

Dear Friends,



Quaker Development Work in Yorkshire

We hope this letter finds you well. We enclose a wonderful retrospective celebrating 90 years of Yorkshire Friends Holiday School for your bookshelves, as well as a few bits and pieces for your notice boards and for circulation generally, along with brief updates on our work. Increasingly we (Craig Barnett – Local Development Worker & Jo Baynham - Youth Development Worker) work collaboratively in, with and alongside Quaker communities in Yorkshire.

With Quaker Meetings around Yorkshire we've been sharing conversations about renewing our experience of community and offering a generous welcome to newcomers. Meetings across Yorkshire are beginning to thrive again, post pandemic, by reaching in to their local communities, welcoming families, and making a wholehearted commitment to sharing the riches of the Quaker way with each other and with newcomers.

As your Development Workers, we are supporting Friends with this commitment by:

- Providing a regular programme of youth events
- Offering training for youthwork volunteers
- Running workshops for Local Meetings about welcoming children and families
- Supporting the development of a new Yorkshire Quaker Camp (starting in summer 2025)
- Running regular online introductory sessions for newcomers
- Facilitating online peer support sessions for Quaker roleholders

We are also available to respond to your requests for support. **Please get in touch** if you have ideas for how we can support your Meeting to thrive.

Enclosed herewith;

- Yorkshire Friends Holiday School, 90 Years – 100 memories
- A poster, QR code and a few leaflets for YFHS
- A “What is the Quaker Way” invitational poster from Craig
- An invitational poster for the Quakers in Yorkshire Fox400 celebration in July
- An information sheet inviting you to contribute to an exciting intergenerational Yorkshire audio project, again to celebrate George Fox’s worshipful legacy.

Not enclosed herewith, as they were included in our last annual postal mailing;

- A QR poster which allows folk to sign up to our respective information emails
- A Navigating Quaker Youthwork in Yorkshire post

We hope that both have found their way onto your noticeboard. If not, they can be downloaded, along with everything else included herewith (*sans* YFHS book) from <https://quakersinyorkshire.org.uk/the-yorkshire-development-work-mailing/>

In Friendship

Craig Barnett (LDW) and Jo Baynham (YDW)