**Swarthmore Lecture Proposal Form**

The Swarthmore Lecture is given annually at the time of Britain Yearly Meeting. It has a twofold purpose: first, to interpret to the members of the Religious Society of Friends their message and mission, and secondly to bring before the public the spirit, the aims and fundamental principles of Friends.

The Lecture is overseen and supported by the Swarthmore Lecture Committee, which is appointed by the trustees of Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre. The Lecture is funded by Woodbrooke. The role of the Committee is to discern topics and names of the lecturers and to support them through the preparation and delivery of the spoken lecture. They also work with Woodbrooke and BYM staff to create additional materials and activities.

In its discernment the committee considers both Friends who have a message for the Yearly Meeting and also what issues are of concern and interest to Friends or which bring Quaker witness, faith and practice to a wider audience. The committee considers names put forward by Friends, relevant themes where there might not be a clear lecturer and our own leadings about possible names. We already have a pool of potential lecturers to which we would like to add.

The Swarthmore Lecture Committee invites Area Meetings and individual Friends to propose possible themes and/or lecturers using this form which can also be downloaded from [www.woodbrooke.org.uk/swarthmorelecture](http://www.woodbrooke.org.uk/swarthmorelecture). If suggestions come from an Area Meeting please attach the relevant minute.

The Committee meets three times a year and usually discerns names for lecturers two years ahead. We already have definite plans for 2017 & 2018.

**Proposals made on this form will be kept confidential to the Swarthmore Lecture Committee. We ask that you do not discuss your suggestion with any Friend whose name you are suggesting. Don’t worry if you do not have answers to all the questions.**

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| Your Name |  |
| Your Area Meeting/ Yearly Meeting (if not Britain YM) |  |
| Your Contact Details |  |

**Proposal of possible lecturer**

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| Name of proposed lecturer |  |
| Proposed lecturer’s Area Meeting/Yearly Meeting (if not Britain YM) |  |
| Proposed speaker’s contact details (e.g. address, phone, email) |  |
| Please tell us a bit about their background, why you think they would make a good lecturer and the possible theme or message they might speak about. | | |
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**Proposal of possible theme for future lecture**

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| What issue of concern or relevance to Friends do you think a future Swarthmore Lecture should focus on? |
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**Further information** (either about a potential lecturer or possible theme)

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| Is there any other information that you think may be helpful to the committee? |
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**Please return forms to: Clerk, Swarthmore Lecture Committee, Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre, 1046 Bristol Road, Birmingham, B29 6LJ. Email:** [**simon.best@woodbrooke.org.uk**](mailto:simon.best@woodbrooke.org.uk)