



Quakers in Yorkshire Newsletter April 2024

Welcome to the April Newsletter!

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

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Quakers in Yorkshire 2024

Please join us for our quarterly meetings, where we bring together people and topics to generate thought, action and a shared experience. Our meetings are open to Friends, Attenders and friends.

April 20th - Huddersfield Meeting House (see bottom of the newsletter for details)

July 20th - New Earswick Meeting House, York

October 19th- The Mount School, York

[Click here for the Quakers in Yorkshire Quarterly Meetings page](#)

More details here



Racial Justice Notes for Reflection

BAYARD RUSTIN 1912 - 1987

Born in Pennsylvania in 1912, the Quaker Bayard Rustin was raised by his maternal grandparents. His grandmother's Quaker faith – rooted in peace, community, and equality – influenced his decision to become an activist. Even as a young man, Rustin fought for many causes, including racial equality and workers' rights. He was a prominent leader in social movements for civil rights, socialism, non-violence, and gay

rights. Rustin was the principal organiser of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom in 1963.

Here are some well-known Rustin quotes:

“If we desire a society of peace, then we cannot achieve such a society through violence. If we desire a society without discrimination, then we must not discriminate against anyone in the process of building this society. If we desire a society that is democratic, then democracy must become a means as well as an end”.

“If we desire a society in which men are brothers, then we must act towards one another with brotherhood. If we can build such a society, then we would have achieved the ultimate goal of human freedom”.

“To be afraid is to behave as if the truth were not true”.

“We need in every community a group of angelic troublemakers”.

In the Racial Justice item at Quakers-in-Yorkshire in Huddersfield on April 20th we plan to bring you more about Bayard Rustin, whose life still resonates with our concerns today.

Events



Huddersfield Quaker Meeting House
Saturday 20th April 1000 for 1030

PEACE

Hear from

NFPB - EAPPI - Swords in to Ploughshares - The
Peace Museum - Quaker Roots

Children's and youth programme (splash park!) in
the morning - all-age creative workshop with QPSW
in the afternoon. Registration of children via the Qiy
website essential.

Vegan soup provided for lunch + whatever you bring
yourself!



Register here

CREATIVE TACTICS FOR PEACE



**Explore effective
tactics**

**Learn and share skills
for a peaceful world**

**Meet like-minded
people**

Share a free lunch

**Build the movement
we need**

DAY LONG 10-5 BOOK NOW
tinyurl.com/creativetacticsforpeace

**SATURDAY
18TH MAY**

**YORK/FRIARGATE
MEETING HOUSE**

Register Here

What is the Quaker Way? An online introduction to Quakers

What is the Quaker Way? is a monthly series of online sessions for newcomers to explore Quaker spirituality and community. Each session includes small group sharing and listening. They are led by staff from Quakers in Britain.

All sessions are on **Thursdays from 7.30pm-8.30pm on Zoom**. You are welcome to attend one or more sessions, and you can join on any date for the first time.

For dates, and to receive a Zoom link for the sessions, please register [here](#).



Yorkshire Quaker Camp

A group of Friends from across Yorkshire is now starting to

vision a new all-age community, based on an affordable and fun annual residential, the Yorkshire Quaker Camp.

As Quakers in other parts of Britain have found, camps can be a wonderful opportunity for all-age relationship, learning and spirituality. We aim to make the Yorkshire Camp accessible for everyone, by including a range of accommodation options, from canvas to real beds, in a scenic location at the lowest possible cost.

The next planning meeting will be on **Monday 15th April 6.30-7.30pm** on Zoom. Children are warmly encouraged to join in. If you would like to take part in shaping this vision please get in touch with your Local Development Worker, Craig Barnett at: CraigB@quaker.org.uk



Wakefield Quakers

**City of Sanctuary
Faith Stream of Sanctuary Award**

**Quaker Meeting House
of Sanctuary**

Celebration Social

Thursday May 23rd 2024

6pm – 8pm

Quaker Meeting House
Thornhill Street,
WF1 1NQ

Wakefield Quakers invite you to an evening of celebration, music and social hospitality.

People are welcome to come along and share memories, food and rekindle friendships and build new community connections.

The celebration is open to all friends, organizations and neighbours who have been with the Friends on this journey.

If you can, please let us know if you are joining us, for further information, please contact

Linda.fielding@blueyonder.co.uk or 07311 283964





Peer Support Zoom sessions for Quaker Role Holders

These 1-hour Zoom sessions are a space to raise concerns, share experience and find solutions together. They are facilitated by your Local Development Workers for Yorkshire and West Midlands & North West. ***Please register in advance to receive a Zoom link.***

Local Meeting Clerks

Wednesday 21st February 7.30pm
 Thursday 25th April 7.30pm
 Monday 23rd September 7.30pm

Treasurers

Wednesday 6th March 7.30pm
 Thursday 6th June 7.30pm
 Thursday 7th November 7.30pm

Trustees

Thursday 22nd February 7.30pm
 Thursday 2nd May 7.30pm
 Thursday 10th October 7.30pm

Nominations

Thursday 7th March 7.30pm
 Thursday 13th June 7.30pm
 Wednesday 13th November 7.30pm

Pastoral Care

Thursday 29th February 7.30pm
 Thursday 16th May 7.30pm
 Monday 14th October 7.30pm

Eldership

Wednesday 20th March 7.30pm
 Thursday 20th June 7.30pm
 Monday 18th November 7.30pm

**To register for a session, or for more information, please contact:
 Craigb@quaker.org.uk**

[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.

Check out [Jo's page](#) on the Quakers in Yorkshire website for all the latest news and events.



The wandering West Yorkshire Families Quaker Meeting is the **28th of April at Hebden Bridge**, get in touch with Jo to be added to the planning WhatsApp.

Jonathonb@quaker.org.uk 07529221651



Yorkshire Friends Holiday School



18-25th August '24 -ages 13-18- Bootham School, York



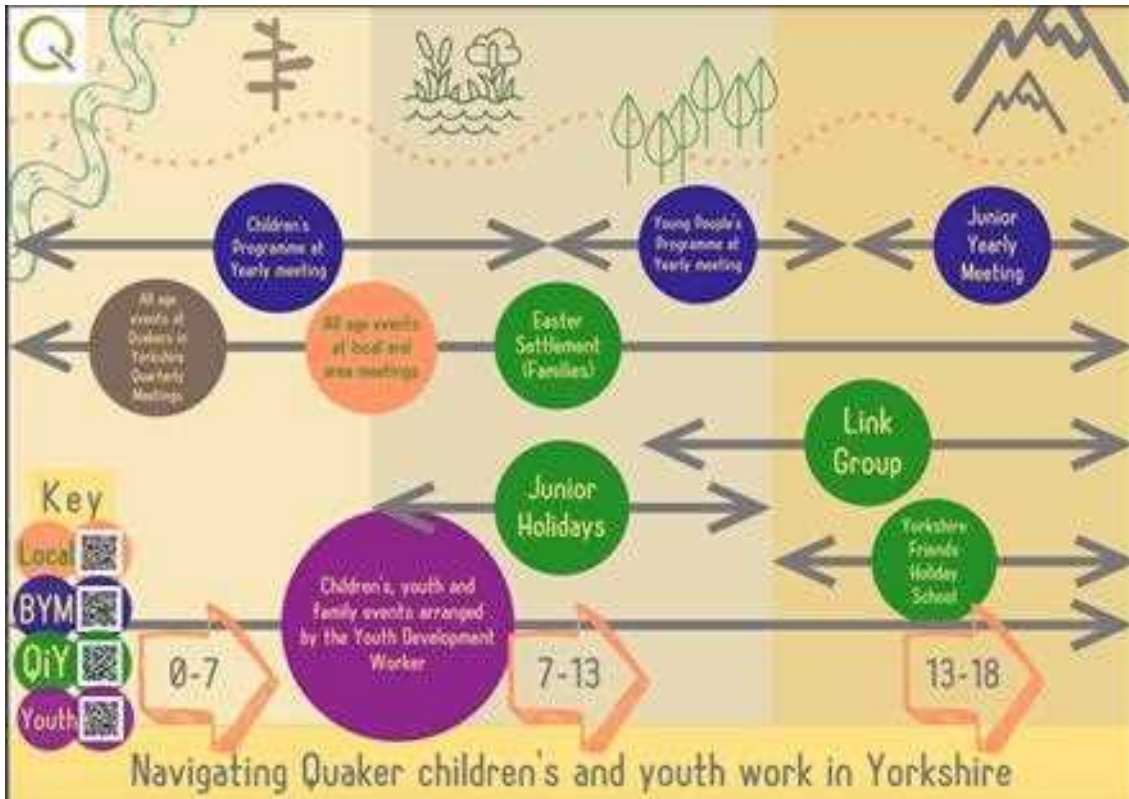
YFHS is an annual gathering of around 100 young people. Each year we build a vibrant, respectful community and organise a variety of activities- both fun and thought provoking

Please visit our website, www.yfhs.org.uk where you'll find the application form and more information



Find out more here

Apply now



Navigating Quaker Children's and Youth Work in Yorkshire

Click below for a wonderful poster to display in your Meeting House, showing all the major events for children and young people in Yorkshire.

[Click here](#)

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

Outreach in the 400th anniversary of George Fox

birth

George Fox was born in July 1624. He was the predominant figure in early Quakerism, and generations of Friends have been inspired by his story and his writings. His 400th anniversary will be celebrated by Friends around the world. Some will be using it as an occasion for outreach.

Friends in Yorkshire who want to undertake outreach of whatever nature have a fund that can be applied to for assistance, and we are encouraged to make use of it. At the moment the grants committee intends to meet quarterly in April, July and October, and applications should be sent in by the first day of those months.

Information and the application form can be found [here](#).

Ellie McCarthy is the George Fox 400 Coordinator at Quakers in Britain. If you are planning an event, please email her at georgefox400@quaker.org.uk for support.

Quakers in Yorkshire Outreach Projects



Book a Kindlers Workshop for your Quaker community

The 2024 programme of Kindler workshops is now available. Workshops cost £100 for a day and are usually booked by a local or area meeting. Subjects include revitalising your meeting, exploring spirituality, deepening worship, and walking cheerfully over the world. It is possible to ask for a tailor-made workshop.

There is a new website www.thekindlers.org.uk and a new contact address admin@thekindlers.org.uk James McCarthy of Acomb Meeting is the current administrator and will be pleased to answer queries: 01904 330977.

Find out more here



Support Airton Meeting House by buying a book!

**Roots of Radicalism, a Context for Early
Quakerism in the Yorkshire Dales**
by Laurel Phillipson

Centred on the ancient wapentakes of East and West Staincliffe, this detailed study, first published in 2020, focuses on the development of radical religious thought in the North Yorkshire Pennines in the 16th and 17th centuries and traces the history of a rural Quaker meeting from the mid-17th into the 21st century. Before the 1650s when it was first used for Quaker worship, Airton Meeting House was a semi-clandestine meeting place for an unknown group, probably of religious dissenters, perhaps of Seekers. It is among the oldest places of Dissenting worship in Britain. New to this second edition, is a wide-ranging assessment of the diverse factors which led to the extraordinarily rapid development of radical religion and early Quakerism in the Yorkshire Dales.

All income from book sales supports the Airton Meeting House.

Order form

Mindful Self-Compassion (MSC)

Shad Woolgrove of Sheffield Central Meeting has been offering MSC courses in person and online since 2018 including a 3 day Residential Core Skills at Woodbrooke. Now Shad is offering a 5 day Intensive Residential in the beautiful Peak District from **Sunday 30 June until Friday 5 July.**

For more details and a booking form

contact shadwoolgrove@btinternet.com

To find out more about MSC www.centerformsc.org



Who are QCOP and what do we say?

- We seek to make the world a fairer, better place
- We apportion no blame
- Choice, education and empowerment are at the heart of it

Would your Meeting like to know more about QCP?

If you or your Meeting are interested in exploring the problems and suffering caused by the continuing rise in the World's population, QCOP can offer to arrange a meeting, either on Zoom or in person to explain our concerns and values.

There are many misconceptions about our 'concern' about population – a meeting allows discussion and an opportunity to respond to the worries of some Friends.

Please make contact by email or phone: Martin Schweiger,
convenor of the QCOP Committee:

germ.buster@phonecoop.coop

'Population talk is a testimony to equality in which all women and girls can have control of their own bodies.' Florence Blondell (*Florence* was born and raised in Uganda and holds an MSc in Population & Development from the London School of Economics and Political Science.) See:

<https://www.overshootday.org/florence-blondel-population/>

News

Wakefield Quakers recognised for City of Sanctuary work

Following an application and assessment process, Wakefield Quakers are pleased to share that Wakefield Quaker Meeting House has been awarded the City of Sanctuary Faith Stream of Sanctuary award and is now a Quaker Meeting House of Sanctuary. This is testament to the work from many people over more than 10 years to make the Meeting House a welcoming and inclusive place where people from all communities feel they are at home and safe.

In recognition of this award, Wakefield Quakers are planning a celebration evening and welcome attenders from across the Quakers in Yorkshire community who would like to celebrate this achievement with us. Click below for details.

Event details



Farfield Meeting House

The simple Farfield Meeting House was chosen by Historic England in 2019 as one of 10 faith and belief places in England. It is located 2 miles west of Addingham, near Ilkley, on the road to Bolton Abbey. It is open all year.

During the summer months, a half-hour meeting for worship is held on the **third Thursday of the month at 2.30pm in the afternoon**. The dates for 2024 are:

18th April, 16th May, 20th June, 18th July, 15th August, 19th September and 17th October 2024.

Book of Members and Attenders

The 2024 Book of Members and Attenders lists Friends in all the meetings comprising Quakers in Yorkshire. It is compiled from data supplied by local meetings.

Copies can be purchased from David Olver (email: david@olver.plus.com) for £6 per copy plus £2 for postage of any number of copies.

Payment should preferably be made by bank transfer to CAF Bank, Sort Code: 40-52-40, Account No: 00019549, Account Name: Quakers in Yorkshire. Message "BOM-your name".



Spotlight on... Yorkshire Friends Holiday School

"It's one big family with no judgement, where everyone feels welcome, and in my experience I learned that I do fit in...To me, Holiday School is home."

Charlotte, a Student Helper at Yorkshire Friends Holiday School, writes about her experience of the event and reflects on what it means to her.

[Read her piece here](#)

[Apply for YFHS 2024](#)

**Quakers in Yorkshire
April Meeting**



Date: Saturday 20th April 2024
Venue: Huddersfield Quaker Meeting House
Time: 10:00 - 16:00

All Yorkshire Quakers are encouraged to attend, starting with hot drinks on arrival from 10am and the first session at 10.30am.

This is an in-person only event.

Programme:

10.00 Arrival, and refreshments

>From 10.30 Children's and youth programme (Splash Park!)

10.30 Meeting for Worship

10.50 Testimony

11.00 Welcome from the Clerks and Huddersfield Friends, housekeeping and appointment of Elders

11.10 Morning session to include:

Northern Friends Peace Board

Debby Flack on her recent experience as an EAPPI human rights monitor in Israel/Palestine

A workshop led by Quaker Roots on Peace

12.40 Racial Justice report

12.50 Appointments

12.55 Notices

13.00 Lunch. Bring your own to go with vegan soup provided by local Friends

14.00 Afternoon session to include:

Swords into Ploughshares, a perspective by Geoff Tansey; and the Peace Museum

An all-age creative session; and Rebecca Bellamy on her role with Quaker Peace and Social Witness

15.55 Closing Minute

16.00 Close of meeting and departure.

Note: for all those intending to join the Children's and youth programme please register on the QiY website.

Register here

Venue Details

Full address:

Friends Meeting House
Church Street
Paddock
Huddersfield
HD1 4TR

Travel and parking:

- Huddersfield Quaker Meeting House is about 1.5 miles from **bus and train stations**, approximately **20 minutes walk**.
- **By bus** – take the **301/302** service to **Golcar** from the bus station to **Paddock Junior School**. It runs every half-hour on Sundays.
- **By car** – take **Manchester Road (A62)** from the city

centre, turn right at Longroyd Bridge to “**Paddock and Longwood**“. The Meeting House is on the right-hand side of **Church Street** opposite the six-storey flats.

- **Parking** is available within the Meeting House grounds. There are bike rings for locking up bicycles.

Click below for Google Maps directions.

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Dates for events in 2024

Quakers in Yorkshire meetings

January 20 – Carlton Hill, Leeds

April 20 – Huddersfield

July 20 - New Earswick, York

October 19 – The Mount School, York

Easter Settlement

29th March - 1st April

Yorkshire Friends Holiday School

18th - 25th August

Click below for a PDF version of the calendar

Click here



Deadline for items for the July newsletter: **Wednesday 26th June**

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

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