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Quakers in Yorkshire Newsletter

October 2024

Welcome to the October 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 October.

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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.

October 19th- The Mount School, York (see bottom of the newsletter for details)

[More details here](#)

Contribute to discernment on BYM committees

The Group to Review Central Structures needs Friends to offer feedback on proposals for changes to central committees. They are proposing to merge Quaker Life Central Committee and Quaker Peace and Social Witness Central Committee. Please take a look at the [consultation document \(PDF\)](#) and send your comments by **13th October**.

Events

Quaker Quest

What do these well-known logos all have in common?



They were set up by Quakers and famous for their quality and ethics.



Clarks

Want to know more about the Quakers? – come to our Quaker Quest - join us for supper and hear from 3 Settle Quakers what being a Quaker means to them.

MONDAYS 14TH, 21ST, 28TH OCTOBER - 18.30 - 20.00

Quakers believe that one should live a life that is true to God, true to oneself, and true to others.

Quaker Meeting House, Kirkgate, Settle

Peace Witness at Menwith Hill

Peace Witness at the Main Gates of Menwith Hill each **Tuesday evening from 6pm to 7.30pm**. Everyone is welcome to take part in this peaceful protest. More information at <https://themhac.uk> or phone Martin Schweiger on 07760311406.

Fox 400 Event at Harrogate

On **Saturday 26th October** from **10am-12pm** **Ben Wood** is coming back to us at **Harrogate QMH** to discuss how Quakers today relate to/differ from George Fox's vision of 400 years ago. Would Fox recognise us today as Quakers?

It will be a session open to all, including all other meetings in our area, and will be very interesting and stimulating.



Quaker Easter Gathering 2025

Easter Settlement will not be running in 2025 but it is hoped that a more informal Gathering will take place at **Cober Hill** at the Easter weekend – **Friday 18th to Monday 21st April 2025.**

Click below for more details.

Find out more

Yorkshire Quaker Camp

Save the Date!

Friday 8th - Monday 11th August 2025

Fell Edge Farm, near Ilkley



Photo: Fell Edge

Join us at Yorkshire Quaker Camp 2025 for a vibrant celebration of all-age Quaker community!

This fun-filled, intergenerational event will be at the Fell Edge campsite near Ilkley. This beautiful eco-friendly site includes a teepee, trampoline, composting toilets and a barn with sprung dance floor for music and dancing.

The camp will be affordable for everyone, and we will all take a share of cooking and other tasks together. There are also some options for local B&B accommodation for those who are unable to camp.

Booking details will be available soon at:

quakersinyorkshire.org.uk

or further information please contact: **craigb@quaker.org.uk**



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

Sign up for quarterly updates from Craig 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, click below.

[Register here](#)

[Youth Events](#)

O to 11 - up to school year 6
11-18 - school years 7-13

FREE

REGISTER NOW

CHILDREN & TEENS' PROGRAMMES AT MEETING FOR SUFFERINGS

For more details and to register please visit www.quaker.org.uk/events

DATES:

- 5th October 2024
- 7th December 2024
- 1st March 2025
- 5th July 2025

10AM - 4PM AT FRIENDS HOUSE

A programme of activities designed to:

- Build and support Quaker communities
- Spiritually enrich young Quakers
- Provide enjoyment, creativity and fun.

Activities will link to the main themes of Meeting for Sufferings

Events facilitated by BYM staff and safely recruited volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, please get in touch: cypadmin@quaker.org.uk

Britain Yearly Meeting cypadmin@quaker.org.uk

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.

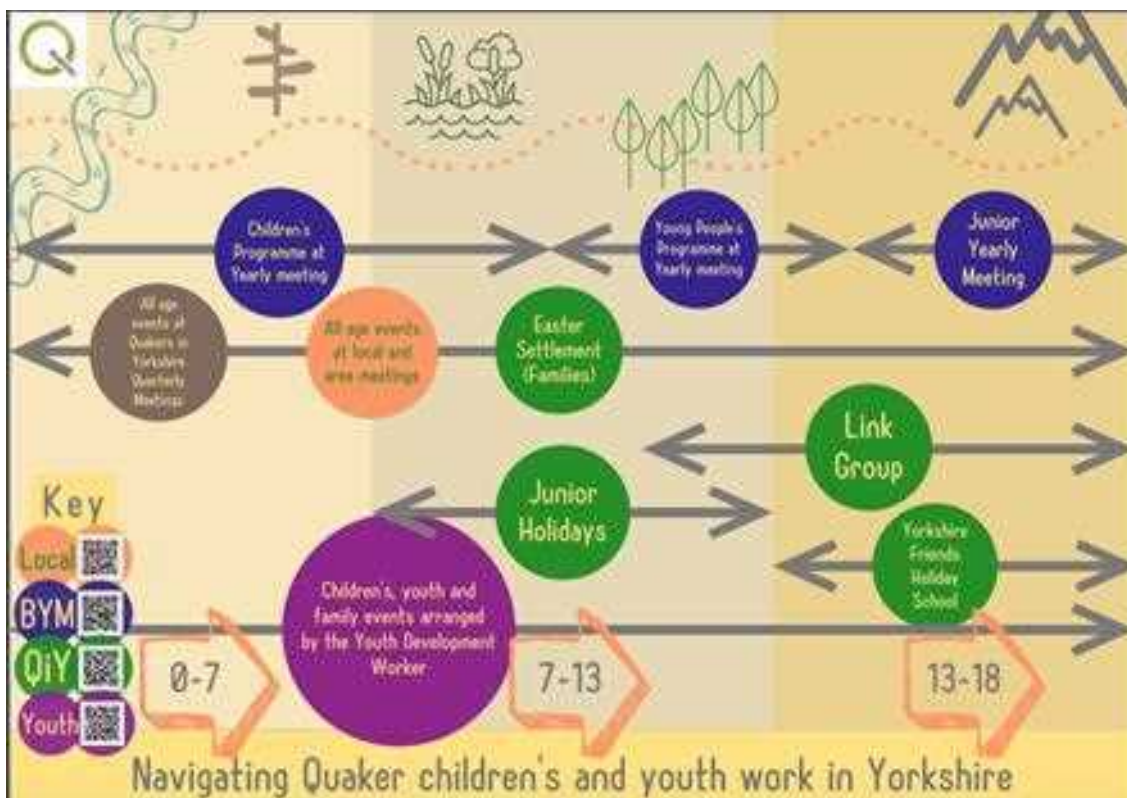
Online Youth Work Training.

A repeating three part adult crash course/shared exploration of everything you need to get going in Quaker Youthwork.

Does not need to be taken in order!

Register your interest/see more details online @ quakersinyorkshire.org.uk/youth-development-worker/

Enquiries jonathonb@quaker.org/07529221651



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



Take action on child slavery in cocoa farming

Sheffield Racial Justice Group have been discussing how to counter child slavery and the exploitation which contributes to it in cocoa farming.

Linda Duckenfield invites you to join the action!

Read more below.

Read more here



Rookhow Retreat Away Fund

Rookhow is a Quaker charity in the Rusland Valley, about 15 minutes from Ulverston, consisting of a 16 bed bunkbarn, historic Quaker Meeting House for group space, a yurt in the woods and 2 campfires set in 12 acres of magical oak woodland.

Our Retreat Away Fund is set up to allow groups, who may not be able to cover the cost themselves, to stay at Rookhow. Click below to find out more about the fund, fill in an application for a group or contribute to the fund.

Find out more

Quakers in Yorkshire is seeking a new Treasurer

Would you be interested in this role or able to recommend the name of a friend who may be willing and able to serve?

Meetings are held three times a year and the role is not seen as over demanding as the QiY charity does not have paid staff or property, rather it supports the work of the QiY activities including Junior Holiday, Holiday School, Quaker Outreach

Projects Committee, QiY Gatherings etc. Oversight of significant endowment funds would be required as would on-line banking skills.

Please see the [Job Description here](#) and contact David Olver, Clerk of QiY Trustees for more details about the role - david@olver.plus.com.

You may also like to see the most recent annual report available at [Quakers-in-Yorkshre-report-accounts-2023.pdf \(quakersinyorkshire.org.uk\)](#).

If you are interested in this role or know of a friend who may be interested, please speak to a member of the QiY Nominations Committee – the contact is Catherine Putz. 'Safer recruitment' processes are in place for this role including DBS checking.

With many thanks, Robert Keeble, one of the Leeds representatives on the QiY Nominations Committee available at Robertkeeble@hotmail.com

Request a speaker from Quaker Peace and Social Witness for your meeting

We think the centrally managed peace and social witness work we do at Quakers in Britain is really inspiring and we couldn't do it without you, so we want to share it with you! Staff and Central Committee members are available to speak after Meeting for Worship or as part of in-person or blended events you are planning in your Quaker Community.

If you want to request a free presentation, workshop or leaflets for your local meeting or event in your area, please email qpsw@quaker.org.uk.

News



Harrogate Friends do outreach with a 'Fox 400' postbox topper!



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 forthcoming dates for 2024 are:
17th October 2024.



Spotlight on... Junior Yearly Meeting

"We discussed the impact that true unconditional love can have on the trajectory of a life. To know that your mistakes do not need absolving, just rectifying. You do not need to be perfect to be loved."

York Quaker Finn writes about his first experience of Junior Yearly Meeting.

[Read his report here](#)

Watch the JYM 2024 epistle here



Have you lost a basket?

This was left after the Quakers in Yorkshire George Fox 400 celebration in July. If it is yours, please email judithkh251@gmail.com.

Quakers in Yorkshire
October Meeting



Date: Saturday 19th October 2024
Venue: The Mount School, York
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 a blended event.

Programme:

10.00: Tea and coffee

10.30: Meeting for Worship

11.00: ('Housekeeping', including Elders for the day)

Reports from the Mount School and Bootham School

Racial Justice update

13.00: Lunch. Please bring your own food.

14.00: Simplifying Yorkshire Quaker Governance:

Looking at the proposals for a single Yorkshire Quaker charity;

simplification for reinvigoration.

16.00: Close of meeting

The Zoom link will be posted on the Quakers in Yorkshire website before the event.

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. Use the entrance on Driffield Terrace.

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 January newsletter: **Saturday
28th December**

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