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Welcome to Woodbrooke



Woodbrooke has been offering courses and programmes of learning for over 115 years. People from many different walks of life have found themselves drawn to the learning that we offer in a broad range of subjects.

Some of our learning is focused on supporting Quakers in building and maintaining a healthy community. Much of our learning is about individuals finding different ways of exploring their own spiritual path.

If you have never experienced one of our courses before, we really hope that you might feel encouraged by this brochure to try something new.

Sandra Berry

Sandra Berry, Director



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A Unique Learning Experience

Originally founded in 1903 by George Cadbury and John Wilhelm Rowntree as a centre for Quaker learning, Woodbrooke continues to support the learning and growth of thousands of people and equip them to play their part in their communities and the world.

INSPIRED LEARNING

Our learning programmes seek to support, inform and transform individuals and communities. We aim to nurture spiritual development, strengthen communities and enable and encourage work for a peaceful and just world.

OPEN TO ALL

Woodbrooke learning, whether held at our centre in Birmingham, at other locations around Britain and beyond, or online, is open to all who are interested. We aim to provide inclusive learning and affirm the gifts of all, offering stimulating resources, expertise and safe spaces to enable engagement with challenging ideas.

TIME AND SPACE

One of Woodbrooke's founders John Wilhelm Rowntree wrote that "In the noisy rush of modern life we need periods of quiet when the soul may feed in peace on that which shall nourish it for action". The tranquil setting of Woodbrooke's centre in Birmingham, still offers this time and space and our learning is a collaborative process, creating spaces where the spirit can work among us.

VARIETY & FLEXIBILITY

We offer a broad range of courses which enable the deepening of individual spiritual lives, exploration of issues such as understanding Quaker faith, practices and history, as well as working for peace and justice. Our online programmes (see p 18-19) and workshops for Quaker communities (see p 55) offer flexible learning opportunities wherever you are.



“As always Woodbrooke feels like a home from home.”

THE CHANGING FACE OF FAITH PARTICIPANT

“Excellent, sensitive and supportive facilitation; an atmosphere of openness and trust.”

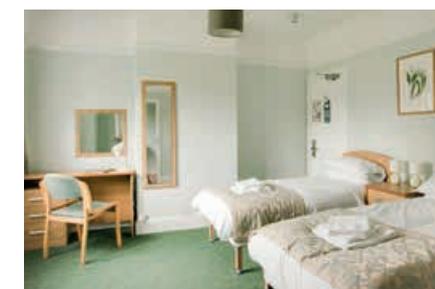
QUAKER – BUDDHIST DIALOGUE EVENT PARTICIPANT

“Definitely got what I had hoped for and (unexpectedly) felt extremely cared for and supported. Found the course calming and centering as well as practical and inspiring. I guess I wasn’t expecting such a personal impact.”

MANAGING OUR MEETING HOUSES PARTICIPANT

“I loved the freedom of movement that I was enabled to use. I was surprised by the words; they really took me deeper into the dance. Thank you.”

SPIRIT DANCE PARTICIPANT



What is included?

The price listed in the brochure includes the following:

- The course including all materials and handouts
- En suite single accommodation*
- Freshly cooked meals**
- Access to all of Woodbrooke’s facilities from arrival to departure.

* We have a small number of rooms with a shared bathroom. If you would specifically like one of these rooms please state this at the time of booking. We cannot guarantee availability of rooms. There will be a discount of 10% applied to the price of a residential course. If you have any questions relating to this please contact us first before making a booking. We also have a number of twin and double rooms available; if you are coming with someone else and would like to share please let us know at the time of booking.

** A non-residential place includes lunch and evening meal.



Also at Woodbrooke



ACCOMMODATION

At Woodbrooke we are renowned for our warm, welcoming and fairly priced accommodation. You can retreat from the hustle and bustle of life and soak up the atmosphere in the former home of George Cadbury and enjoy the 10 acres of organically managed gardens and grounds.

Our bed and breakfast packages start from just £50.00 per person and we also offer a range of room and board types to choose from. Visit woodbrooke.org.uk/stay to check availability.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Woodbrooke is the perfect venue for your next meeting, conference or event. With nine bright, airy meeting rooms holding up to 100 people, you will leave feeling refreshed and inspired. Our packages offer exceptional value for money and include complimentary Wi-Fi, freshly prepared meals and handmade cakes and cookies. Our friendly attentive staff will ensure that your event runs smoothly from start to finish.

Our meeting packages start from just £36.00 per person but please contact our reservations team on 0121 472 5171 to discuss your requirements in more detail.

“The respect, gentleness and love of the tutors and other participants made for a brilliant experience.

I really appreciated the depth and breadth of practices that were introduced to us.”

A ‘PRACTICE AND PRESENCE’ PARTICIPANT

“The course tutors were outstanding; they have an extraordinary way of making the space very safe whilst encouraging risk taking and spiritual growth.”

A ‘TIME SET ASIDE’ PARTICIPANT

“There was quiet, no hurry, freedom to think, to listen, to work alongside lovely people.”

AN ‘OPEN TO WONDER’ PARTICIPANT

“I got exactly what I was looking for and more”

AN ‘O BE JOYFUL’ PARTICIPANT

Financial support

We want to enable everyone who would like to participate in Woodbrooke learning to be able to do so whatever their financial circumstances.



DO YOU NEED FINANCIAL SUPPORT?

Woodbrooke’s bursary fund is available for anyone who needs help with the cost of a course whether this is a few pounds or more substantial support. We can also help with a payment plan so you can spread the cost over a period of time.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRY WOODBROOKE LEARNING FOR THE FIRST TIME?

If you have never been to Woodbrooke before and are tempted to take the plunge then you can take advantage of a £50 discount on your first course. This offer is for courses at Woodbrooke only and terms and conditions apply. To claim this discount enter the code INTRO50 at the checkout stage when booking online or tick the box on a paper form.

ARE YOU AGED BETWEEN 18 AND 35?

If you are aged between 18 and 35 you can book any short course for half the listed price. Enter the code YA19 at the checkout stage when booking online or tick the relevant box on the booking form at the back of this brochure.

For more information about ways we can help please contact our reservations team on 0121 472 5171 or see www.woodbrooke.org.uk/offers.

Would you like to stay on after your course?



If your course finishes on a Sunday you can stay on and enjoy Woodbrooke for a little longer.

Take advantage of our 'Sunday night special' which offers Sunday evening supper, bed and breakfast for £45.

Simply quote SNS19 when booking your course.





We need your help!



Garden Lounge nearing completion, May 2012

Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre is a very special place. Many people tell us how important Woodbrooke is to them and we take great care in trying to keep our buildings and gardens in good order. We also try to improve the facilities too – especially towards making the centre more accessible. Maybe if you see Woodbrooke looking well cared for, you might think that we don't need financial help.

Sadly the costs of maintenance are increasing all the time. Our recent buildings condition survey has identified work which will cost around £2 million over the next 10 years.

We can raise some of that £2 million needed through our commercial activities, but we can't raise it all without risking the essential nature of Woodbrooke's atmosphere. These maintenance costs are not unusual in buildings of the age and complexity of Woodbrooke. Some things will cost a lot and there are also lots of smaller problems where even a modest donation would make a difference.

Over the last few years Meetings and individuals have made donations totalling around £35,000 per year. If you or your meeting could help us with a one off donation or even a regular amount, then we would be very grateful. This would allow us to keep Woodbrooke well maintained and hopefully be able to afford to make some improvements too.

To make a donation visit www.woodbrooke.org.uk/donate or you can add a donation with your booking form when you book a course.

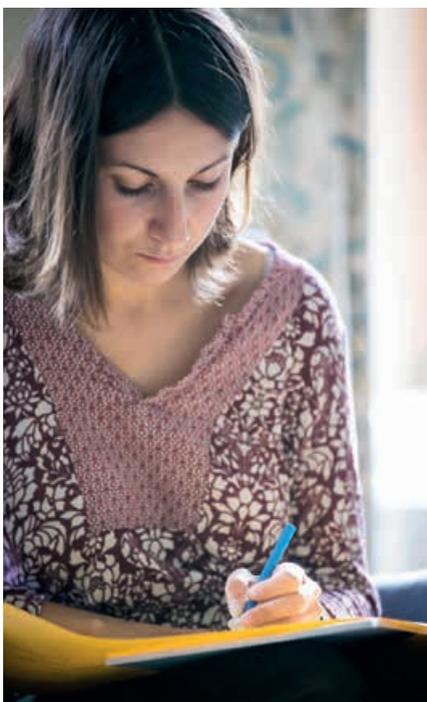
Learning where you are

It doesn't matter where in the world you are, you can learn with Woodbrooke. We offer a range of outstanding online learning opportunities which give the chance to deepen your connection to the spirit, discover more about the Quaker tradition, explore contemporary issues and learn about Quaker roles.

Woodbrooke's online programme offers:

- Flexible learning - courses can be in your own time
- Engaging video, audio and written material weekly
- Learning forums to share reflections and ask questions
- Live Q&A
- Support from experienced tutors

The times, ways of accessing material and time commitment for online courses vary. Full details are on the individual course listings on the website and where known in the brochure.



QUAKERISM IN 18TH AND 19TH CENTURY AMERICAN LITERATURE

14 January - 24 March

WHAT TO DO ABOUT MONEY

23 January - 20 February

A FRIENDLY INTRODUCTION TO THE QUAKER WAY

28 January - 10 March

BEING A QUAKER CLERK: AN ONLINE COURSE FOR CLERKS AROUND THE WORLD

28 January - 10 March

THE ROOTS OF THE QUAKER WAY: EARLY FRIENDS IN THEIR RELIGIOUS AND POLITICAL CONTEXT

5 February - 12 March

DEEPENING THE LIFE OF SPIRIT: AN ONLINE RETREAT

11 February - 24 March

A QUAKER RESPONSE TO ANIMAL SUFFERING

4 March - 14 April

WRITING BRILLIANT ANNUAL REPORTS

14 March - 28 March

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11 - 29 April

BEING A QUAKER TREASURER

16 April - 21 May

RADICAL SPIRITUALITY: THE EARLY HISTORY OF THE QUAKERS

29 April - 17 May

ELDERSHIP AND OVERSIGHT

6 May - 16 June

LET YOUR LIFE PREACH

20 May - 16 June

GALATIANS 7

28 May

PRACTICAL SKILLS IN NON-VIOLENCE

3 June - 14 July

EXPLORING QUAKER CHAPLAINCY

3 June - 14 July

BIBLE STUDY FOR QUAKERS

8 July - 18 August

QUAKER NOMINATIONS

15 July - 25 August

MULTIPLE RELIGIOUS BELONGING

12 August - 22 September

BEING A QUAKER CLERK: AN ONLINE COURSE

2 September - 13 October

ELDERSHIP AND OVERSIGHT

2 September - 13 October

A TASTE OF LIFE WRITING FOR TRANSFORMATION™

16 September - 27 October

EUROPEAN QUAKER VOICES

16 September - 27 October

MEETING FOR WORSHIP FOR BUSINESS: AN ONLINE COURSE

23 September - 3 November

Exploring diversity and inclusion

In 2019 we're offering Friends and meetings a range of opportunities to respond to Britain Yearly Meeting's call to examine diversity within the Religious Society of Friends.

These events will give you the chance to look at the issues, consider the implications and think about what practical steps individuals and meetings can take.

'ANSWERING THAT OF GOD IN EVERYONE': A DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION NATIONAL GATHERING

18-20 January

Woodbrooke & Britain Yearly Meeting working in partnership

A diverse and inclusive community where all are welcomed has been an ever present aspiration for Quakers. This event aims to equip Friends to make it a reality. We will explore diversity in a variety of forms in an intersectional way. Prepare to be challenged and inspired.

CRITICAL WHITENESS

22 - 24 February

What is white privilege? Who has unearned power and why? How does the often unnamed racial position of white people affect families, careers, and interactions?

BEING AN INCLUSIVE FAITH COMMUNITY

1 - 3 March

How is inclusion rooted in our theology? How does inclusion differ to diversity, and how we can include all people in our faith

communities, regardless of economic power, gender, mental health, physical ability, race or sexuality?

A FRIENDLY INTRODUCTION TO GENDER DIVERSITY

15 - 17 March

An opportunity to explore the distinctive role of Quaker meetings in embracing the richness of gender diversity based on our testimonies.

BECOMING A QUAKER DIVERSITY ALLY

17 - 19 May

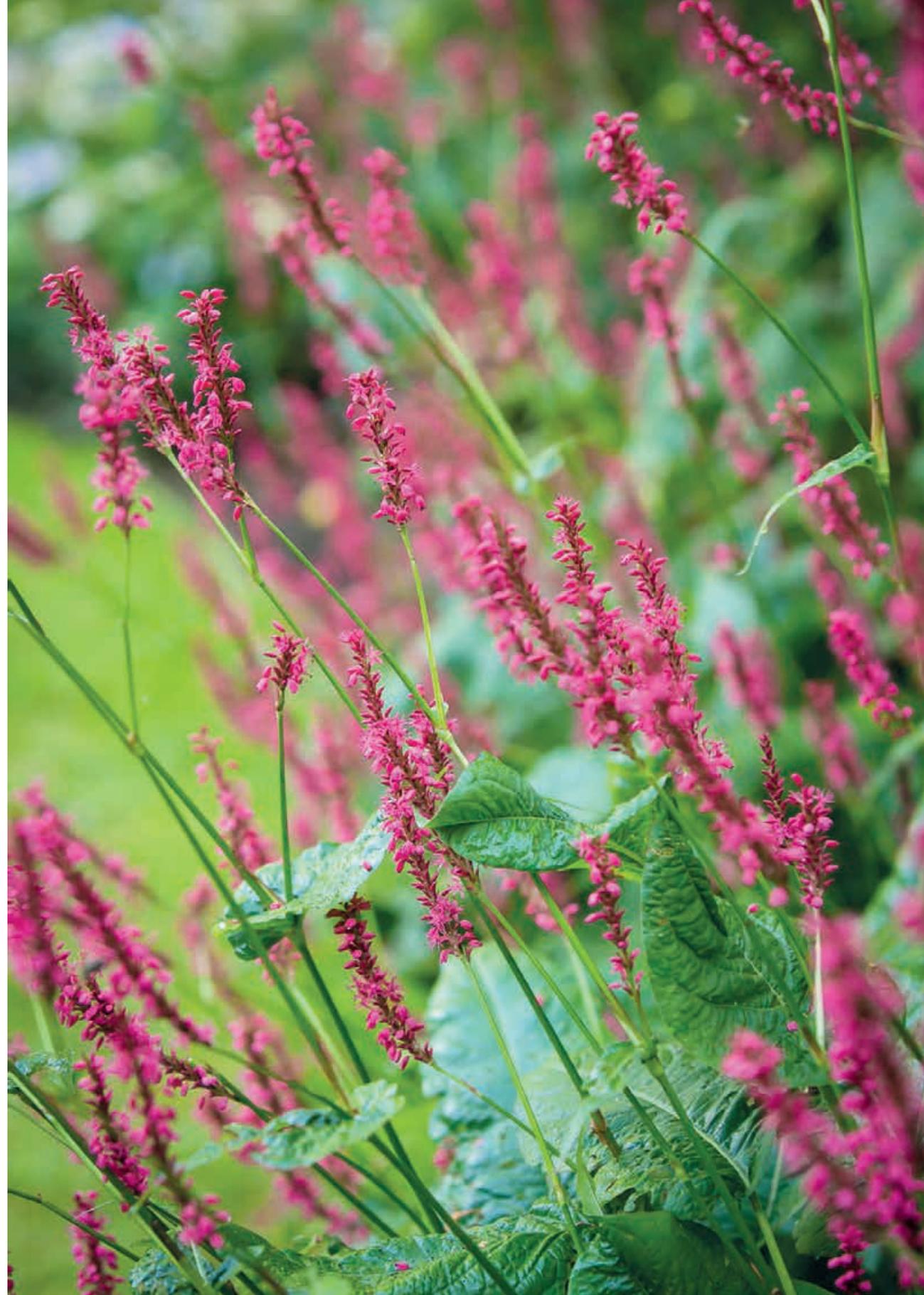
How can we as Friends become more effective allies in the fight for racial justice and racial healing in our lives, in our communities, and beyond.

ENQUIRING INTO QUAKER DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

2- 4 August

We will use the Philosophy for Communities methodology to have an in-depth discussion of the deeper meaning and implications of diversity and inclusion and explore what it means in practice for Quakers.

Find out more about the courses above by visiting www.woodbrooke.org.uk/diversity-and-inclusion or see the listings in this brochure.





Experience Swarthmoor Hall

Join Woodbrooke tutors at Swarthmoor Hall for the chance to explore the Quaker way of the past and the present.

Woodbrooke is working in partnership with Britain Yearly Meeting to offer opportunities to nurture your spirit, explore the roots of Quakerism and deepen your understanding of Quaker practices in the unique setting of Swarthmoor Hall.

Situated in the Lake District, Swarthmoor Hall is the 'hidden gem of Furness' and was the home of Judge Thomas Fell and Margaret Fell. Today its historic building and beautiful gardens are open to visitors with B&B accommodation, a café and shop on site as well as offering a variety of courses, retreats and pilgrimages.

Find out more about the courses below by visiting www.woodbrooke.org.uk/swarthmoorhall and to book visit www.swarthmoorhall.co.uk or call 01229 583204.

WRITING RETREAT

7-12 April 2019

This retreat is open to anyone looking for space and time for writing, whether starting a new project, or to take forward or finish off a current piece.

Tutors: Ben Pink Dandelion and John Gray.
See page 45 for full details.

A PLACE FOR THE SCRIPTURES

3-5 May 2019

The early Friends experience of the living Spirit made them suspicious of placing authority in a fixed text – but they believed this insight was rooted in the Bible itself. This course is part of a continuing exploration of how Friends today relate to the Bible without compromising Quaker insights.

Tutor: Timothy Ashworth.
See Page 58 for full details.

THE INNER LIGHT: AN EXPLORATION OF EASTERN SPIRITUAL POETRY

10-12 May 2019

The weekend will include a wide ranging survey of the ways in which Far and Middle Eastern scriptures and poetry have explored and expressed the nature and consequences of spiritual aspiration. All texts will be studied in translation.

Tutor: Peter Brennan.
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JOURNALING: A WAY TO THE CENTRE

7-9 June 2019

For those who wish to use journaling as a tool to deepen their spiritual life. In reflecting on our current condition, via a series of exercises designed to image our lives, possibilities are opened for becoming more deeply centred.

Tutors: Gerald Hewitson and Wendy Hampton. See Page 48 for full details.

DEVELOPING A PRACTICE OF CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

13-15 September 2019

An introduction to an ancient Christian way of prayer beyond words. The emphasis will be on practising meditation together and beginning to understand its rationale, its effect on our daily lives, our understanding of ourselves, of each other and of God.

Tutor: Liz Watson.
See Page 66 for full details.

MOTHERS OF ISRAEL: EXPLORING THE WRITING OF EARLY QUAKER WOMEN

27-29 September 2019

The early Quaker movement was unusual in its time for the freedom it afforded women to be preachers, prophets and writers. This course will enable you to explore the lives, and writings of a number of important seventeenth century Quaker women.

Tutor: Stuart Masters.
See Page 66 for full details.

QUAKER NOMINATIONS

18-20 October 2019

This event is for members of Quaker nominations committees. Friends can expect a renewed insight into the potential of nominations to strengthen meetings and enabling them to flourish.

Tutors: Members of Woodbrooke's Nominations tutor team.

Bring your meeting to Woodbrooke

Would your meeting benefit from time together in a beautiful setting with the opportunity for learning and fellowship?



We can tailor a package to meet the needs of your meeting – please contact us for more information and to discuss your requirements. Call us on 0121 472 5171 or email enquiries@woodbrooke.org.uk

Package includes:

- Full board en suite accommodation (if residential)
- Meals and refreshments
- Teaching sessions and all materials
- A meeting room for the exclusive use of your group
- Access to Woodbrooke's garden, library and other facilities for your whole stay

“The quality of teaching & facilitation, the physical space of the house and the beautiful garden felt very helpful in facilitating the explorations of myself and my meeting.”

MEMBER OF A LOCAL MEETING, MARCH 2018

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Engagement in the World

Exploring and understanding Quaker testimony, and its various expressions amongst Friends, reflecting on how we can live out our faith in today's world and supporting Quaker witness and activism. We also offer learning on a wide range of themes that reflect current Quaker concern and witness.

WED 23 JAN - WED 20 FEB

WHAT TO DO ABOUT MONEY

Online course

16 places | £24 per place

We are involved with money every day - working for it, spending it, saving it, investing it, and giving it away or just worrying about it. We feel guilty about having too much and worry about having too little. In this online course we'll explore our relationships with money so that participants are better able to make choices about their use of money, as individuals or as Meetings. Financial advice will not be given.

Tutor: Maud Grainger

FRI 22 - SUN 24 FEB

CRITICAL WHITENESS

15 places | £245 residential | £170 non-residential

What is white privilege? Who has unearned power, and why? How does the often unnamed racial position of white people affect families, careers, and interactions?

This course speaks from the personal experience of the white tutors who are in an ongoing process of understanding their place in the world's racial systems, with the aim of ending racism and white supremacy. All are welcome to join us for this exploration, which may be challenging, moving, and uplifting.

Tutors: Rhiannon Grant and Andrew Lane

MON 4 MAR - THU 14 APR

Online course

A QUAKER RESPONSE TO ANIMAL SUFFERING

16 places | £36 per place

Are you concerned with animal suffering? Do you question the moral justifications for their ill-treatment? Do you have an awareness of them as precious creatures of God? This six week online course will introduce key themes in the field of Animal Theology within the context of the Quaker faith. Also looking at biblical, Buddhist and scientific understanding, we will ask how our lives of active witness might realise the common bonds we share with other species, and extend our vision of the peaceable kingdom.

This course involves a time commitment of approximately two to three hours per week.

Tutor: Martin Layton



FRI 8 MAR - SUN 10 MAR

AN INTRODUCTION TO NONVIOLENT COMMUNICATION

15 places | £245 residential | £170 non-residential

At home or at work, the way we think about ourselves and communicate with others affects a fundamental aspect of our lives - human connection. Develop ways of expressing the heart of your messages with power, and learn to hear the essence of other's communication, instead of hearing blame and criticism. This workshop introduces you to the concepts and tools of Nonviolent Communication (NVC) developed by Marshall Rosenberg. It will improve your best relationships and ease the conflicts and misunderstandings of your worst.

Tutors: Therese Bentley and Shona Cameron.

FRI 15 MAR - SUN 17 MAR

TRANSFORMING THE WORLD

12 places | £245 residential | £170 non-residential

How can we, as Quakers, bring about non-violent, peaceful transformation in our Meetings, in our families, in our workplaces, in our society, and in the world? In this course, we will explore together how transformation starts and unfolds - and how we can make it happen. We will learn from Quaker history and experience, as well as from current creative approaches, to better understand our roles in bringing about transformation in line with our testimonies.

Tutors: Tracey Martin and Ivan Hutnik

WED 8 MAY - FRI 10 MAY

ANGER MANAGEMENT WITH ART

12 places | £245 residential | £170 non-residential

This course is for anyone who wants to look at anger issues using art materials – those wanting to look at their own anger, those working with others who are angry, or both. No ability in art is needed, just a willingness to have a go. We will look at what anger is; whether it is good or bad; at the physical symptoms of anger; the influence of early family patterns; using relaxation and assertiveness to manage anger more constructively.

Tutors: Marian Liebmann and Kate Hale

MON 13 MAY - WED 15 MAY

TOWARDS A QUAKER RESPONSE TO ISRAEL AND PALESTINE

12 places | £165 residential | £95 non-residential

Should Friends do more to promote reconciliation in Israel-Palestine? In this course we will explore together the roots of the conflict and the role of cross-border initiatives such as the Parents' Circle Families Forum. We will ask what other steps might be acceptable to many Palestinians and Israelis. Among Quaker peacemakers some see their chief role as "prophets", others as "reconcilers". Both can contribute to this enquiry.

Tutors: John Lynes and Alwyn Knight

MON 20 MAY - SUN 16 JUNE

LET YOUR LIFE PREACH

Online course

16 places | £24

Are we challenging the injustices in the world? In worship are we hearing the cries of the world and are we responding to the call to act? Together we will explore the roots of our tradition to see how this helps us today. 'In our communities we can find ways to challenge, to test and to work together to build the kingdom of heaven on earth. This may be challenging, this may be uncomfortable but we can work together with love and tenderness. Friends, it's time to ask ourselves, if we were accused of being Quakers, would there be enough evidence to convict us?'

This course involves a time commitment of approximately two to three hours per week.

Tutors: Martin Layton and Maud Grainger

FRI 31 MAY - SUN 2 JUNE

BECOMING A BAND OF EVERYDAY PROPHETS

14 places | £165 residential | £95 non-residential

What does the prophetic voice sound like in our time? The everyday prophet listens for the Holy in the midst of the turmoil of ordinary life and lives out of the wisdom the spirit opens in our hearts. We will explore how our meetings might nurture us as we become everyday prophets creating a community that sustains all of us as we faithfully witness to God's way in actions large and small.

Tutors: Margery Post Abbott and Maud Grainger

MON 3 JUN - SUN 14 JUN

PRACTICAL SKILLS IN NONVIOLENCE

Online course

£36

Woodbrooke working in partnership with Turning the Tide.

Dreaming of a more peaceful and just world? Join us as we share ideas, thinking, practice and real life examples about collective action through nonviolent means. Whether you are an experienced activist wanting some space to reflect or you're wondering about how to make a difference (and everything in between!) – you are very welcome to participate.

Tutors: Turning the Tide trainers



FRI 19 JUL - SUN 21 JUL

FINDING MEANING IN THE MARGINS

14 places | £165 residential | £95 non-residential

Most of us have felt on the margins at times. But how can we find comfort or solace – or even transformation – through such experiences? We will look at margins in nature, in the lives of social and spiritual reformers, artists and others, as well as in our own lives. We will look at the extent to which marginal experiences are universal, and how they can lead to renewal and healing of ourselves and the world in which we live. The weekend will be highly participatory, using music, poetry, nature and people's experiences, including our own.

Tutors: Chris Bemrose and Mike Mullins

SAT 20 JUL REGIONAL EVENT

PROTEST SONGS

40 places | £20

Singing can bring joy and lift up our hearts. This one day workshop is for anyone who wishes to learn the songs that sing out against injustice and to sing the words of hope for a changed world. Come and spend a day learning songs of protest in the company of other singers, passionate for a just and compassionate society.

This one day workshop is being held at Watford Quaker Meeting House (WD17 4QB) from 11 – 4pm. Please bring a packed lunch. Drinks will be provided.

Tutors: Maud Grainger and Mark Russ

FRI 30 AUG - SUN 1 SEPT

BEYOND THE SPIRIT OF THE AGE: THE 1996 SWARTHMORE LECTURE REVISITED - AND REVISED?

15 places | £165 residential | £95 non-residential

How much has changed in the two decades since Jonathan Dale gave his prophetic Swarthmore Lecture challenging Friends to renew their social testimony? Does that challenge need updating for our time? During our time together we will reflect on how our faith asks us to engage with a society that remains both economically and politically polarised. To what extent do our lifestyles of comfort and convenience accommodate us to this world, and how might we become agents of change? Join us as we listen and learn from one another.

Tutors: Jonathan Dale and Martin Layton



MON 29 JUL - WED 31 JUL

QUAKER FEMINISM?

Exploring the contributions of Alice Paul and other early Quaker Feminists to Women's Rights

10 places | £165 residential | £95 non-residential

This course will explore the disproportionate role that early Quaker feminists made to the advancement of women's rights. Women such as Alice Paul, Lucretia Mott, Susan Anthony, Angelina Grimke, Abby Foster, and Elizabeth Stanton were key figures in the first wave of feminism and the suffragette movement. We will discuss and celebrate their achievements, while also looking at what role spirituality played in their activism and ideas about gender equality. We will also debate how feminism developed within global Quakerism both historically and today.

Tutor: Kathryn Lum

MON 2 SEPT - WED 4 SEPT

VOICES OF THE EARTH

16 places | £285 residential | £245 non-residential

This popular course uses the rich resources of Woodbrooke's art room and extensive gardens to explore creatively our relationships with the world we inhabit. With new directions offered by the tutors each year, we will engage hands-on with poetry and a range of media and art forms, familiar and unfamiliar. Working both individually and collaboratively to recharge our ways of seeing and sensing, we will discover fresh perspectives on the world in its variety and of our place within it.

Tutors: Zelig Gross and Philip Gross

MON 9 SEPT - THUR 12 SEPT

FAITH, FOOD AND EARTH JUSTICE

14 places | £235 residential | £130 non-residential

Food is emerging as one of the most challenging issues of our time – food is political, controversial, companionable, joyful, anxiety-inducing, nourishing, depleting, and more. People of faith are pushing the boundaries of this growing awareness – questioning our notions of what constitutes 'just eating' and seeking out new collaborations with local community food projects and with the growing food justice movement. This energising, hands-on workshop is for people of all faiths and backgrounds who want to understand better the food dilemmas we all face and who feel led to work towards a new, life-affirming food story for ourselves and our communities.

Tutors: Clíodhna Mulhern

FRI 20 SEPT - SUN 22 SEPT

TOWARDS FORGIVENESS

14 places | £165 residential | £95 non-residential

Our lives as individuals and communities are often damaged by unresolved conflicts, injury and hurts. How can we deal with painful events and move towards understanding, forgiveness and reconciliation? How do we help ourselves and others heal and move on? Drawing on their experience, the tutors will help you deepen your understanding of the process of forgiveness, reconciliation and healing and help you to become a source of strength within your community. This course will not address individual therapeutic needs.

Tutors: Marian Liebmann and Roger Cullen



WED 25 SEPT - SUN 29 SEPT

ENVISIONING A WORLD THAT IS OPEN TO ALL: LET US SEE WHAT LOVE CAN DO

60 places | £165 residential | £95 non-residential

Jointly organised by Quaker Asylum and Refugee Network, Quaker Council for European Affairs, Quaker United Nations Office, Quaker Peace and Social Witness and Woodbrooke.

A weekend conference learning about asylum and migration; hearing from those who have felt its impact, and working together to create the change that we need. Speakers, workshops, performances and panel discussions will explore the interplay between race, privilege and migration - how does it work, what can we do? Language and the media: challenging and changing the language of migration - Migration and the arts: how migration enriches our communities and how the arts can bring about change - The UN Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration.

Experience of the Spirit

We offer a variety of courses and retreats to nurture, support and challenge individuals in their spiritual lives and to enable people to explore and understand a variety of personal and corporate spiritual practices, including the expression of spirituality through the creative arts.

FRI 11 - SUN 13 JAN

CLEARING THE WAY

12 places | £245 residential | £170 non-residential

The New Year is a good time to reflect on who we are, what we feel called to do, and what gets in the way. We will explore the nature of the clutter that distracts from our life's purpose and consider how to create space in our minds and hearts as well as in our living rooms.

Tutors: Jennifer Kavanagh and Penny Fosten

SUN 3 - FRI 8 FEB

RESTING IN PRESENCE: AN INDIVIDUALLY GUIDED RETREAT

6 places | £245 - £545 residential

An opportunity for individual reflection and stillness. This will be a chance to pay attention to your inner wisdom, to become more aware of your true self, and perhaps to explore more deeply the role of Spirit in your life. You will meet each day with a personal spiritual guide who will help you to focus, reflect and discern. Woodbrooke's house and beautiful garden provides a place of nurture and an open Quaker welcome. You may come for a chosen length of time between two and five days starting on Sunday evening and finishing at 9am on your final day. These retreats are open to those of all faiths and none.

Tutor: Gill Pennington

FRI 8 - SUN 10 FEB

'STANDING IN THE LIGHT AND SITTING IN THE DARK'

14 places | £245 residential
£170 non-residential

Are you looking to live a spirit led life? Join us to make space for unhurried, open hearted attention to your inner life and the depths that call us. Together we will explore and create models for navigating from these depths to tangible ways of being and acting; to lives that realise the spirit's yearning for love and justice.

Tutors: Katie Evans and Meredith Freeman

MON 11 - FRI 15 FEB

TIME SET ASIDE: AN INDIVIDUALLY GUIDED RETREAT

12 places | £495 residential | £170 non-residential

For this retreat, twelve people will join Timothy Ashworth and Frances Henley Lock in a silent retreat which will utilise spaces set apart from the busyness of the main Woodbrooke building. Meals will be shared in silence in our own quiet space.

Participants will be able to join meeting for worship and epilogue. Each day will include one short talk and one-to-one time with Tim or Frances.

Tutors: Timothy Ashworth and Frances Henley-Lock



MON 11 FEB - SUN 24 MAR

DEEPENING THE LIFE OF THE SPIRIT: AN ONLINE RETREAT

Online course

14 places | £54

This course involves a time commitment of approximately four hours per week.

Would you like to explore new ways of opening to the light? This online retreat, running over six weeks, offers spiritual nourishment and renewal in the midst of everyday life. Each week you will be invited to rest and reflect, explore spiritual practices, meet the Spirit at work in your life and share with your retreat group and guide through conversation in the online retreat forum.

You will choose the times and days that you engage with this online retreat each week, as we will not all be online at the same time. You can join in from any time zone.

Tutor: Julia Ryberg

FRI 15 – SUN 17 FEB

EXPLORING THE QUAKER PRACTICE OF WAITING IN THE LIGHT

12 places | £245 residential | £170 non-residential

William Penn said Quaker spiritual practice was an ‘experiment on the soul’. We will look at the writings of early Friends and put their words to the test to see if the practice of waiting in the light they describe can be a reality for us. The experience can be searching and powerful. We will do the meditation twice during the weekend. This course is suitable for those who are familiar with, or new to, the Experiment with Light practice.

Tutors: Angie Dunhill and Caroline Kennedy

FRI 15 – SUN 17 FEB

RICHARD ROHR ON EGO, 12 STEPS, MYSTICISM AND GROWTH

17 places | £245 residential | £170 non-residential

We will share video teaching from Franciscan Richard Rohr whose daily reflections reach 250,000 radical contemplative Christians around the world.

We’ll look at excerpts from two of his books ‘Breathing Under Water - Spirituality and the Twelve Steps’ and ‘The Naked Now - Learning to See as the Mystics See’, often through worship sharing. How do you ‘wake-up’ into a fuller life? You are welcome to whether or not you attended the Rohr Woodbrooke weekend in February 2018.

Tutor: Peter Fishpool



FRI 22 – SUN 24 FEB

PRESENT MOMENT, WONDERFUL MOMENT

14 places | £245 residential | £170 non-residential

For many years Woodbrooke has hosted retreats and weekends which have focused on the teachings of Zen Master Thich Nhat Hanh.

Whether a beginner or experienced, on this weekend retreat you will taste something of the deep peace that can be discovered through simple practices of being present. The practice is very accessible and will involve sitting and walking meditation, deep relaxation and silence as well as the invitation to take our meals in silence. The food will be vegetarian.

Tutor: Lesley Collington

MON 25 – WED 27 FEB

T.S. ELIOT: THE HEAVY BURDEN OF THE GROWING SOUL

12 places | £245 residential | £170 non-residential

This course will track the remarkable evolution of Eliot’s poetry – from his early modernist forays, culminating in *The Waste Land*, via the intensifying spiritual preoccupations of subsequent years, leading to his crowning contemplative masterpiece, *Four Quartets*.

We shall focus especially on the poet’s intensifying quest for meaning against the often hostile background of the modern world, and consider how these challenging – but intensely human, subtle and honest – works stimulate insights into our own quandaries and aspirations.

Tutor: Peter Brennan

MON 25 – WED 27 FEB

IN HUMILITY OF HEART

15 places | £245 residential | £170 non-residential

One of the foundations of the spirit-led life, humility is at the heart of our witness. However, in this age of individualism, status and celebrity to turn oneself over to a life of faithful service is a radical act.

Together we’ll explore how we can let go of the need to judge and be judged, and learn to accept, forgive and be content. It will be a space in which to be encouraged by those who have faced the troubles of life with grace-filled hope.

Tutor: Martin Layton

THU 28 FEB – SUN 3 MAR

NURTURING AUTHENTIC SPIRITUALITY: A RULE TO LIVE BY

12 places | £345 residential | £170 non-residential

How are we to live an authentic spirituality? What spiritual principles do we apply in our daily lives and how can we be accountable to our faith community in our quest for spiritual authenticity? This course will give us a chance to share our spiritual aspirations, histories and practices and to identify those areas where we feel we need help. Building community through worship and creative listening, we will define personal strategies for daily faithfulness and explore how we might challenge and support one another along the way.

Tutors: Alex Wildwood and Ben Pink Dandelion





MON 4 MAR - FRI 8 MAR

ICON PAINTING AS A SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

14 places | £485 residential
£170 non-residential

Practicing icon painting helps us to look into ourselves, making time to be in the silence of our hearts and learn who we are. How can we then, after knowing more about who we are, develop a connection and relationship with the Divine? Learning technique will be a very important part of the course. Feeling confident in creating an image helps us to forget about all distractions; things we can't achieve and things that we don't understand. We simply let our hands be an extension of our souls. Participants will learn all stages of icon painting and principles of the technique but will focus on meditative aspect of the process. Each session will start with a short guided meditation to help us reconnect with our bodies.

Tutor: Basia Mindewicz

FRI 15 MAR - SUN 17 MAR

THE SEARCH FOR THE DEEP SELF

16 places | £250 residential | £170 non-residential

The course will help people discover their deeper selves and what gives them meaning and purpose. It is based on stories of people finding insight into who they are and what their life is about. Stories are drawn from the well-known and the not so well known eureka moments and slow dawns. All, however, are liberating and life-giving. By exploring these often intimate and moving stories, participants reflect on themselves – and are empowered to take further steps in their own lives.

Tutors: Deborah Ravetz and Chris Bemrose

WED 27 MAR - FRI 29 MAR

BEETHOVEN'S 9TH SYMPHONY

12 places | £245 residential | £170 non-residential

Beethoven's final symphony expresses complex and intimate states of mind while embracing the universal aspirations of the Age of Revolution, in unprecedentedly dramatic and beautiful music. In this course we shall look both at the historical context and the way that Beethoven has shaped the work. We shall hear Simon Rattle conducting the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra in an eagerly awaited performance. This course is intended for all music lovers, and specialist knowledge is not needed.

Tutors: John Lampen and Diana Lampen



FRI 29 MAR - SUN 31 MAR

TELLING OUR (DIGITAL) QUAKER STORIES

10 places | £245 residential | £170 non-residential

This course provides the opportunity to participate in a digital storytelling process to create a short film on the theme of 'Our Quaker stories'. Through participating in a supportive story circle you will create a short script and additional visual material to make your own two minute film. At the end of the weekend we will share our stories together and consider future possibilities for sharing them more widely. No specialised technical knowledge is required.

Tutor: Rosie Carnall

SUN 7 APR - FRI 12 APR

WRITING RETREAT

12 Places £545 residential | £380 non-residential
COURSE AT SWARTHMOOR HALL

Set in the beautiful and quiet surroundings of Swarthmoor Hall, this retreat is open to anyone looking for space and time for writing, whether starting a new project, or to take forward or finish off a current piece. There will be the opportunity to hear from the tutors about their experience of writing and one to one time with them but the emphasis will be on creating a supportive environment to devote to the craft itself.

Tutors: Ben Pink Dandelion and John Gray

FRI 19 APR - MON 22 APR

LIVING WATER - AN APPLESEED COURSE

16 places | £315 residential | £210 non-residential

Water is essential for life and has been a feature of the natural world that has given rise to spiritual symbolism and religious ritual since earliest times. What does 'Living Water' mean to each of us today? The Appleseed process balances thinking and feeling and provides a safe space for personal exploration. Short talks and meditation will be followed by simple art-based activities (no skills required) and worship sharing. The course is suitable for those with and without Appleseed experience.

Tutors: Kathleen Nelson and Liz Perkins

FRI 3 MAY - SUN 5 MAY

A DROP OF STILLNESS

15 places | £245 residential | £170 non-residential

A weekend retreat to nourish the deep peace that stillness and silence can offer us, and the soft, graceful movements of Qi Gong to centre ourselves, replenish and harmonise our Qi (energy), to nurture a calm and relaxed body and mind. To be centred. Sitting and walking meditation, periods of noble silence, deep relaxation, informal walking meditation in the gardens, and the invitation to take our meals in silence and enjoy eating meditation together.

Tutor: Lesley Collington



MON 13 MAY - WED 15 MAY

SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLES: DAILY PRACTICES

14 places | £245 residential | £170 non-residential

The fellowship of Alcoholics is based on spiritual principles contained within its twelve steps and traditions. Visitors to meetings often remark that the spiritual principles contained within this framework would be good for anybody to live by. Together we will explore the practical applications of these principles, in relation to the faith and practice of Friends. Those attending can look forward to worship, individual and corporate reflection, and sharing. No previous twelve steps experience is required. All are welcome.

Tutors: Caroline Gibbs and Donald Whitlock (Elder)

MON 13 MAY - WED 15 MAY

DESERT AS SACRED SPACE

12 places | £245 residential | £170 non-residential

For centuries the vastness and emptiness of the desert has called out to us. Within its shifting landscapes, we find a place for solitude and silence, a symbol of spiritual growth and maturity, for refuge and struggle, stillness and change, withdrawal and meeting. Together we'll explore the significance of the desert experience in religious, literary and cultural texts; from Jesus of Nazareth to the Desert Fathers and Mothers, from T.S. Eliot to David Lean.

Tutor: Martin Layton

MON 20 MAY - FRI 24 MAY

A GATHERING OF FOOLS

15 places | £385 residential | £245 non-residential

This is a retreat exclusively for those who have completed a previous 'fool' course with Angela.

The fool archetype is sometimes known as a systems changer. This means that by showing up as the fool we automatically change any environment we are a part of. As great change is happening everywhere in the world, we need a flood, a renaissance of fools, who can positively change systems and environments through their embodied, flexible, spontaneous, aware, courageous service. This year's gathering will focus on how we can serve a group, system or 'social body'.

Tutor: Angela Halvorsen Bogo



THU 16 MAY - SUN 19 MAY

INTRODUCTION TO LIFE WRITING FOR TRANSFORMATION

10 places | £315 residential | £210 non-residential

'Greet yourself in your thousand other forms. As you mount the hidden tide and travel back home' Hafiz. Whether you are looking for practical tips to kick start your writing, or seek deeper personal transformation, this course provides a safe, inspiring retreat. Introducing key tools of Transformative Life Writing™ that minimise your inner critic; enabling you to reconnect with your authentic voice. On completion, writers join the wider community of Transformative Life Writers™. This includes newsletters, and an annual retreat at Woodbrooke.

Tutors: Farrukh Akhtar and TBC

FRI 31 MAY - SUN 2 JUN

A CHANGING WORLD: WHO AM I? WHAT CAN I DO?

14 places | £245 residential | £170 non-residential

Drawing on the wisdom of the enneagram to deepen our understanding of ourselves as spiritual beings and to recognise what drives us, we will consider how we can act with integrity in our communities. By valuing our talents and gifts; by noticing our characteristic patterns of behaviour; and by considering our position within our family or community, we will think about how we might be effective agents of change.

Tutors: Heather Brown and Gill Pennington

WOODBROOKE LEARNING

MON 3 JUN - WED 5 JUN

LOOK NOT OUT BUT WITHIN: A QUAKER RETREAT

14 places | £165 residential | £95 non-residential

For Friends seeking a refreshment of their Quaker spirituality and a deeper understanding of its roots. We will draw on the writings of early Friends and others to enrich our own experience. Short talks and whole group sessions will alternate with extended periods of silent time with the Spirit, reflecting on what we have heard. Meals will be silent. Individual spiritual accompaniment is not a formal part of this retreat but can be offered if required.

Tutors: Eleanor Jackson and Estella Lovett

MON 3 JUN - THUR 6 JUN

PATTERN OF SEASONS: A HANDICRAFT WORKSHOP

14 places | £315 residential | £210 non-residential

Using informal workshop sessions, we will explore and develop the traditional handicrafts of rug-making, quilting, patchwork and applique to create fabrics reflecting and inspired by the colours of spring, summer, autumn, and winter. A group project is included and all materials and equipment will be provided.

Tutor: Jenni Simmonds

FRI 7 JUN - SUN 9 JUN

JOURNALING: A WAY TO THE CENTRE

12 places | £245 residential | £170 non-residential

COURSE AT SWARTHMOOR HALL

This course is for those who wish to use journaling as a tool to deepen spiritual life. In reflecting on our current condition, via a series of exercises designed to image our lives, possibilities are opened for becoming more deeply centred. We hope to take ourselves to the place where we are more composed, more still, and words become irrelevant because we are writing the Living Minutes of a faithful life: we will be engaged in prayer.

Tutors: Gerald Hewitson and Wendy Hampton

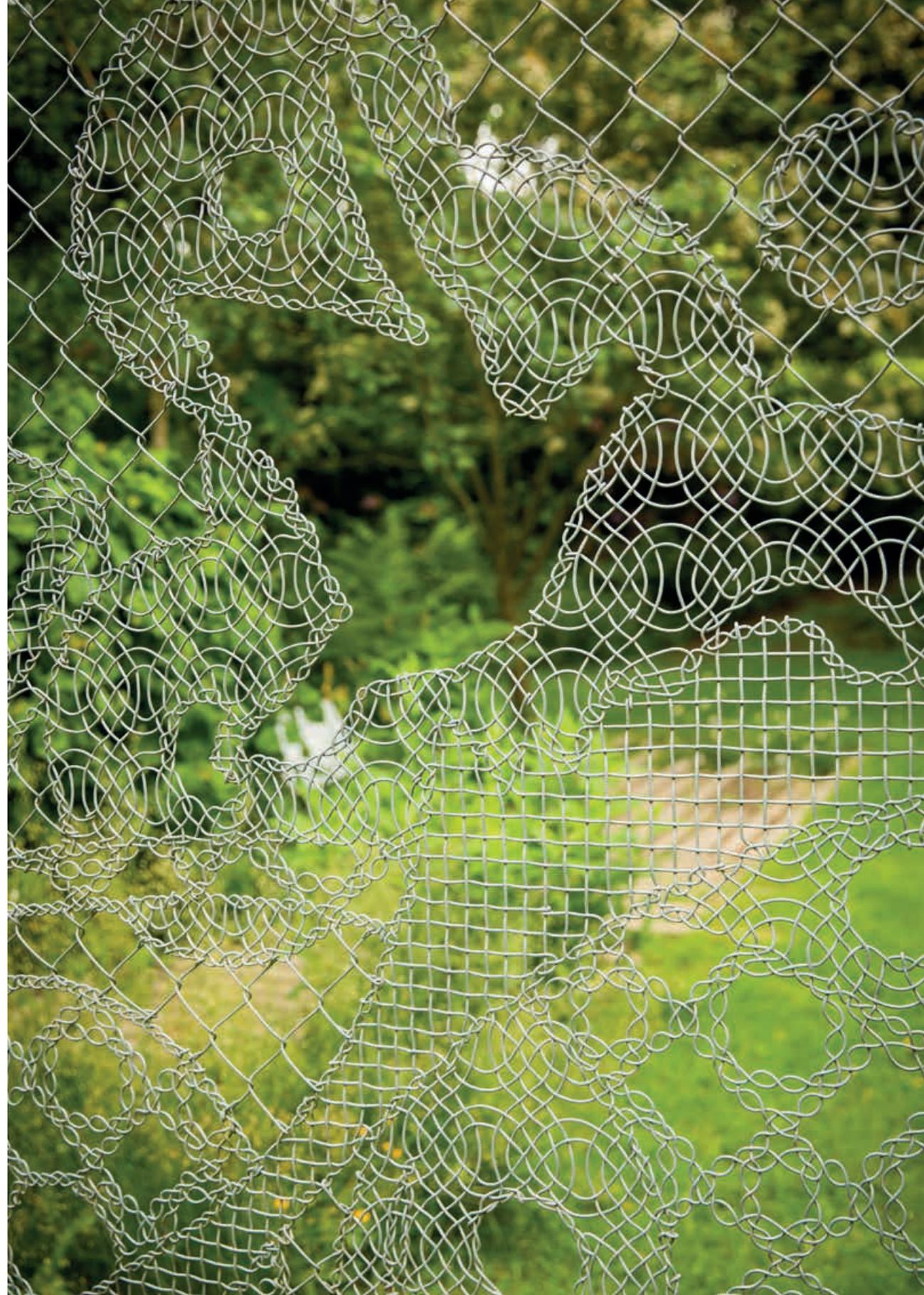
MON 24 JUN

PRAYING AS YOU CAN NOT AS YOU CAN'T

12 places | £50

A chance to reflect on if and how Quakers pray. This day offers opportunities to explore and deepen our understanding of how we engage with 'the seed' and to experience a variety of spiritual practices that might lead us to a place of prayer. We will spend time alone as well sharing our reflections and experiences with others.

Tutor: Gill Pennington



WOODBROOKE LEARNING

FRI 28 JUN - SUN 30 JUN

SING IN THE SPIRIT: A CHANT-BASED RETREAT

14 places | £165 residential | £95 non-residential

Song can break open the heart, take us to a place of prayer and refresh soul and body. This retreat is a time to sing simple chants together, allowing words and music to speak deeply to us. You are invited to bring along favourite chants, including well-loved words to turn into chants of your own. What new song will the Spirit put into our mouths? All voices are welcome, and everything will be taught by ear.

Tutor: Mark Russ

FRI 28 JUN - SUN 30 JUN

THE WISDOM OF THE PSALMS: SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE FOR EVERYDAY LIFE

12 places | £165 residential | £95 non-residential

For centuries people have found solace, challenge, inspiration and companionship in praying with the Psalms. Those attending this retreat can look forward to entering into a living stream in which they may encounter the comforting presence of God through the lyrics of these songs. Meditative reading, worship, song, individual and corporate reflection, writing and sharing will enhance our experience of the Psalms as a part of our daily spiritual practice. This retreat is for those interested in contemplative, reflective practice.

Tutors: Deborah Shaw and Ben Pink
Dandelion (Elder)



TUE 2 JUL - THU 4 JUL

SPEAKING OF UNSPEAKABLE THINGS: GIVING LANGUAGE TO THE SPIRITUAL LANDSCAPE

12 places | £165 residential | £95 non-residential

Amongst Friends there is a tradition of attempting to describe in writing what goes on in our spiritual lives, in our engagement with Spirit, and the consequences of these activities in our daily lives. Grounded in worship, we will savour Quakerly writings in this tradition through personal narratives, fiction, poetry, song and film. In addition to exploring these forms, participants can expect to spend time in solitary reflective writing, and sharing in pairs and small groups.

Tutors: Deborah Shaw and Ben Pink
Dandelion (Elder)

MON 15 JUL - FRI 19 JUL

AWAKENING OF THE SACRED FEMININE

13 places | £385 residential | £245 non-residential

This experiential retreat will create space for the flowering and expression of your own Sacred Feminine. Join us for exploration and discovery through Thea-logy, the Divine Feminine in different spiritual traditions (including Christian), the four elements, ceremony, stories, art, songs, poetry and the Britannia Goddess Wheel. We will also explore Goddess as archetype and as lived reality and embodiment in the 21st century.

Tutors: Lynne Sedgmore and Gill Pennington

SUN 21 JUL - THU 25 JUL

MOSAICS MY WAY!

10 places | £355 residential | £250 non-residential

There is beauty in the process of mosaic making. You jig-saw fragments to describe your story, which may include items of personal significance. Within the process of play, we discover a stillness in making. No previous mosaic experience necessary. All equipment and materials provided. During the course you will learn essential skills: cut shapes with tile nippers, score snappers, create with crockery, use a variety of adhesives, translate your ideas into mosaic and learn how to grout.

Tutor: Caroline Jariwala

EXPERIENCE OF THE SPIRIT

FRI 2 AUG - SUN 4 AUG

DRAWING A LABYRINTH

12 places | £245 residential
£170 non-residential

Labyrinths are creative resources for spiritual practice, and offer space for prayer, play and discovery. Starting with paper and pencil, we'll create labyrinth patterns from around the world, from simple to more complex designs. We'll make labyrinths small enough for postcards - and big enough to walk, using natural and temporary materials. By the end of the course, everyone will know how to create a temporary labyrinth indoors or outdoors.

Tutors: Jan Sellers and an Elder

MON 5 AUG - WED 7 AUG

PATHS TO THE GRAIL: RESTORING THE COURTS OF JOY

14 places | £245 residential | £170 non-residential

The Grail is a quest for all living beings. This medieval myth has familiar resonances with our own times: a wasteland of rapine, wars, exploitation, and the urgency to restore peace and joy. Our study of the unique Elucidation text helps us experience the regenerative Grail as a gift in which all participate. Through discussion, meditation, prayer, and simple ceremony, we will walk its paths, discovering timeless ways to embody its wisdom, enabling its healing to irrigate our world.

Tutor: Caitlin Matthews

FRI 9 AUG - SUN 11 AUG

DANCE FOR JOY

12 places | £245 residential | £170 non-residential

If you enjoy dancing and music from all around the world, then this is the weekend for you. We will dance to a wide variety of music and in different styles, some lively, some more meditative. Circle dance enhances our sense of community, of wholeness and of harmony, drawing as it does on the diverse heritage of traditional cultures and a range of musical genres. Experienced and less experienced dancers are all welcome.

Tutor: Sandie Wade

FRI 9 AUG - SUN 11 AUG

JUNG AND PERSONA/ PERSONAE

12 places | £245 residential | £170 non-residential

This course takes a new look at the persona in the light of Jung the person and his work. The idea of the persona as a mask/masks is central. While for Jung, persona did not contain archetypal dimensions, a consideration of mask work in theatre can lead to a different perspective on the use of mask creatively. Through input, experiential work and a masque enactment, the persona will be considered both in theory and in lived experience.

Tutor: Angela Cotter

WED 14 AUG - FRI 16 AUG

FRAMING YOUR LIFE

16 places | £245 residential | £170 non-residential

We will aim to explore aspects of mindfulness through the practice of yoga and meditation for physical and mental self-awareness. We will combine this with photography as a self-guided meditative practice to deepen our experience of self and the environment, in the context of Woodbrooke's house and beautiful garden.

Tutors: Jill Woodman and Gill Pennington

FRI 16 AUG - SUN 18 AUG

CENTERING PRAYER AND CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

12 places | £245 residential | £170 non-residential

'Centering Prayer is a method of silent prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of contemplative prayer, prayer in which we experience God's presence within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than consciousness itself.' These words of Thomas Keating give a sense of our exploration this weekend. This introduction to centering prayer and Christian meditation will include meditation sessions, teaching on meditation and its effects and help with taking forward a discipline of meditation into the future.

Tutor: Richard Eddleston

MON 19 AUG - WED 21 AUG

THE WONDER OF SEED: THE WHOLE WORLD IN YOUR HAND

12 places | £245 residential | £170 non-residential

An oak tree inside an acorn, a conker on a string, the wheat grains that makes our bread - seeds will provide beauty, wonder and inspiration to stimulate creative ideas and writing. We will also draw on the rich meanings and resonances of seeds by dipping into myths, our imaginations and memories, finding how the seed offers a way of thinking and speaking about our deep selves and inner growth.

Tutor: Rebecca Hubbard

FRI 30 AUG - SUN 1 SEP

THE SPACE BETWEEN US

18 places | £295 residential | £225 non-residential

How can we evolve our co-creative capacities so that we make all groups we are a part of inclusive, dynamic and innovative? This course will give people who want direct experience of new models of co-creating practice that elevate presence, fun and collaboration in groups. We will practice methods that take us beyond the individual and use the whole self, body, mind and heart. These new ways of observation, sensing, sharing and creating, deepen awareness of the space between us, otherwise called the we-space or social body.

Tutor: Angela Halvorsen Bogo

FRI 6 SEP - SUN 8 SEP

EXPERIMENT WITH JOY

10 places | £245 residential | £170 non-residential

Christianity exhorts us to rejoice and give thanks. It's quite hard to do in the face of our many world challenges. We'll come together in an experimental spirit to enquire together as to what might support us in the practice of joy. We'll include singing/sounding, giving thanks, praying for each other.

Tutors: Susan Groves and TBC

MON 16 SEP - SUN 27 OCT

EUROPEAN QUAKER VOICES

14 places | £35

Online
course

This is a 6-week online retreat for European Quakers, using devotional and inspirational material by European Quakers. In addition to readings, there will be suggestions for activities and exercises appropriate to a retreat. Participants will share reflections and experiences with each other along the way. The retreat is thus an opportunity for individual and group spiritual development, as well as an opportunity to learn from the rich experience of European Friends.

This course involves a time commitment of approximately two to three hours per week.

Tutor: Julia Ryberg

WOODBROOKE LEARNING

MON 16 SEP - SUN 27 OCT

A TASTE OF LIFE WRITING FOR TRANSFORMATION™

Online
course

£54

This self-paced course introduces a process of writing for authentic, creative self-expression and personal development. A “no red pens” approach results in greater awareness, mindfulness and self-acceptance through a gentle stream of guided tools you can use just five minutes at a time. The course includes three multimedia modules and a workbook, based on the work of Joanne Klassen, creator of Life Writing for Transformation™. Each module introduces key concepts from the book followed by exercises, examples, a review and additional optional learning activities.

This course involves a time commitment of approximately two to three hours per week.

Tutor: Joanne Klasson

MON 16 SEP - WED 18 SEP

CREATIVITY AND MINISTRY

12 places | £165 residential | £95 non-residential

Our creativity meets the world in many different ways, but often we are too shy to use it fully. We will use the playful creation of simple physical objects to help us free our natural urge to create and consider how our ministry can be enriched. We will be using a variety of craft and natural materials, individually and as a group. As we will be spending time in the garden, participants will need a moderate degree of mobility.

Tutors: Floe Shakespeare and Joanna Godfrey-Wood

SAT 21 SEP - SUN 22 SEP

A QUIET DAY WITH EXPERIMENT WITH LIGHT

8 places | £125 residential | £90 non-residential

This will run for 24 hours from lunch on day one to lunch on day two. This day is suitable for those who are familiar with the Experiment with Light practice and those who are new to it. It will allow people to use the Experiment with Light practice in a retreat like atmosphere. Participants will be given an introduction to the practice if needed. Experiment with Light will be practiced on the afternoon of the first day and the morning of the second day.

Tutors: Members of the Experiment with Light Network

MON 23 SEP - WED 25 SEP

WALKING WITH A SMILE INTO THE DARK

8 places | £245 residential | £170 non-residential

‘But there is a deeper, an internal simplification of the whole of one’s personality, stilled, tranquil, in childlike trust listening ever to Eternity’s whisper, walking with a smile into the dark.’ Thomas Kelly

Accepting that there is much that we do not know and cannot control frees us to walk the path of faith. We will use this weekend to explore alone and together how we can let go of what blocks us and be more open to the guidance of the Spirit

Tutors: Jennifer Kavanagh and Annique Seddon (Elder)

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Exploring the Quaker Tradition

Opportunities to discover and understand the faith and practice of Quakers from the 17th century to the present day. Exploring the history of Quakerism, its roots in the Christian tradition and the diversity of present-day Friends in Britain and around the world.

MON 14 JAN - SUN 24 MAR

QUAKERISM IN 18TH AND 19TH CENTURY AMERICAN LITERATURE

20 places | £45

Online course

This online course explores the influence of Quakerism on 18th and 19th century American writers, as well as the representations of Quaker characters in fiction of the period – sometimes good, sometimes bad! You will encounter the good Quaker abolitionists of Uncle Tom's Cabin and Nathan Slaughter, the murderous Quaker in Nick of the Woods. The course will have 5 sessions, spread over 10 weeks to allow time for reading. No previous experience of literary study is necessary – just come prepared to explore and enjoy.

This course involves a time commitment of approximately two to three hours per week.

Tutor: James Peacock

TUE 05 FEB - TUE 12 MAR

THE ROOTS OF THE QUAKER WAY: EARLY FRIENDS IN THEIR RELIGIOUS AND POLITICAL CONTEXT

30 places | £54

Online course

What are the roots of the Quaker way? How were early Friends influenced by their religious and political context? In this webinar series we will explore this issue and consider the connections between Quakers and other radical religious groups, such as the Anabaptists, the Family of Love, the Diggers and the Ranters. We will look back to the influence of the early Church and medieval movements, and forwards to the emergence of new movements in the eighteenth century.

This course involves a time commitment of approximately two to three hours per week.

Tutor: Stuart Masters

FRI 8 MAR - SUN 10 MAR

INSPIRATION AND PRACTICE: THE SPIRITUAL GROUNDING OF OUR ECUMENICAL AND INTERFAITH WORK

45 places | TBA

Woodbrooke working in partnership with the Quaker Committee for Christian and Interfaith Relations

Ecumenical and interfaith work can bring moments of real breakthrough as well as sticky challenges. Our speakers will help us explore the spiritual depth in such moments. What helps encourage moments of openness and insight? How do we honestly face and deal with the barriers of substantial difference? We will bring such reflections together with examples of practical work on the ground, making use of the up-to-date snapshot of current Quaker interfaith and ecumenical activity produced through research undertaken for QCCIR by Woodbrooke.

Co-ordinated by Timothy Ashworth with members of the Quaker Committee for Christian and Interfaith Relations

Invited speakers: Gretchen Castle, Inderjit Bhogal and Deborah Rowlands



FRI 22 MAR - SUN 24 MAR

REINTERPRETING THE MEANING OF THE CROSS

14 places | £245 residential | £170 non-residential

Many of us struggle with the Bible's sacrificial imagery and are troubled by the idea that God punishes Jesus for our sins. In this course we will explore alternative understandings of the cross drawing on the early Church, peace church traditions, theologies of liberation, and the work of Rene Girard. Can we move beyond violent punishment and embrace a faith that in the words of James Nayler "outlives all wrath and contention and wearies out all exaltation and cruelty"?

Tutor: Stuart Masters

FRI 19 APR - MON 22 APR

THE DRAMA OF THE PASSION

15 places | £315 residential | £210 non-residential

This course looks at the story of the Passion as told in the gospel texts and as interpreted through drama, music and other arts. We begin by looking at the Oberammergau passion play (due in 2020) to see the questions of interpretation raised. We shall try to analyse the theological viewpoints behind the interpretations and use them to look at how we view the Passion today. There will be time on Easter Sunday to attend church or meeting for worship.

Tutor: Janet Scott

MON 29 APR - FRI 17 MAY

RADICAL SPIRITUALITY: THE EARLY HISTORY OF THE QUAKERS

Free

Learn about the beginnings of this radical religious group as it emerged in 17th century England, with this free three week online course. With films, discussions, quizzes, the course covers the exciting and dramatic months of 1652. Follow the course at your own pace in your own time. Suitable for individuals or Meeting groups.

Find out more and sign up here:

www.futurelearn.com/courses/quakers

Tutors: Ben Pink Dandelion, Rhiannon Grant, Stuart Masters and Betty Hagglund.

Online course

FRI 3 MAY - SUN 5 MAY

A PLACE FOR THE SCRIPTURES

12 places | £245 residential | £170 non-residential

COURSE AT SWARTHMOOR HALL

The approach of early Friends to Scripture was extremely controversial. Their experience of the living Spirit made them suspicious of placing authority in a fixed text – but they believed this insight was rooted in the Bible itself. How do we now articulate the Quaker approach? And how does it shape how the Bible is used among Friends? This course is part of a continuing exploration of how Friends today relate to the Bible without compromising Quaker insights.

Tutor: Timothy Ashworth



TUE 7 MAY - THU 9 MAY

SPIRITUAL BLOGGING: CONTINUING THE STORY

14 places | £165 residential | £95 non-residential

How does writing help people to share their spiritual lives with their friends, family, and community? In this course we'll use historical and modern examples to explore how and why Quakers and others have chosen to record and publish spiritual autobiographies. There will be opportunities to try writing for yourself and space to consider whether blogging or another format might be a good way to share your work. Come as you are: no previous writing experience, technical knowledge, or saintly spirituality required.

Tutors: Rhiannon Grant and Gil Skidmore



FRI 10 MAY - SUN 12 MAY

THE INNER LIGHT: AN EXPLORATION OF EASTERN SPIRITUAL POETRY

12 places | £245 residential | £170 non-residential

COURSE AT SWARTHMOOR HALL

The weekend will include a wide ranging survey of the ways in which Far and Middle Eastern scriptures and poetry have explored and expressed the nature and consequences of spiritual aspiration. We shall consider the thought and style of texts from pre-history to the Middle Ages, including Lao Tzu, Indian scriptures, Rumi and Hafiz, focussing on their evocation of the difficulties and rewards of spiritual work, and how their insights may assist our own understanding and development. All texts will be studied in translation.

Tutor: Peter Brennan

TUE 7 MAY - TUE 28 MAY

GALATIANS

26 places | £36

Online course

'For freedom Christ has set us free'. This is the heart of Paul's teaching in this letter. Here is Paul's most radical expression of how the experience of the Spirit can transform how people think of themselves and treat each other. In this online course we will tackle the letter step by step, aiming to bring Paul's words alive, find connections with Quaker understandings, and better understand Paul's confidence that faith in the living word can bring a new creation.

This course involves a time commitment of approximately two to three hours per week.

Tutor: Timothy Ashworth



MON 13 MAY - WED 15 MAY

COME HOLY SPIRIT

13 places | £245 residential | £170 non-residential

‘Come Holy Spirit!’ is an ancient cry of the Christian tradition. But what is the Holy Spirit? To help us answer this question we will study the Bible together. We will learn about the experience of Christian groups who have prioritised experience of the Holy Spirit, such as the Montanist, Quaker and Pentecostal movements. Throughout the course we will reflect on our own experience of the Holy Spirit, asking how God is present in our lives today.

Tutor: Mark Russ

FRI 7 JUN - SUN 9 JUN

THE BEATITUDE WAY: PATHWAY OF PROPHETS

10 places | £245 residential | £170 non-residential

An opportunity to experience the ancient wisdom of The Beatitudes or blessing sayings of Jesus of Nazareth, recorded in the Gospel of Matthew, viewed through the lens of his native Middle Eastern culture and Aramaic language. The course aims to breathe fresh life into these key teachings which encapsulate Jesus’ healing ministry. Following a roadmap provided by the mystical Tree of Life, participants will be offered the chance to walk beside the Aramaic Jesus on a journey towards prophetic consciousness.

Tutor: Mina Tilt

FRI 7 JUN - SUN 9 JUN

SPIRITUAL ACTIVISM

20 places | £165 residential
£95 non-residential

Whether newly awakened to injustices or a seasoned activist, high profile or caring unnoticed for one person or place, spiritual activism offers ways of doing, being and understanding that can make you more alive to your deepest purpose. Balancing talk and experience, we’ll go “under the lintel” of power, leadership, movements and consciousness. Here, discernment and psychological honesty are key to a grounding that neither burns out nor sells out, but transforms the burden of awareness into a “precious burden”.

Tutors: Alastair McIntosh and Matt Carmichael

FRI 14 JUN - SUN 16 JUN

EXPLORING THE DEVELOPMENT OF EARLY QUAKER THEOLOGY

12 places | TBA

To what extent were early Quakers influenced by the religious ideas that surrounded them? Drawing on Madeleine Ward’s recent research, we will explore developments in Quaker theology during the seventeenth century. As well as considering the overall shape of the early Quaker vision, we will give particular attention to changing understandings of “the Light within”. How much of this remains relevant in the modern world, and how might it inform our faith and practice today?

Tutors: Stuart Masters and Madeleine Ward

MON 17 JUN - WED 19 JUN

THE HISTORY OF WOODBROOKE GARDENS IN 10 OBJECTS

12 places | £245 residential | £170 non-residential

By exploring the history of Woodbrooke’s gardens through ‘objects’ we will glimpse the story of people, plants, design, water, sculptors and gardeners who have shaped this special space for over 100 years. Using maps, diaries, tools, photographs, books, plants and garden features we will examine the garden through time and assess why and how it matters today. Combining garden walks, interactive sessions examining ‘objects’, discussion and reflection, this is a chance to consider context, detail and management of this historic garden.

Tutors: Letta Jones and Kelly Baker



FRI 21 JUN - SUN 23 JUN

A TIME TO SPEAK OUT: A GUIDED BIBLE STUDY

12 places | £165 residential | £95 non-residential

The Quaker tradition deeply values silence. But Quakers have also been led to speak truth to power when that has been required. This tension between silence and speech has biblical roots. Drawing on recent work by the radical Biblical scholar, Walter Brueggemann, we will explore events in the Bible – from both Old and New Testaments – which expose times when maintaining silence allows oppression and coercion to continue and the powerful to keep control. When should silence be interrupted?

Tutors: Timothy Ashworth with Ann Conway-Jones

FRI 21 JUN - SUN 23 JUN

QUAKER STUDIES CONFERENCE

45 places | £245 residential | £170 non-residential

Postgraduate work at Woodbrooke is twenty years old this year and this is the 25th annual Quaker studies conference. Come and join us to present your work or listen to the latest in academic scholarship in every area of the field. Visit www.qsra.org to see the call for papers. A weekend of celebration and cutting edge thinking.

Discount for current Postgraduate Students £165. Please use Code QSPG19 when booking online.

Tutors: Ben Pink Dandelion and Rhiannon Grant



MON 24 JUN - WED 26 JUN

TRUTH IS WHAT WORKS

12 places | £165 residential | £95 non-residential

How do we know when our foundational religious beliefs are true? And how does this truth bind us together as a Quaker community? Drawing on the insights of Pragmatic philosophers like William James and Charles Pierce this course explores how Friends might find new ways of applying the Truth Testimony to thorny questions of shared Quaker belief and identity. At the heart of this exploration is the suggestion that the fruits of Quaker practice are the basis and illustration of its truth.

Tutors: Ben Wood and Rhiannon Grant

SAT 22 JUN

GEORGE RICHARDSON LECTURE

7.30 - 9pm

This Lecture is the annual prestigious lecture in Quaker studies. It is public and free. This special celebratory lecture will be given by Professor Hilary Hinds of Lancaster University, author amongst other works of the book 'George Fox and Early Quaker Culture'. Dinner available beforehand by booking with Woodbrooke.

SAT 6 JUL REGIONAL EVENT

THE SPIRITUAL JOURNEYS OF JOHN WOOLMAN

30 places | £20

This one day workshop is being held at Friargate Meeting House, York

The spiritual life of John Woolman was inseparable from his travelling ministry. As he went, he felt the movement of the spirit, challenged injustice, and shared his understanding of God's love. We'll examine his life and works and consider how his travels gave him new opportunities to encounter God and proclaim the Kingdom. Together we'll reflect on how our own journeys might become a spiritual discipline, both renewing and prophetic.

Join us on Sunday for an early-morning Prayer Walk before Meeting for Worship at 10.30am.

For more information see our website or visit the website of Friargate Meeting House. <http://www.yorkquakers.org.uk/friargatequakerm.html>

Tutor: Martin Layton

MON 8 JUL - SUN 18 AUG

BIBLE STUDY FOR QUAKERS

16 places | £54

Online course

Do you find the Bible intimidating but intriguing? Do you want to engage your meeting in Bible study? This course will help you to find your way around the Bible and understand the distinctive Quaker approach to scripture. You will closely study several Biblical texts and reflect with others on your experience of the Bible. Each of the six units will be accompanied by a group study plan, supporting you in sharing your learning with your local Quaker community.

This course involves a time commitment of approximately two to three hours per week.

Tutor: Mark Russ



MON 29 JUL - WED 31 JUL

ATTENTION: THE WAY WE RELATE TO THE WORLD

14 places | £245 residential
£170 non-residential

Our attention is a precious resource. It is essential in learning and love. Religious traditions appreciate its role in meditation and worship. At the same time, commercial and political interests get ever more skilled at attracting and holding it. This course will reflect on the nature and value of attention, its creative role and how we preserve and deepen it. Preparation will include an invitation to engage with carefully selected resources before our onsite dialogue enables us to sharpen our own thinking.

Tutors: Timothy Ashworth and Joycelin Dawes with Iain McGilchrist (by video link) and Dan Nixon

FRI 2 AUG - SUN 4 AUG

ENQUIRING INTO QUAKER DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

12 places | £165 residential | £95 non-residential

This course will use the P4C (Philosophy for Communities) methodology which enables in-depth enquiry into matters of belief and ethics. This approach creates a positive environment for deep discussion and safe disagreement. Participants will be given the opportunity to have an in-depth discussion of the deeper meaning and implications of diversity and inclusion. The group will create their own questions to explore what diversity and inclusion mean in practice for Quakers.

Tutors: Rosie Carnall and Helen Griffin

MON 12 AUG - SUN 22 SEP

MULTIPLE RELIGIOUS BELONGING

16 places | £54

Online course

Quaker-Pagan. Anglican and Buddhist. Jewish and Christian (and interested in shamanism). Multiple religious identities are becoming more visible in the Western world as globalisation makes us more aware of the possibilities and religion is increasingly seen as something private which can be chosen at will. This course will explore what it is like to belong to more than one religious tradition, ask how and why people might set out on that path, and give space to reflect on the implications.

This course involves a time commitment of approximately two to three hours per week.

Tutor: Rhiannon Grant

FRI 16 AUG - SUN 18 AUG

TELLING OUR FAITH STORIES

15 places | £165 residential | £95 non-residential

Stories help to shape how we understand and interpret ourselves, our communities and our world. Faith stories in particular have power to influence how we live. In this course each participant will have an opportunity to tell their own faith story, and together we will look at the impact of our faith tradition and how its stories shape our own. Come prepared to talk freely and listen deeply.

Tutors: Janet Scott and Rhiannon Grant

FRI 30 AUG - SUN 1 SEP

EXPLORING THE OLD TESTAMENT

10 places | £165 residential | £95 non-residential

Does the Old Testament puzzle, perplex or put you off? Come and discover some of its riches and beauty, as well as its agonised responses to suffering and violence. We will explore the contexts in which the Hebrew Bible was written, and then trace the different ways in which it has been interpreted in Jewish and Christian traditions. When this course was offered in a local meeting, participants felt they had received 'profound insights with a lightness of touch'. Anyone welcome - no prior knowledge required.

Tutor: Ann Conway-Jones



FRI 16 AUG - SUN 18 AUG

JULIAN OF NORWICH: 'THERE WAS A TREASURE IN THE EARTH WHICH THE LORD LOVED.'

16 places | £245 residential | £170 non-residential

Julian's writings are complex and deep but their meanings are beautiful in their simplicity. We are the treasure. The course will aim to engage with Julian, the woman, her life and spirituality, offering the opportunity to explore her words through reflection, music and laughter. Discover how the message of her Revelations for the world is as relevant today as it was in the 14th Century. There will be times to be quiet, times to discuss and times to Simply Be.

Tutor: Pauline Lovelock

FRI 6 SEP - SUN 8 SEP

GENDER AND THE DIVINE: LEARNING FROM FEMINIST RELIGION

12 places | £245 residential | £170 non-residential

Judaism and Christianity both have strong traditions of using gendered language to describe God. This has often been masculine but, both historically and recently, there are also feminine examples. In this course we will explore ways in which feminist Christians and Jews have re-read Biblical texts, re-worked their traditions, and found resources to describe a Divine who is masculine, feminine, both, and neither. We will also take time to consider how this affects our own relationships with God.

Tutor: Rhiannon Grant

WOODBROOKE LEARNING

MON 9 SEP

DEPICTING RELIGIOUS CHARACTERS IN 19TH CENTURY FICTION

18 places | £50

A day conference organised jointly by the Centre for Research in Quaker Studies and Keele University, on all aspects of religious characters in nineteenth-century fiction. The conference is open to all with an interest in the subject, including postgraduate students.

If you would like to present a twenty minute paper, please contact Betty Hagglund, betty.hagglund@woodbrooke.org.uk before the end of April.

Tutors: James Peacock and Betty Hagglund

FRI 13 SEP - SUN 15 SEP

DEVELOPING A PRACTICE OF CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

12 places | £245 residential | £170 non-residential

COURSE AT SWARTHMOOR HALL

An introduction to an ancient Christian way of prayer beyond words, as taught in our time by Benedictine monks John Main (1926 - 82) and Laurence Freeman (1951-). The emphasis will be on practising meditation together and beginning to understand its rationale, its effect on our daily lives, our understanding of ourselves, of each other and of God.

Tutor: Liz Watson



FRI 27 SEP - SUN 29 SEP

MOTHERS OF ISRAEL: EXPLORING THE WRITING OF EARLY QUAKER WOMEN

12 places | £245 residential | £170 non-residential

COURSE AT SWARTHMOOR HALL

The early Quaker movement was unusual in its time for the freedom it afforded women to be preachers, prophets and writers. This course will enable you to explore the lives, and writings of a number of important seventeenth century Quaker women. This will include Margaret Fell, Martha Simmonds, Sarah Blackborow, Dorothy White and Elizabeth Bathurst. In our sessions we will get to know these women using short talks, the reading of texts and group discussion within a safe and friendly atmosphere.

Tutor: Stuart Masters

EQUIPPING FOR MINISTRY

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Interfaith

Exploring the beliefs and practices of all faiths and links between Quakers and other faiths to deepen our understanding, further dialogue and foster mutual enrichment.

FRI 31 MAY - SUN 2 JUN

GOD IN JEWISH TRADITION

12 places | £245 residential | £170 non-residential

What images of God can one find in Jewish tradition: in the Bible, in Jewish liturgy, in the prophetic literature, in Jewish poetry, in the mystical tradition? During this weekend participants will have an opportunity to explore how God is portrayed and 'imagined' within Jewish texts spanning more than 2500 years. And through discussion and personal reflection we will consider how such images of divinity resonate with participants' own spiritual journeys.

Tutors: Howard Cooper and Andy Stoller

SUN 25 AUG - FRI 30 AUG

MINDFULLY TOGETHER

45 places | £545 residential | £370 non-residential

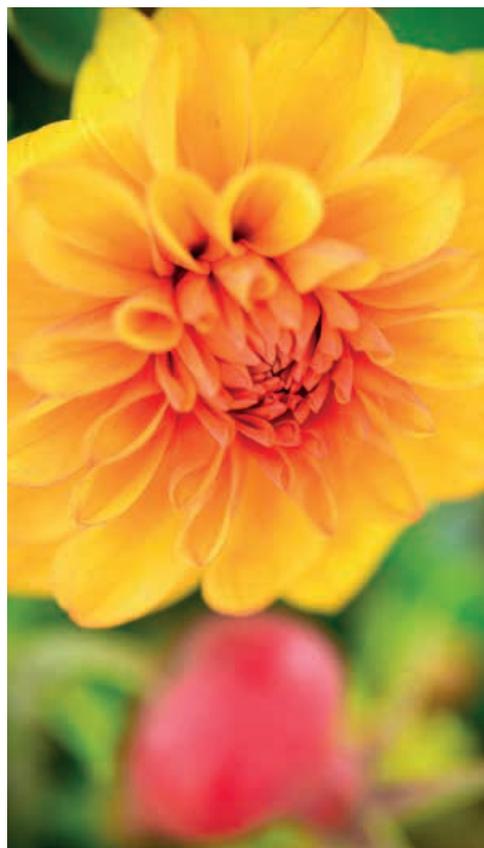
Woodbrooke in partnership with the Community of Interbeing

A retreat drawing on the Zen Buddhist teaching of Thich Nhat Hanh. Discover how mindfulness of the present moment can bring peace and happiness. While the practice is accessible and guidance will be offered to those with little or no experience, it is not without demand. You will enjoy times of silence, walking meditation in Woodbrooke's beautiful grounds and specially prepared vegetarian food.

Tutors: Sister Annabel Laity with Timothy Ashworth and Lesley Collington

Nurturing Our Quaker Community

Deepening our understanding of what it means to be a Quaker today, as individuals, meetings and a wider Quaker community. Exploring faith, life practices and organisation of the contemporary Quaker community and supporting and nurturing Friends within that community.



FRI 18 - SUN 20 JAN

'ANSWERING THAT OF GOD IN EVERYONE': A DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION NATIONAL GATHERING

60 places | £220 residential | £145 non-residential

Woodbrooke working in partnership with Britain Yearly Meeting

A diverse and inclusive community where all are welcomed has been an ever present aspiration for Quakers. This conference aims to equip Friends to make it a reality, offering key note speeches, workshops, opportunities for informal discussion and all age worship, all as discreet standalone sessions. We will explore diversity in a variety of forms, including race and ethnicity, class, age, sexuality and gender, in an intersectional way. Prepare to be challenged and inspired. We welcome your courageous participation.

Tutors: Led by a team of facilitators including Edwina Peart Mark Russ and others



MON 28 JAN - SUN 10 MAR

A FRIENDLY INTRODUCTION TO THE QUAKER WAY

16 places | £54

Online course

Are you relatively new to Quakers and keen to find out more? This course sets out the Quaker 'basics'. It will give you an understanding of the history and international reach of Quakerism, and the importance of spiritual experience to the Quaker Way. We will discuss what happens in a meeting for worship and how Quakers make decisions and organise themselves. We will explore what Quakers mean by 'testimony' and explain simple spiritual practices for you to experiment with.

This course is intended for those who have been attending a Quaker meeting for between six months and three years.

This course focuses principally on Quakerism as practiced by Britain Yearly Meeting, what is known as the liberal unprogrammed tradition. Participants from other yearly meetings and traditions are very welcome.

This course involves a time commitment of approximately two to three hours per week.

Tutor: Annie Womack

FRI 1 - SUN 3 FEB

A FRIENDLY INTRODUCTION TO MEMBERSHIP

14 places | £245 residential | £170 non-residential

What is Quaker membership? How do I apply and what will happen? The weekend gives an opportunity to explore the meaning of membership and belonging, and to share with others at a similar stage in their journey with Quakers. We will look at the history of Quaker membership, the practical aspects of applying for membership, and at the rewards and responsibilities belonging to a faith community brings.

Tutors: Mark Russ and Caro Kelly (elder)

FRI 15 - SUN 17 FEB

NURTURING OUR MEETINGS

14 places | £245 residential
£170 non-residential

How can we make our Quaker meetings vibrant and inclusive communities in which each person is accepted and nurtured, and strangers are welcome? In this course you will discover ways to deepen and strengthen the life of your meeting. Together we will explore a variety of spiritual practices, including the 'ministry of welcome'.

We will share our spiritual journeys, look at how we bear the burden of one another's failings, and help one another up with a tender hand.

Tutors: Ann Banks and Val Bone

WOODBROOKE LEARNING

FRI 1 MAR - SUN 3 MAR

BEING AN INCLUSIVE FAITH COMMUNITY

14 places | £245 residential | £170 non-residential

Do you long for your faith community to be truly inclusive? This course will give you tools to put inclusion at the heart of your faith community life. We will ask how inclusion is rooted in our theology, how inclusion is different to diversity, and how we can include all people in our faith communities, regardless of economic power, gender, mental health, physical ability, race or sexuality.

Tutors: Ruth Wilde and Mark Russ

FRI 15 MAR - SUNDAY 17 MAR

FRIENDLY INTRODUCTION TO GENDER DIVERSITY

14 places | £245 residential | £170 non-residential

In recent years we may have become more aware of transgender people – in our meetings we may encounter a transgender newcomer seeking a spiritual home, a longstanding Friend may ‘come out’, or we might have a relative who is trans or non-binary. This weekend aims to demystify gender diversity by hearing personal stories. We will explore the distinctive role of our meetings in embracing the richness of gender diversity based on our testimonies to truth, equality and simplicity.

Tutors: Yvonne Wood and Fred Langridge

FRI 22 MAR - SUN 24 MAR

APPRECIATIVE INQUIRY IN QUAKER SETTINGS

14 places | £245 residential | £170 non-residential

Appreciative Inquiry (AI) is a strengths-based approach to development and change that is particularly relevant to Quaker principles and practice. This course provides basic training in AI, which will equip Friends with the understanding and skills to facilitate AI processes in their meetings or committees. It will be especially useful to Friends serving in roles, employed staff and any Friends with experience in leadership or facilitation wishing to develop their skills and learn a new approach to real issues.

Tutors: Zélie Gross and Rob Griffiths

MON 1 APR - WED 3 APR

PLANNING A PURPOSEFUL RETIREMENT

12 places | £245 residential | £170 non-residential

This workshop offers space to reflect on what a rich, fulfilling retirement would look like for you. The workshop is based on the first part of Richard and Heather’s book ‘Creating a Purposeful Life’ which will be provided and we ask that you to read before attending. Together we will explore topics such as: my unique talents and strengths; my values; different attitudes to retirement and change; losses and gains on retirement and overcoming blockers to personal change. The workshop will be interactive, with time for personal work and small group discussions.

Tutors: Heather Brown and Richard Fox

NURTURING OUR QUAKER COMMUNITY

WED 8 MAY - FRI 10 MAY

TRAVELLING IN THE MINISTRY: STRENGTHENING OUR GIFTS

14 places | £165 residential
£95 non-residential

An early practice within the Quaker tradition was travelling in the ministry, Friends sharing their concerns and encouragement for members of the Religious Society of Friends. We will build on this rich tradition by exploring the behaviours and patterns Quaker women and men traveling in the ministry found beneficial. This workshop is intended for those who are acting as “minister” or have a desire to do so or learn about Travelling. We will discuss practical approaches to traveling in Ministry.

Tutors: Thomas Swain and Ben Pink Dandelion (Elder)

FRI 17 MAY - SUN 19 MAY

BECOMING A QUAKER DIVERSITY ALLY

11 places | £165 residential | £95 non-residential

The purpose of this course is to help us as Friends sort out the many messages we get about race, racism, unconscious bias and white privilege and then to explore ways of becoming more effective allies in the fight for racial justice and racial healing in our lives, in our communities, and beyond. We will do this drawing on the life and witness of Bayard Rustin as a case study, and guided by Advices and Queries numbers 33 & 34.

Tutors: Nim Njuguna and Edwina Peart

FRI 14 JUN - SUN 16 JUN

LEADERSHIP AMONGST FRIENDS

16 places | £165 residential | £95 non-residential

How does leadership work in our non-hierarchical Society of Friends, and what does it mean to take a lead when working in relationship with others? This course is for anyone interested in questions of leading and following in a Quaker context. We will explore through discussion, reflection and experiential activity the ‘leaderful behaviour’ that enables our meetings and structures to fulfil their spiritual purpose, including the connections between leadership and service, issues of authority and power, and being a leader in our own lives.

Tutors: John Grey and Zélie Gross

FRI 28 JUN - SUN 30 JUN

CONFRONTING MORTALITY AND GRIEF

13 places | £245 residential | £170 non-residential

In accepting the fact of death, we are freed to live more fully. This retreat will give you space to reflect individually and with other Friends on the end of life – your own death, preparing for death, or the experience of grief. This event is hosted by Quaker Life’s end of life cluster.

This event is grounded in Quaker worship and does not offer therapy.

Tutors: Members of the Quaker Life Network.

FRI 5 JUL - SUN 7 JUL

Woodbrooke working in partnership with Quaker Life

BEING A QUAKER PARENT

26 places | £135

An opportunity for parents and carers to explore together some of the joys and challenges of being part of a Quaker meeting. We will share our experiences and reflect together on what being a Quaker and parent means to us and consider how we and our meetings can nourish and support each other. Accompanying children aged 5 to 11 will attend 'Exploring Worship' which runs simultaneously. A crèche will be available for children under 5, and a light-touch programme for 12 to 15 year olds.

Tutors: Alistair Fuller and Kathy Chandler

EXPLORING WORSHIP

28 places | £35

This event is for children aged 5 to 11 years-old. This weekend will explore and think about some big questions: What is God? Where is God? What is worship? What is a Quaker? We will spend time inside and outside, hearing stories and music, playing games, being still, getting creative with arts and crafts, and making worship places for ourselves. Children must be accompanied by an adult who will be responsible for them outside of programme time. Accompanying adults are welcome to book on 'Being a Quaker Parent' which runs simultaneously.

Tutors: Mel Cook and Quaker Life Children & Young People's work volunteers.

MON 29 JUL - WED 31 JUL

EXPLORING FAITH AND PRACTICE TOGETHER

14 places | £165 residential | £95 non-residential

Whether experienced or new to Quakerism, this course will give you the opportunity to share with Friends from other Meetings your insights and responses to the first and the final five challenging chapters of *Quaker faith & practice*. Two optional sessions will be devoted to creative work in words or images that may be used to support our exploration of the text.

Tutors: Roger Babington Hill and Jaana Erkkila-Hill

FRI 16 AUG - SUN 18 AUG

EXPLORING SENSORY-BEING

14 places | £245 residential | £170 non-residential

Sensory-being is a form of mindfulness designed for people with cognitive disabilities but accessible to all, in which an engagement with the present moment is encouraged through a calming sensory activity. On this course you will learn about the theory behind sensory-being, exploring and creating sensory-being activities for people you care for and for yourself. The course is relevant to those interested in creating more inclusive communities, as sensory-being allows more able and less able people to take part in an activity as equals.

Tutors: Joanna Grace and Katie Rose White

FRI 30 AUG - SUN 1 SEP

EXPERIMENTAL WORSHIP

14 places | £165 residential | £95 non-residential

How many ways are there of doing Quaker worship? This course will ask how we can enrich and expand our worship in ways that are in keeping with the Quaker tradition. We will take risks with song, images and words, finding new ways to hear the voice of the Spirit in our midst. Participants will receive an electronic copy of Terry's book *Consider the Rock* which will serve as a starting point for our reflections.

Tutors: Terry Hobday and Mark Russ

FRI 6 SEP - SUN 8 SEP

TAKE TIME: RETREAT FOR MENTAL HEALTH CARERS

12 places | £165 residential | £95 non-residential

'Take Time' is a weekend for people who care for someone who needs care because of their mental health problems. Supporting someone can be life changing, revelatory – and exhausting and isolating. Look after your needs to enhance your caring. Come and meet Friends, enjoy quiet, share in optional activities, hear about rights and resources. The Retreat Benevolent Fund could give grants to those who cannot afford whatever respite care is needed by the person they support. Apply at: <http://www.retreatyorkbfund.com>

Tutors: Alison Mitchell and others

FRI 13 SEP - SUN 15 SEP

QUAKER FELLOWSHIP FOR AFTERLIFE STUDIES

(QFAS) and the Friends Fellowship of Healing (FFH) Conference
40 places | £245 residential | £170 non-residential

This joint conference of the Quaker Fellowship for Afterlife Studies (QFAS) and the Friends Fellowship of Healing (FFH) is open to all. For nearly twenty years QFAS has gathered and shared evidence of experiences beyond the body, which goes to the very heart of what it means to be human. FFH was founded in 1935 and is one of the largest interest groups within the Religious Society of Friends in Britain. The conference will explore spiritual and psychic experiences and evidence of healing of the mind and body. We will discuss how we can integrate these experiences into our daily lives, helping us to grow stronger in faith and love.

Tutors: Members of QFAS and FFH and visiting speakers



Training for Quaker Roles

Equipping and supporting those with various roles and responsibilities within Quaker meetings and organisations. This includes both practical training and exploration of the spiritual basis of the roles.

FRI 25 - SUN 27 JAN

EXPLORING OVERSIGHT

20 places | £245 residential | £170 non-residential

This course will help those with responsibility for oversight in Quaker meetings gain a better understanding of the role and the confidence to do it. What does the role involve? What is expected? What is the spiritual basis of oversight? How can overseers respond to and meet the pastoral needs of the meeting? We will look at the range of tasks, share good practice and explore ways of handling difficult issues as well as looking at practical ideas and useful resources.

This course focuses on oversight in Britain Yearly Meeting but may also be of interest to Friends from other yearly meetings.

Tutors: Members of the oversight tutor team

FRI 25 - SUN 27 JAN

EXPLORING ELDERSHIP

20 places | £245 residential | £170 non-residential

This course will help those with responsibility for eldership in Quaker meetings gain a better understanding of the role and the confidence to do it. What does the role involve? What is the spiritual basis of eldership? How can elders respond to and nurture the spiritual life of the meeting?

Participants will have the opportunity to explore the role and share experiences with others as well as looking at practical ideas and resources that will be of help.

This course focuses on eldership in Britain Yearly Meeting but may also be of interest to Friends from other yearly meetings.

Tutors: Members of the eldership tutor team

FRI 25 - SUN 27 JAN

BEING A QUAKER TRUSTEE

18 places | £245 residential | £170 non-residential

Particularly suitable for new/less experienced Area Meeting trustees, or as a refresher. Underpinned by the spiritual question of what trusteeship means within Quakers, we will be both practical and factual. What does God require of us? What does the law require? What is considered good practice? How do trustees, area and local meetings relate to each other? We aim to provide easy-to-understand information and enjoyable learning, to make trusteeship approachable and rewarding.

Tutors: Members of the trustees tutor team



MON 4 FEB - WED 6 FEB

CHANGING SHAPE OF ELDERSHIP AND OVERSIGHT: PRESENT EXPERIENCE AND UNDERLYING TRADITION

15 places | £245 residential | £170 non-residential

Eldership and oversight – or to put it more clearly, Quaker ways of providing pastoral and spiritual care – are changing. Meetings are sharing out the work differently and more widely, trying not to burden individuals while also including attenders. This course will explore the history of this work and the different patterns now being used to support the spiritual and social lives of meetings. Everyone welcome: you do not need to have been appointed to any specific role in order to participate.

Tutor: Rhiannon Grant

MON 28 JAN - SUN 10 MAR

BEING A QUAKER CLERK: AN ONLINE COURSE FOR CLERKS AROUND THE WORLD

£25 per place



This is an opportunity for Quaker clerks around the world to learn together. We will consider the clerk's role before, during and after a meeting for worship for business and look at the differing styles of clerking around the world. The course is for all clerks whether at a local, regional, national or international level or just want to learn more about the role. We hope that participants will learn from each other as well as the leaders.

This course involves a time commitment of approximately two to three hours per week.

Tutors: Members of the clerking tutor team

FRI 8 - SUN 10 FEB

EXPLORING QUAKER NOMINATIONS

16 places | £245 residential | £170 non-residential

An event for members of Quaker nominations committees. How can we root ourselves in good practices of discernment whilst responding to the particular issues that face us? Nominations are at the quiet heart of the way we live together as Friends, when we listen faithfully to the Spirit. We will include the practical aspects of being 'on nominations'. Friends can expect a renewed insight into the potential of nominations to strengthen meetings and enabling them to flourish.

Tutors: Members of the nominations tutor team

FRI 8 - SUN 10 FEB

BEING A QUAKER CLERK

20 places | £245 residential | £170 non-residential

This course is for new or prospective clerks with little or no experience of Quaker clerking. We will focus on clerking local meetings but clerks of other meetings or committees will also find they can learn much about their role. There will be practical sessions including planning agendas, drafting minutes and discipline in the meeting.

We will also consider other responsibilities that come with being a clerk. Participants will learn from each other as well as from the leaders.

Tutors: Members of the clerks tutor team

MON - WED 27 FEB

BEING A QUAKER TREASURER

16 places | £245 residential | £170 non-residential

For new and prospective treasurers, and those who still feel uncertain. We will cover all the main tasks, from first entries to year-end preparation of accounts, principles, responsibilities, and legal requirements. You will find sympathetic companionship with other treasurers, and explore the spiritual basis of the role.

Please note times: The course starts at 11:15am on the Friday with Basic Book-keeping (this runs to 5:45pm and will include lunch). Those without much experience need these sessions. If Friday attendance is difficult, the exercises will be available online to complete at home beforehand. On the Sunday there is an optional session on the Quaker spreadsheet programme which runs from 1:30pm to 3.00pm.

Tutors: Members of the treasurer tutor team



MON 4 MAR - WED 6 MAR

BEING A QUAKER CLERK

20 places | £245 residential | £170 non-residential

This course is for new or prospective clerks with little or no experience of Quaker clerking. We will focus on clerking local meetings but clerks of other meetings or committees will also find they can learn much about their role. There will be practical sessions including planning agendas, drafting minutes and discipline in the meeting. We will also consider other responsibilities that come with being a clerk. Participants will learn from each other as well as from the leaders.

Tutors: Members of the clerking tutor team



MON 11 MAR - WED 13 MAR

EXPLORING OVERSIGHT

20 places | £245 residential | £170 non-residential

This course will help those with responsibility for oversight in Quaker meetings gain a better understanding of the role and the confidence to do it. What does the role involve? What is expected? What is the spiritual basis of oversight? How can overseers respond to and meet the pastoral needs of the meeting? We will look at the range of tasks, share good practice and explore ways of handling difficult issues as well as looking at practical ideas and useful resources. This course focuses on oversight in Britain Yearly Meeting but may also be of interest to Friends from other Yearly Meetings.

Tutors: Members of the eldership and oversight tutor team

MON 11 MAR - WED 13 MAR

EXPLORING ELDERSHIP

20 places | £245 residential | £170 non-residential

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Tutors: Members of the eldership and oversight tutor team

MON 11 MAY – WED 13 MAR

BEING A QUAKER TRUSTEE

20 places | £245 residential | £170 non-residential

Particularly suitable for new/less experienced Area Meeting trustees, or as a refresher. Underpinned by the spiritual question of what trusteeship means within Quakers, we will be both practical and factual. What does God require of us? What does the law require? What is considered good practice? How do trustees, area and local meetings relate to each other? We aim to provide easy-to-understand information and enjoyable learning, to make trusteeship approachable and rewarding.

Tutors: Members of the trusteeship tutor team.



THU 14 MAR – THU 28 MAR

WRITING BRILLIANT ANNUAL REPORTS

£27



This three-week online course is an interactive discussion space which will help participants to better understand the Charity Commission and Britain Yearly Meeting requirements for an Area Meeting Trustees' Annual Report. You will consider the target audience and share ideas about how to produce the most useful document(s) possible. There will be exercises to try out as you prepare your 2018 report. This course is intended for anyone involved in producing the annual report for an Area Meeting, including Area Meeting trustees, treasurers, and clerks.

This course involves a time commitment of approximately two hours per week.

Tutors: Martin Ford and James Bradbury

FRI 22 MAR – SUN 24 MAR

CHAPLAINCY RETREAT

12 places | £245 residential | £170 non-residential

This weekend retreat will provide the opportunity for Quaker chaplains working in any setting (prison, education, hospital or others) to reflect, relax and reconnect with our spiritual foundation. We will use a mix of creative listening, the labyrinth, journaling and a range of spiritual practices to provide opportunities to recharge our batteries and remind ourselves why we do this important work. This weekend is not a training event and may not be suitable for people with no chaplaincy experience.

Tutors: Members of the chaplaincy tutor team.

THUR 4 APR – FRI 5 APR

REGISTERING OFFICERS TRAINING

20 places | £125 residential | £90 non-residential

Woodbrooke working in partnership with Britain Yearly Meeting

A training event for new Quaker Registering Officers. Run in partnership with the Recording Clerk's Office of Britain Yearly Meeting. Information and booking details will be sent directly to Registering Officers.

Tutors: Judith Baker, Michael Booth and Seren Wildwood

FRI 5 APR – SUN 7 APR

REGISTERING OFFICERS CONFERENCE

60 places | £245 residential | £170 non-residential

Woodbrooke working in partnership with Britain Yearly Meeting

A conference for Quaker Registering Officers. Information and booking details will be sent directly to Registering Officers.

Tutors: Michael Booth, Linda Craig and Seren Wildwood

THU 11 APR – THU 25 APR

CLERK TO TRUSTEES: TRAINING

£54



A three week course will help clerks to Area Meeting Trustee bodies develop their skills and confidence. We'll talk about what's involved in the role, being a trustee in a Quaker context, building good working relationships, and where to go for help. Possible topics include planning agendas, writing minutes, using subcommittees, contracts and employment, what needs doing when, and trusteeship and faith. There will be links to useful material and a forum to discuss your particular circumstances and questions.

Tutors: Members of the trusteeship tutor team

TUE 16 APR – TUE 21 MAY

BEING A QUAKER TREASURER

£115



For new and prospective treasurers of local meetings. We will cover all the main tasks, from first entries to year-end preparation of accounts. You will find sympathetic companionship and explore the spiritual basis of the role. Full participation requires a webcam and microphone.

This course involves a time commitment of approximately two to three hours per week.

Tutors: Members of the treasurer tutor team

MON 6 MAY - SUN 16 JUN

ELDERSHIP AND OVERSIGHT

£115

Online course

This six-week online course will help all those serving in eldership and oversight to gain better understanding and confidence in their role – whatever the system in their meeting. The six modules cover the full range of topics included in the separate and combined eldership and oversight onsite courses, with options to focus on areas of particular relevance.

This course involves a time commitment of approximately two to three hours per week.

Tutors: Members of the eldership & oversight tutor team

FRI 31 MAY - SUN 2 JUN

TRAINING FOR QUAKER PRISON CHAPLAINS

10 places | £245 residential | £170 non-residential

Woodbrooke working in partnership with Britain Yearly Meeting

This training is open to all Quaker prison chaplains. It will cover the Quaker basis for prison ministry, finding and developing your ministry, practical issues about working in prisons, building trusting relationships, and training and support for your ministry. It is suitable for both new and more experienced chaplains, regardless of how much time you spend on chaplaincy work.

Tutors: Members of the chaplaincy team

MON 3 JUN - SUN 14 JUN

EXPLORING QUAKER CHAPLAINCY

£115

Online course

Woodbrooke working in partnership with Quaker Life

Are you a Quaker chaplain in hospital, prison, school or university or in any other work or community setting? Or considering starting chaplaincy? This online course will be an opportunity for sharing, supporting and developing your ministry. We will explore the connections between different settings. Over the six weeks of this course, we will encourage you to take a couple of hours a week to reflect on your work, share your experiences, ideas and insights, and come away refreshed.

This course involves a time commitment of approximately two to three hours per week.

Tutors: Members of the chaplaincy tutor team



MON 24 JUN - WED 26 JUN

ELDERSHIP AND OVERSIGHT TOGETHER

18 places | £245 residential | £170 non-residential

This is a weekend for Friends serving in joint or corporate systems of eldership or oversight, or with elements or combinations of these. This course aims to help participants identify how the responsibilities of eldership and oversight are met in their meetings, and to share good practice.

We will explore pastoral care and spiritual nurture within worshipping communities and consider practical issues. We hope everyone will leave with new skills and insights, feeling more confident about their part in eldership and oversight in their meeting.

Tutors: Members of the eldership and oversight tutor team.



MON 2 SEP - WED 4 SEP

MANAGING OUR MEETING HOUSES

10 places | £245 residential | £170 non-residential

Woodbrooke working in partnership with Quaker Life

This training and support event for meeting houses of all sizes and functions includes: witnessing to Quaker values; workshops for staff and employers on employment law and good practice, and on health and safety legislation; as well as sessions on meeting house administration matters, and on building working relationships and support networks. The course aims to respond to the needs of participants so everyone will gain increased enthusiasm, skills, confidence and knowledge to enhance the life of their meeting house.

Tutors: Bonnie Grotjahn, Sam McNair and Oliver Waterhouse

MON 15 JUL - SUN 25 AUG

QUAKER NOMINATIONS

£115

Online course

An entirely online course for anyone involved in Quaker nominations. We will aim to root ourselves in good practices of discernment whilst responding to the particular issues that face us. Nominations are at the quiet heart of the way we live together as Friends, when we listen faithfully to the Spirit. By taking two to three hours a week over six weeks to reflect, we hope you will gain a renewed insight into the potential of nominations to strengthen meetings and enabling them to flourish.

This course involves a time commitment of approximately two to three hours per week.

Tutors: Members of the nominations tutor team

MON 2 SEP - SUN 13 OCT

BEING A QUAKER CLERK

£115

Online course

This online course, for new or prospective clerks with little or no experience of Quaker clerking, is based on the on-site course with the same name. The five modules cover the clerk's role before, during and after a Meeting for Worship for Business. We also consider why we use our particular business style in our meetings. We will focus on clerking local meetings, but clerks of other meetings, including area meetings, will also find they can learn much about their role.

This course involves a time commitment of approximately two to three hours per week.

Tutors: Members of the clerking tutor team

MON 2 SEP - SUN 13 OCT

ELDERSHIP AND OVERSIGHT

£115

Online course

This six-week online course will help all those serving in eldership and oversight to gain better understanding and confidence in their role – whatever the system in their meeting. The six modules cover the full range of topics included in the separate and combined eldership and oversight onsite courses, with options to focus on areas of particular relevance.

This course involves a time commitment of approximately two to three hours per week.

Tutors: Members of the eldership & oversight tutor team

FRI 6 SEP - SUN 8 SEP

BEING A QUAKER CLERK

20 places | £245 residential | £170 non-residential

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Tutors: Members of the clerking tutor team

MON 23 SEP - SUN 3 NOV

MEETING FOR WORSHIP FOR BUSINESS

£54

Online course

Meetings for worship for business are one facet of Quaker worship; but what is actually going on in a meeting for worship for business? Why do we do what we do? What is the spiritual underpinning? This course is for all Friends, to help you to understand our decision making process better. Friends 'on the bench' as well as clerks can benefit from the course which will help you to understand more about deepening our experience of worshipful discernment as a group.

This course involves a time commitment of approximately two to three hours per week.

Tutors: Members of the clerking tutor team

POSTGRADUATE STUDY AND RESEARCH

with the Centre for Research in Quaker Studies



Online taught courses leading to a Postgraduate Certificate in Quaker Studies or MA in Quakerism in the Modern World and distance learning with supervision leading to MA by research or PhD.

For more detailed information on these postgraduate options, entry requirements, fees and how to apply for the 2018-19 academic year, please visit woodbrooke.org.uk/crqs

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Quaker Conferences

The events are organised by Quaker Recognised Bodies and take place at Woodbrooke. For details of how to book see the individual listings.

FRI 29 MAR - SUN 31 MAR

UNITY, DIVERSITY, BOUNDARIES

40 places | £250

This year's Nontheist Friends Conference will explore ideas around the themes of Unity; Diversity; Boundaries. What do we mean by unity? Does this limit or enhance our diversity? What are our boundaries?

Stimulated by the diverse interests and backgrounds of the speakers we hope to learn, draw strength from and embrace differing perspectives. As we begin the process of revising 'Quaker Faith & Practice', our Book of Christian Discipline, this is an opportunity to consider how we can contribute. We look forward to a lively and participatory event which is open to all.

To book contact Hugh Rock (26 Fairmile, Henley-on-Thames RG9 2LA or hugh_rock@btconnect.com).

Tutors: Hugh Rock, Marisa Johnson and Tony Philpott

FRI 10 MAY - SUN 12 MAY

FORGIVENESS - WHY FORGIVE?

50 places | £234

This conference, which is open to all, will explore our understanding of forgiveness from religious, moral and psychological perspectives. Why should we forgive? Who benefits? Is forgiveness a religious/moral imperative or a practical virtue? How does forgiveness relate to repentance and reconciliation? What are the limits of forgiveness? Why can forgiveness be so difficult to achieve? There will be visiting speakers, small group discussions and free time to socialise and enjoy this wonderful conference venue.

See QUG website for full details. Booking form on the QUG website <http://qug.org.uk/> or from Glen Gates (gleng@qug.org.uk or 5 School Street, Church Lawford, Rugby, CV23 9EE). Enquiries, day rate prices and completed booking forms to Glen Gates.

FURTHER
INFORMATION

Woodbrooke's Programmes Team



Simon Best is Head of Learning and has overall responsibility for Woodbrooke's learning programmes. He is passionate about creating opportunities for Quakers to learn and grow individually and together. Simon is responsible for supporting the Swarthmore Lecture programme.



Ben Pink Dandelion is Programmes Leader for the Centre for Research in Quaker Studies. He has responsibility for our postgraduate programmes run in partnership with the University of Birmingham and Lancaster University. He both teaches and supervises postgraduate students in a variety of fields, and his own specialism is sociology of religion. He is a prolific author and editor.



Martin Layton is Senior Programme Leader for off-site and online learning. He has responsibility for our online learning and Woodbrooke-on-the-Road. He is interested in exploring how Quaker spirituality strengthens our lives of active witness.



Stuart Masters is Senior Programme Leader for on-site learning. He coordinates Woodbrooke's on-site course programme and leads courses exploring the Quaker way and its relationship to other traditions.



Betty Hagglund is Librarian and Learning Resources Manager, and has overall responsibility for Woodbrooke's library and archive. She is particularly interested in early Quaker history and writings.



Gill Pennington is Ministry Programmes Co-ordinator and Spirituality Tutor. She has responsibility for the Equipping for Ministry programme. She works to facilitate learning and enable a deepening of spiritual experience.



Mark Russ is Tutor for Nurturing Friends and Meetings. His interests include intentional community, music and worship, theology and apocalyptic spirituality.



Maud Grainger is Faith in Action Tutor. She has experience of and passion for environmental, social justice and interfaith work. She is interested in how we live our witness in the world and community activism.



Michael Eccles is QPSW Tutor providing training and support for Quaker Peace & Social Witness placement programmes. Michael also works as the Assistant Secretary of FWCC-Europe & Middle East Section supporting Friends around the region.



Rhiannon Grant is Tutor for Quaker Roles. She is a lifelong Quaker who researches and writes about religious language and practices. Rhiannon is also Deputy Programmes Leader, Centre for Research in Quaker Studies and supports our postgraduate programmes and research work.



Timothy Ashworth is Biblical Studies Tutor, especially interested in how the experiences of the first Christians shaped their writings and ways of life. He is also Interfaith Co-ordinator, engaged in our ecumenical as well as interfaith work.

Woodbrooke's Associate Tutors

Woodbrooke has a large number of associate tutors who deliver many of our courses. You can find details about the tutors for each course in the listings and on our website.

Alastair McIntosh is a Quaker whose most recent book is *Poacher's Pilgrimage*. With Matt Carmichael he is co-author of *Spiritual Activism: Leadership as Service*.

Alex Wildwood gave the 1999 Swarthmore lecture 'A Faith to call our own' and is passionate about articulating the spiritual diversity of British Friends.

Alison Mitchell works for the Retreat Benevolent Fund as Mental Health Development Officer, raising awareness and asking questions about mental health.

Alistair Fuller is Head of Ministry and Outreach for Quakers in Britain and also a Quaker parent. He is deeply interested in nurturing spiritual community and helping seekers find Quakers.

Alwyn Knight has worked in Hebron as a member of the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme, and as a member of Christian Peacemaker Teams.

Andy Stoller has been a Quaker for over thirty years coming from a Liberal Jewish background. She has experience of facilitating various groups and has also offered service both locally and nationally.

Angela Cotter is a Jungian analyst and shamanic practitioner drawing particularly on Celtic roots, and an experienced group facilitator/teacher.

Angela Halvorsen Bogo is a storyteller, singer and clown. She has been curious about and developing the relationship between performer and audience, embodying the fool and travelling wherever called.

Angie Dunhill has practised Experiment with Light for 6yrs and has worked with others to deliver workshops nationally.

Ann Banks is a teacher, shopkeeper, therapist, personal development tutor and active Quaker, Ann has experience of working with Experiment with Light and the Kindlers.

Ann Conway-Jones is an Honorary Research Fellow at Birmingham University. She specialises in making biblical scholarship accessible, relevant and inspiring.

Annie Womack started going to Quaker meetings while living in Berlin. Now based in Sheffield, she attends Nether Edge Local Meeting and works as a translator.

Annique Seddon, with a background as a therapeutic counsellor, is a personal tutor and co-leader on Woodbrooke retreats.

Basia Mindewicz is a Member of the British Association of Iconographers and the founder of the Edinburgh School of Icon Painting.

Ben Wood was recently a Lecturer in Theology & Religious Studies at Leeds Trinity. His interests include, theological ethics, Quaker history & philosophies of knowledge.

Bonnie Grotjahn was a Resident Warden in the UK and a Quaker employer at Friends House Moscow. Her passion is people!

Caitlín Matthews is a teacher of mythic & spiritual traditions: her many books include *The Lost Book of the Grail*.

Caroline Gibbs is a Friend, life coach, writer and inspirational speaker. She is passionate about sharing positive ideas and offering opportunities for personal growth.

Caroline Jariwala is an ethical mosaic artist, a qualified teacher and professional artist since 1988, teaching the art of mosaic to children and adults for 20 years. Caroline is a member of the British Association of Modern Mosaic.

Caroline Kennedy was introduced to the Experiment with Light in 2011, and has continued the practice from that time, both solo and in a Light group.

Carrie Salmon discovered Experiment with Light 3 years ago and values how it has enriched her life and Meeting.

Chris Bemrose is a Quaker who designs and leads experiences to help people explore spiritual, psychological and social issues. Details at spiritofthemargins.org

Dan Nixon leads *Perspectiva's* work on *Paying Attention* (<https://www.systems-souls-society.com/payingattention>).

Deborah Ravetz is a painter, social sculpture practitioner, vocational trainer and author of 'The Art of Being Human'. Details at deborahravetz.org

Deborah Rowlands is the current Clerk of Britain Yearly Meeting.

Deborah Shaw is a life-long Friend and seasoned retreat leader who delights in spiritual exploration in the company of others.

Dr Pauline Lovelock currently at the Anglican Shrine Walsingham formerly employed by the Julian Shrine specialises in silence, reflection and spirituality.

Edwina Peart is the Inclusion and Diversity Coordinator for Britain Yearly Meeting.

Eleanor Jackson has been a Quaker for forty years, is a member of the Birmingham Ecumenical Forum for Spiritual Directors and Companions.

Estella Lovett has taught meditation and accompanied people on their spiritual journeys for thirty years.

Farrukh Akhtar is an experienced Transformative Life Writing facilitator, a writer and a senior lecturer at a London University.

Floe Shakespeare has been a Quaker for nearly fifty years, has facilitated groups in different contexts and has a longstanding interest in creativity in all its forms.

Frances Henley Lock, spiritual director and group facilitator, enjoys encouraging participants to explore their human/spiritual journey in possibly unfamiliar ways.

Fred Langridge was part of Wanstead LM's discernment around gender. They are a Quaker and an adviser on diversity and inclusion.

Gerald Hewitson described his spiritual journey in the Swarthmore Lecture of 2013. Journaling is his primary spiritual practice.

Gil Skidmore is passionate about finding ways to inspire us today by deepening knowledge and understanding of our Quaker past.

Gretchen Castle is General Secretary at Friends World Committee for Consultation. She brings experience of the diverse ways of Friends worldwide.

Heather Brown is a freelance facilitator and qualified teacher of the Enneagram. She enjoys walking, sailing and choral singing.

Helen Griffin is a SAPERE-accredited level 2 P4C trainer and experienced Quaker. She has been using P4C since 2003.

Iain McGilchrist is author of *The Master and his Emissary: the Divided Brain and the Making of the Western World*.

Inderjit Bhogal is a Methodist theologian, founder of the “City of Sanctuary” movement and formerly CEO of the Corrymeela Community.

Ivan Hutnik is a facilitator with Restoring Relations, an internationalist, and a member of the QPSW conciliation group.

Jaana Erkkila-Hill, previously Clerk of Finland Yearly Meeting, is Professor of Fine Art at the University of Lapland.

James Bradbury was a Senior Manager in manufacturing industry before becoming a Trustee and lead Treasurer for Central England Area Meeting.

James Peacock is Senior Lecturer in English and American Literatures at Keele University, where he is currently researching the relationship between Quakerism and American literature, 1780-1900.

Jan Sellers, a Quaker and writer, leads retreats and labyrinth events for Woodbrooke, the Retreat Association, Veriditas and other organisations.

Janet Entwistle is member of the Community of Interbeing and also has a strong Quaker background.

Janet Scott is a theologian and a teacher. She is a former clerk of Meeting for Sufferings and was the 1980 Swarthmore lecturer.

Jenni Simmons is a textile worker and teaches handcrafts.

Jennifer Kavanagh is a speaker on the Spirit-led life, and author of, among others, ‘Simplicity Made Easy’ and ‘A little book of Unknowing’

Jill Woodman is a British Wheel of Yoga teacher and has taught annually at Woodbrooke for several years. She has a particular interest in mindfulness meditation as a way of connecting to the moment and creating a breathing space in life.

Joanna Godfrey Wood is a lifelong Friend, particularly interested in facilitating study groups and developing spirit through creativity.

Joanna Grace is an international sensory engagement and inclusion specialist, TEDX speaker, author, trainer and founder of The Sensory Projects.

Joanne Klassen of Heartspace on Line Learning Associates; Learning that Changes Lives is from Winnipeg, Manitoba Canada.

John Gray works as a freelance organisational facilitator and coach, and is a lecturer at the University of York. He attends Friargate meeting in York. He is a conceptual speaker and writer.

John Lampen is a trainer in creative conflict handling, and author of ‘Mending Hurts’.

John Lynes has worked in Palestine as a QPSW observer, as an Ecumenical Accompanier, and with the Christian Peacemaker Team in Hebron.

Jon Martin is Ministry & Outreach Officer for Quakers in Britain.

Jonathan Dale gave the 1996 Swarthmore Lecture, ‘Beyond the Spirit of the Age’. He has written extensively on Quaker Testimony

Joycelin Dawes has written on Quaker and contemporary spirituality, including recently *Discernment and Inner Knowing: making decisions for the best*.

Julia Ryberg is an American-born Quaker living in Sweden. She works for Friends in Sweden and more widely in Europe in ministry and outreach.

Kathleen Nelson has been using Appleseed methods for over 30 years and is an experienced Appleseed facilitator.

Kathryn Lum is an anthropologist, a lecturer in Global and Gender Studies, and a feminist activist. She is a member of Nottingham Monthly Meeting, and has carried out research on Dalit human rights in India and racial discrimination in Brazil.

Katie Evans is a Quaker who loves making breathing space for the Spirit.

Kathy Chandler is a Quaker parent and an overseer at Lancaster Meeting, where she supports a youth group. At work, she teaches students working with children, young people and families.

Katie Rose White is a therapeutic laughter practitioner with an interest in playfulness and freedom.

Kelly Baker was trained at Kew Gardens and worked at Knebworth before starting in 2017 as Head Gardener at Woodbrooke.

Lesley Collington is a potter, teaches T’ai Chi Chuan & Qi Gong, a Dharma Teacher in the tradition of Thich Nhat Hanh.

Letta Jones, MA is a Lecturer in Horticulture and Garden History. She also leads garden study trips abroad.

Linda Craig is a recent Clerk to Woodbrooke Trustees, a registering officer and former General Secretary of QPSW.

Liz Perkins has been Appleseeding for fifteen years. She has facilitated a number of craft and spirituality workshops.

Liz Watson has been meditating for over 20 years and is a member of The World Community for Christian Meditation (www.wccm.org).

Madeleine Ward wrote her doctoral thesis on early Quaker theology and was the Henry J. Cadbury Scholar at Pendle Hill Quaker study centre from 2017 to 2018.

Margery Post Abbott is a released Friend currently writing and traveling in the ministry, with the support of Multnomah MM in Portland, Oregon.

Marian Liebmann is an art therapist and mediator. She also works as a practitioner, consultant and trainer in restorative justice and has published widely.

Marion Mills Dadds is a Quaker and a Buddhist, interested in how these two traditions complement each other.

Martin Ford is a part time management consultant and serves on Quaker Stewardship Committee, whose responsibilities include ensuring compliance with Charity Commission requirements.

Matt Carmichael is a climate activist, inner city teacher and dad. With Alastair McIntosh he is co-author of *Spiritual Activism: Leadership as Service*.

Meredith Freeman ventures, hosts, holds, maps and prays. She is currently practicing allowing action to flow from answers.

Mike Mullins is a Roman Catholic who is a facilitator and coach with experience and qualifications in philosophy, psychology and psychotherapy.

Mina Tilt is a Friend from South Birmingham, with a special interest in Middle Eastern mysticism and the wisdom of Jesus.

Nim Njuguna is a Quaker prison chaplain. He was awarded an Eva Koch Scholarship in 2018 to explore being a Quaker Diversity Ally.

Peter Brennan is an experienced tutor who particularly relishes exploring the practical spiritual implications of the English poetic tradition. Peter is concerned to explore the spiritual implications of literature and particularly enjoys working with those seeking self development.

Peter Fishpool is learning to walk gently over the earth out of mastering mind; into the flow of graceful Spirit.

Philip Gross is a Quaker, poet, prose writer, dramatist and Professor of Creative Writing at the University of South Wales.

Rabbi Howard Cooper is a psychoanalytic psychotherapist in private practice and the Director of Spiritual Development at Finchley Reform Synagogue, London. He is a workshop leader, lecturer and writer exploring religious, Judaic, spiritual and psychological themes.

Rex Ambler taught theology at Birmingham University for over 30 years and since retiring has mainly researched and written about Quaker faith and practice.

Richard Eddleston has long experience of running centering prayer groups. A retired social worker, he has been a Quaker for twenty five years.

Richard Fox is a partner in The Learning Corporation LLP, a pan European firm of leadership coaches and training facilitators.

Rob Griffiths is a Quaker with more than 20 years of experience in using AI in his management consulting practice.

Roger Babington Hill is a Trustee of Devon Area Meeting, he formerly lectured at the University of Exeter. He is writing on "Daoism and the Quaker Mystical Tradition".

Roger Cullen currently works as a family mediator and also has experience of conflict resolution in Quaker meetings and restorative justice settings.

Rosie Carnall is a life-long Quaker and a lively and creative facilitator, who enjoys getting people thinking and talking together. As Eva Koch scholar in 2018, she has developed resources for Quakers to use the P4C methodology.

Ruth Wilde is a Quaker and National Coordinator of Inclusive Church. She also works part-time for the charity Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT).

Sam McNair is a warden involved in a major refurbishment. Interests include the spiritual dimension of wardenship and building robust lettings procedures.

Sandie Wade has shared her love of circle dancing for many years, encouraging others to discover its delight.

Shona Cameron came to NVC via a career as an educational psychologist. She travels extensively offering workshops and trainings, which are noted to be delivered with clarity and humour. www.shonacameron.com

Sister Annabel Laity has worked closely with Thich Nhat Hanh over many years, including translating several of his writings into English.

Steve Palmer is a teacher and a percussionist. The Gandhian idea of ahimsa has inspired him to look for practical ways to extend his own circle of compassion.

Susan Groves appreciates the wisdom and joy that comes from people gathering together. She is interested in bringing contemplation into relationship with others through spirit.

Terry Hobday has been facilitating experimental worship for over twenty years, developing a contemporary approach to semi-programmed worship. Her interests include the literary and musical aspects of sharing the Quaker experience, the Bible, early Quakerism and depth psychology.

Therese Bentley is a qualified teacher, with a special interest in the link between spiritual and practical everyday life.

Thomas Swain has travelled amongst Friends for over 12 years teaching and sharing his concern for the future of Quakerism.

Tracey Martin works in international development, is a Turning the Tide facilitator and co-editor and co-writer of the Barefoot Guides www.barefootguide.org

Val Bone is a lifelong Quaker and nurse. Val's exploration of spirituality includes both eastern and western traditions which inform a very grounded practice.

Yvonne Wood is a committee member of Quaker Gender and Sexual Diversity Community.

Zélie Gross is a Quaker writer and editor who brings exploratory group work and broad experience of Quaker service to her teaching.



Travel directions

Woodbrooke is based in Selly Oak – around five miles south of Birmingham city centre. We encourage our visitors to travel by public transport where possible.

RAIL

Mainline trains arrive into Birmingham New Street, Moor Street and Snow Hill stations. Local trains from New Street to Selly Oak take about 10 minutes. From Selly Oak station it is a short bus ride or a 20–25 minute walk.

COACH

National Express coaches terminate at Digbeth Coach Station in Birmingham, a 10–15 minute walk from New Street from where you can travel by bus, taxi or train.

TAXI

There are taxi ranks at New Street and Moor Street railway stations and Digbeth coach station. If you choose to travel

from Selly Oak station to Woodbrooke by taxi, you will need to pre-book a taxi. Call TOA Taxis on 0121 427 8888 or request a taxi using your smartphone.

BUS

Buses run to Woodbrooke from close to Birmingham New Street and Moor Street stations. For Woodbrooke you need to alight the bus at ‘Witherford Way’ stop. Buses accept the exact fare only so please have plenty of change with you. For the most up to date bus information please visit www.nxbus.co.uk

BY ROAD

Woodbrooke is accessible from the A38 Bristol Road.

If you are travelling south (from Birmingham city centre towards Longbridge): travel through Selly Oak, passing a Sainsbury’s supermarket on your right. Continue straight ahead and when the road slopes downhill, carry on past Fircroft College on your left. Woodbrooke is on the left shortly afterwards.

If you are travelling north on the A38 (towards Birmingham city centre): after leaving Northfield, continue straight ahead. When you pass under a footbridge, look out for Woodbrooke 200 yards on the right, on the opposite side of the carriageway. Go further up the

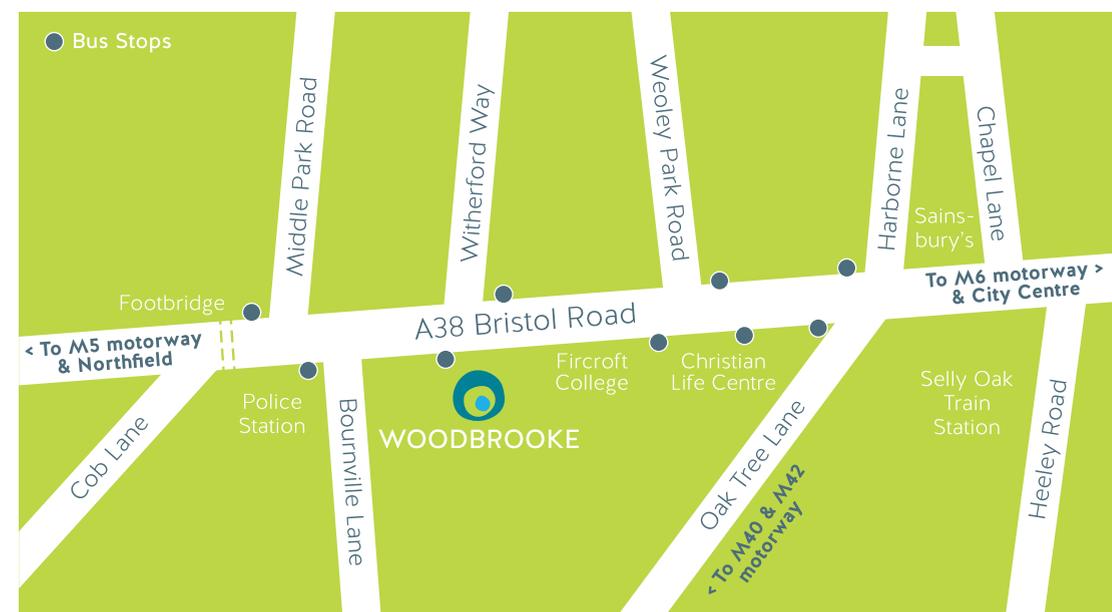
hill and do a U-turn through the next gap (as signposted) to come back down the hill to the Woodbrooke entrance.

TO GET TO THE A38

From the M6 – take Junction 6 and head towards the M38 Aston Expressway which will turn into the A38 Bristol Road. Continue for around five miles.

From the M40 – join the M42, exiting the M42 at Junction 2. Take the A441 towards Birmingham (signposted Cadbury World). After six miles, turn left onto the A38 Bristol Road. Woodbrooke is on the left after Fircroft College.

From the M5 Junction 4 – take the A38 (travelling north) for approximately six miles.





Learning and Accessibility

At Woodbrooke we aim to provide inclusive, participatory learning that recognises and affirms the diverse gifts of all in the community. We all have needs in relation to our learning and our tutors work to ensure all are able to participate in ways suitable for them and the course. We are aware that some people may have particular requirements that need to be met in order to enable them to come to Woodbrooke and to participate in courses (e.g. being a wheelchair user and needing a ground floor bedroom or needing course material/handouts provided in a particular format).

We understand that the way that different needs impact on someone's life varies greatly between individuals. We especially understand that if the needs are well managed, asking further questions might feel intrusive. We ask for information about your requirements so we can work with you to ensure that the necessary provision is in place for you to participate as fully as possible in your chosen course. We are guided in this by equality legislation and by our Quaker commitment to equality. This information will be shared with relevant staff and course tutors. Sometimes it is helpful for staff or tutors to be able to contact participants to discuss their requirements and how these can best be supported.

If you have access or communications requirements, please let us know when booking or as soon as possible, preferably at least three weeks before your course. In our experience this gives us a better chance of meeting your requirements. We will try our best to meet all access and communications requests through reasonable adjustments and/or the provision of additional aids or equipment. Whether we can meet your needs will depend on the exact nature of your request, and we will work with you to find the best way of you being able to participate as fully as possible.

Woodbrooke has hearing loops, ramps, scooters, a wheelchair lift, stair lifts and specially-fitted bathrooms, toilets and bedrooms.

If you need to be accompanied by a carer for you or your child so you can participate in a course, Woodbrooke will provide the carer with free accommodation and meals for the duration of your stay.

Please contact us to discuss any specific requirements or if you would like further information.

How to book

Book online at: www.woodbrooke.org.uk/learn.

Fill in and return the booking form opposite, you can download further forms from www.woodbrooke.org.uk/booking. For booking queries and to request a booking form email enquiries@woodbrooke.org.uk or call us on 0121 472 5171.

HOW TO PAY

- If you wish to pay by credit or debit card we require a minimum payment of 20% of the course fee at the time of booking. The balance will be due by 7am, 21 days prior to the event, and will be automatically charged to your card at that point. We will credit your booking with any bursaries or discounts before this.
- If you are booking online you must pay in full at the time of booking.
- If you wish to pay by cheque, you must pay in full at the time of booking.
- If your meeting is paying please ask for an invoice to be sent to the treasurer when you book.

WHEN TO BOOK

Please book as soon as possible. We encourage early booking to maximise the chances of a course running. Unfortunately, we occasionally have to cancel courses. Decisions about the viability of a course are usually made three to four weeks before the start of a course.

COURSE START AND FINISH TIMES

Courses at Woodbrooke begin at 6.15pm, with an evening meal, and end with lunch on the last day unless there are different timings given in the individual course details.

CANCELLATION

If Woodbrooke cancels a course you are booked on you will receive a full refund. If you cancel your place on a course we offer refunds as follows:

Onsite Courses

- If you notify us of a cancellation by 7am on the 56th day (8 weeks) prior to the event, you will receive a full refund.
- If you notify us of a cancellation at any time between 7am on the 56th day (8 weeks) and 7am on the 21st

day (3 weeks) prior to the event, we will retain 20% and refund any remaining money paid.

- For any cancellations notified after 7am on the 21st day (3 weeks) prior to the event, no refunds will be issued.

Online Courses

- If you notify us of a cancellation before 7am on the 42nd day (6 weeks) prior to the event, you will receive a full refund.
- If you notify us of a cancellation at any time between 7am on the 42nd day (6 weeks) and 7am on the 7th day (1 week) prior to the event we will retain 20% and refund any remaining money.
- For any cancellations notified after 7am on the 7th day (1 week) prior to the event, no refunds will be issued.

Change of content or tutor: We make every effort to run courses as advertised. However, there may be occasions when we have to change course content and/or tutors. Woodbrooke reserves the right to make these changes. In such instances, no reductions or refunds are available and the normal Cancellation Policy applies.

Insurance: We recommend that you consider taking out cancellation insurance to provide cover in the event of having to have to cancel your booking due to unforeseen circumstances. Woodbrooke is not able to recommend an insurance provider.

Cooling off period: If you cancel your booking within fourteen days of receiving confirmation of your booking from us you are entitled to a full refund under consumer protection regulations.

Accommodation only bookings: You can cancel your booking up to 7am on the day of arrival without any charge. Unless you have chosen a non-cancellable, non-refundable bedroom rate. Please check your booking confirmation for further details.

The information in this brochure is correct at the time of printing and may be subject to change. For the latest information and our full terms and conditions see www.woodbrooke.org.uk.

Booking form

Name of course(s) you'd like to attend:

Dates (from/to):

Please give details of any **extra nights** you would like to stay:

First name(s)

Last name

Name you like to be known by

Address

Postcode

Year of birth:

Tel. Day

Evening

Email address

You may contact me by

Post Email

We would like to send your course information by email rather than post. If you are unable to receive your course programme and course information via email please tick this box:

Tick here if you would like **travel directions**

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Dietary requirements:

- Anything Vegetarian Veg/Fish
 Vegan Non-dairy Diabetic
 Gluten Free Low Fat

Intolerances/Allergies:

Are you associated with the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers?) Yes No

If yes, please state which meeting/group you attend/are a member of:

Is this your **first course** at Woodbrooke?

Yes No

Are you attending this course as part of your **EfM programme?** Yes No

How did you hear about this course?

If you have previously been on a course at Woodbrooke and have since changed your name or address, please let us have your previous name/address:

First Name(s)

Last name

Address

Postcode

Contact and consent: The information you have given us on this form will be used for the administration of this booking.

We would like to keep you informed about future Woodbrooke events and our wider work by e-mail and/or post. Please indicate that you consent to us doing this by ticking the box.

I wish to receive information about Woodbrooke's learning and other activities.

Access

Please list any access/communications requirements you have in relation to the building.

Please list any access/communications requirements you have in relation to the course.

Please see page 103 for our commitment to learning and accessibility.

Accommodation

Would you like a residential place? Yes No

Please tell us a little about your interest in the course for which you are booking:

Special offers and bursaries

We would like to make coming to Woodbrooke as accessible as possible. We encourage you to speak to us if you would like to discuss bursaries and special offers.

I would like to claim one of the following special offers:

- First-timers' £50 discount
 18-35 year olds' 50% discount

Bursaries / financial support

- Please let me know about financial support from Woodbrooke

For more details and to see the full terms and conditions, visit www.woodbrooke.org.uk/offers

Payment Details**All cheques payable to Woodbrooke****1. I've arranged for my meeting to pay for the course**

- Full payment is enclosed
 Please send an invoice to the Treasurer

Treasurer's name
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Treasurers email address
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It is the participant's responsibility to ensure Woodbrooke gets payment before the course.

2. I am paying myself, 20% of the course fee is due at the time of booking.

- I am sending a cheque for the full amount.
 Please send me a link to pay on a secure website for the **full amount / 20%***. We will send you a link to pay on a secure website. By paying 20% using a debit/credit card, you authorise Woodbrooke to debit the 80% balance from the same card 21 days before the start of the course.

* Refundable subject to our cancellation policy

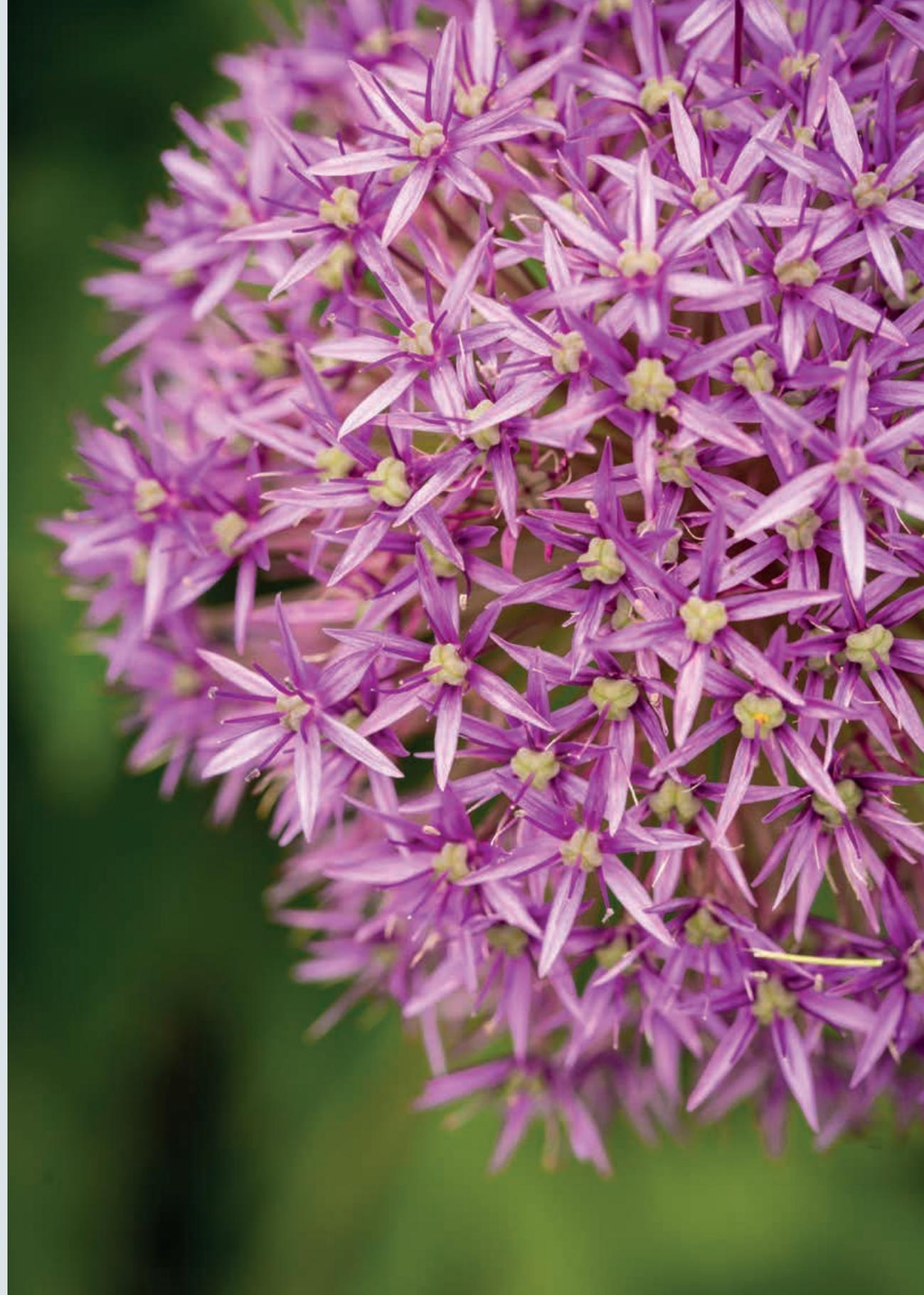
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Total payment £
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 I want to Gift Aid* my donation

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*If you have boosted your donation with Gift Aid via the booking form, please notify Woodbrooke if you (i) want to cancel this declaration (ii) change your name or home address (iii) no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains. If you pay income tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue & Customs to adjust your tax code.



Woodbrooke is many things to many people

Our Quaker-based learning nurtures, enthuses and informs; our inspiring venue in Birmingham offers space for meeting or just for staying.

Woodbrooke offers opportunities for learning:

- Through courses we run at our centre in Birmingham, and at other venues such as Swarthmoor Hall.
- Through our On-the-Road programme which brings our experienced tutors to you in your area.
- Via online courses and webinars.

Woodbrooke's centre in Selly Oak, a Grade II listed Georgian manor house with 70 bedrooms and 9 meeting rooms could be the perfect venue for your next meeting or conference and as a base to stay for visitors to Birmingham.



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