pantry, small workshop and small front garden. Tenancy becoming available within the next two months. Expressions of interest to jjstafax@aol.com

News



Monthly Worship at Farfield Meeting House (near Ilkley)

Everyone is welcome to attend a meeting for worship held on the third Thursday of each month during the summer at the historic, simple, Farfield meeting house.

**Thursdays 20 July, 17 August, 21 September and 19 October –
2.30 pm to 3.15 pm.**

There is limited car parking nearby. A pleasant alternative is to park in Addingham and walk the 1 ½ miles using the Dales Way path which goes along the scenic river Wharfe. This is also the best route if coming by bus (from Ilkley, Keighley or Skipton).

Airton Barn and Meeting

Airton Local Meeting is now worshipping each week on Sunday at 3.00 pm.

The Barn has re-opened for overnight accommodation, please contact the Resident Friend, Cindy Metcalf on 01729 900 018, or email airtonbarn@gmail.com.



Tea Time Concerts at Pickering Quaker Meeting House come to an end (for now)

Alison and John Lawson, co-wardens of Pickering Quaker Meeting House, held eight concerts in the autumn and spring at Pickering Quaker Meeting House. They were held from 4 – 6pm on Saturdays (and once on a Sunday) and included some fine local music as well as tea and homemade cakes.

Read their full reflection on a successful season of concerts below.

[Read more here](#)

New Local Development Worker

After a fantastic time in the role, Bridget Holtom is moving on from being the Local Development Worker for Yorkshire. We welcome our new worker, Craig Barnett, who worships at Sheffield Central Meeting. Craig will likely begin work in early July.

Book of Members and Attenders

The popular Quakers in Yorkshire Book of Members and Attenders is published every three years so the next edition is due out early 2024. Compilation will be done this autumn with local meetings supplying the data.

We comply with data protection rules by only publishing a printed version and enabling members and attenders to say what contact information is published about them and their family.



The Leeds Royal Armouries; An alternative Tour for young Quakers

"We noted our emotions as we walked between aisle of outward pointing WWII machine guns, we felt in some small way the fear and waste of a War only a few generations behind us."

In May, a group of young Friends visited the Royal Armouries in Leeds. Click below to read some reflections taken from a period of worship sharing in the cafe.

[Read more here](#)



Spotlight on... Protesting at Menwith Hill

"There's no accountability, there's huge amounts of data

hoarding, we're not even allowed to know the name of the person who oversees the site. People drive past these funny looking golf balls, in lovely green fields and little do they know that what is done in there would be absolutely illegal for you and I."

Jo Baynham interviews Martin Schweiger to learn about two decades of taking action for peace at RAF Menwith Hill.

[Read the full article here](#)

Quakers in Yorkshire July Meeting



Date: Saturday 15th July 2023

Venue: Settle Meeting House and on Zoom

Time: 10:00 - 16:00

This will be a Family Day with activities for all ages.

Programme:

From 10am: tea and coffee

10.30: Meeting for Worship

11.00: Welcome from Clerks and Settle meeting, appointment of

Elders

- 11.15 onwards: Reports from QiY trustees, Glenthorne trustees, Breckenbrough School, Racial Justice,
- 12.40: Arrangements for DSEI 2023
- 12.50: Appointments
- 12.55: Notices
- 13.00: Lunch, to be provided this time
- 14.00: Shared activities for all ages, including walks and conversation.
- 15.50: Closing minute
- 16.00: Close of meeting

Jo Baynham is arranging activities during the morning session for young people: we will come together at lunch time and into the afternoon.

Lunch will be provided so it is important that all who wish to meet in person register. Details will be available on the [Quakers in Yorkshire website](#).

It will be possible for people to attend by Zoom. If you would like to attend online, please register in advance.

Settle can be reached by rail, if there are no strikes. The most convenient train back to Leeds leaves at 16.30, with the next at 17.58 so we will finish promptly.

Venue Details

Full address:

21 Kirkgate
Settle
BD24 9DX

Travelling on foot:

The meeting house is a 5 minute walk from Settle Station. Turn left out of the station and follow the road. Turn right on Station Road, then left just after the dental practice. Walk through the carpark and continue to Kirkgate, then turn left. The meeting house is situated on the left.

Travelling by car:

The meeting house is just behind Ashfield Car Park.

Click below for Google Maps directions.

Google Maps Directions

2023

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Events

Quakers in Yorkshire meetings

21/01/23 at Carlton Hill, Leeds
 22/04/23 at Sheffield Central
 15/07/23 at Settle
 14/10/23 at Bootham School, York

Easter Settlement

7/04/23 - 10/04/23 or 11/04/23 at Cober Hill, Scarborough

Yearly Meeting

28/04/23 - 01/05/23 at Friends House, London and online

Junior Holidays

09/06/23 - 11/06/23 at Nell Bank, Ilkley
 22/09/23 - 24/09/23 at Barmoor near Pickering

Holiday School

20/08/23 - 27/08/23 at Bootham School, York

- Quakers in Yorkshire meeting
- Easter Settlement
- Yearly Meeting
- Junior Holidays
- Holiday School

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

Holiday School

August 20-27 August – Bootham School, York

Junior Holidays

September 22-24 - Barmoor, near Pickering

Click below for a PDF version of the calendar

[Click here](#)



Deadline for items for the October newsletter: **Monday 18th September**

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

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