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“ [Woodbrooke is] an essential resource required to keep Quakers in Britain intellectually, emotionally, and spiritually equipped to rise to the challenges of the age ”

“ Providing opportunities to develop spiritually, including in particular learning about Quakers and their contribution to societies around the world ”



Welcome to Woodbrooke

Thank you for picking up this Woodbrooke brochure, within its pages we are sure you can find something to spark your interest.

For our learning in 2024 we've continued to build on our online programme with a rich selection of courses and sessions that cover the issues and opportunities facing Quakers today. We've given you a taste of what are offering in this brochure and accompanying wall planner but do explore our website for the full details where we also list any additional sessions that come up throughout the year.

In 2023 we returned to running a broader range of learning at venues around Britain. For 2024 we've given extra thought to what we feel really works well in this format; focusing on what you've told us you want and where, this remains a work in progress and we know that these won't suit everyone or be in easy reach of all Quakers. On page 16 you'll find our selection of day events, residential courses and retreats at select venues to fit the atmosphere of the course. We're particularly marking 400 years since George Fox's birth this year, by exploring his life and legacy in all sorts of differing ways with it being the focus of several retreats and online courses as well as a major Quaker Studies Conference in June.

We hope that you will see Woodbrooke reaching you in different ways in 2024. Our Woodbrooke Where You Are workshops and our Working with Meetings programme are active across Britain and online around the world as we work with Quaker communities where they are to deliver the learning they need. Check with your Quaker community if you have Woodbrooke coming to you or if that is something to look into in the future. You can find out more about our learning for communities on our website at: www.woodbrooke.org.uk/learning-for-communities

We know that people connect with Woodbrooke in different ways; through online learning, via existing communities, through research, online worship and more. We hope whatever way you engage with Woodbrooke it supports you in your life. We look forward to you joining us in 2024.

Jon Martin
Head of Communications & Impact

Simon Best
Head of Programmes & Partnerships

JANUARY

■ 11 January 7-9pm	Enquiring Into: walking cheerfully Jude Acton, Rosie Carnall	SQC
■ 13 January 10am-12pm	Signposts to Joy for a New Year Susan Groves	SR
■ 15-18 January	Creating Authentic Spirituality: a rule to live by Ben Pink Dandelion, Alex Wildwood	Penny Brohn, Bristol SR
■ 15 Jan-19 Feb	Multiple Religious Belonging Rhiannon Grant	HT
■ 16 January 7-9pm	The Joy of Service Lynden Easterbrook, Marilyn Higgins, Jacquie Cole	SR
■ 16 Jan-20 Feb	Being a Quaker Parent Alistair Fuller, Alison Breadon, Kathy Chandler	SQC
■ 19 January 2-3pm	Meeting for Worship Through Dance Robin Bowles, Ann Bettys	SR
■ 20 January 10am-4pm	A Light in the Darkness Tracey Martin	SR
■ 22 January 7-9pm	Simpler Roles: doing things differently Jonathan Carmichael, Jacquie Cole	SQC
■ 23 January 7-8:30pm	Woke Bible Study: is God an environmentalist? Christy Randazzo	SR
■ 24 Jan-6 March	The Light in their Consciences (The New Quaker History Series, volume 1) Stuart Masters	HT
■ 24 Jan-21 Feb	Rethinking Security: steps to sustainable peace with justice Jo Frew, Tanya Hubbard Woodbrooke and Rethinking Security working in partnership	PSJ

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■ 25 Jan–8 Feb	The Start of the Quaker Way: Fox 400 Ben Pink Dandelion	EQ
■ 25 Jan–29 Feb	Foundation Course in Nonviolent Communication Jenny Tipping	PSJ
■ 30 January 7–9:30pm	Colorizing Restorative Justice Tanya Hubbard	PSJ

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FEBRUARY

2-4 February	Time with the Texts: Fox 400 Ben Pink Dandelion	The Briery, Ilkley, West Yorks	HT
3 February 10am-4pm	Spiritual Nurture and Pastoral Care in a Nutshell Heather Rowlands, Helen Chambers, Jacquie Cole		QSR
6 February 3-4pm	Meet the Students: Mark Frankel Ben Pink Dandelion, Mark Frankel		HT
6 Feb-19 March	Being a Quaker Registering Officer Michael Booth, Judith Baker, Seren Wildwood, Linda Craig Woodbrooke and Quakers in Britain working in partnership		QSR
6 Feb-12 March	Racial Justice Dialogues Nim Njuguna, Jonathan Doering Woodbrooke and FWCC- EMES working in partnership		PSJ
8 February 7-9pm	Exploring Quaker Business Method Rachael Swancott		QSR
11 February 9:30am-4:30pm	Spiritual Practices for Every Day Gill Sewell		SR
13 February 6:30-8pm	Quaker Responses to Ukraine Tanya Hubbard		PSJ
16 February 7-8.30pm	Story Weaving with George Fox: when I grow up Till flo* Krapoth		HT
19 February 6:30-8:30pm	Welcome, Belonging and Disability: listening to disabled Friends Tanya Hubbard, Esther Loukin		PSJ
20 February 3-4pm	Meet the Students: Andrew Fincham Ben Pink Dandelion, Andrew Fincham		HT

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<div><div></div><div>21 February</div><div>7-8.30pm</div></div>	Truth and Integrity: an interfaith exchange Woodbrooke and the Quaker Truth and Integrity Group working in partnership	<div>PSJ</div>
<div><div></div><div>21 February</div><div>8-9pm</div></div>	Meeting for Worship Through Dance Robin Bowles, Ann Bettys	<div>SR</div>
<div><div></div><div>24 Feb-6 April</div></div>	Relational Campaigning for Climate Action Rob Paton	<div>CC</div>
<div><div></div><div>26 February</div><div>7-9pm</div></div>	Resilient Communities: why we need radical imagination Kim Harrison, Rob Hopkins	<div>CC</div>

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MARCH

■ 6 March 6:30-8:30pm	Exploring Threshing and Clearness Rhiannon Grant		SQC
■ 7 March 2:30-5:30pm	Holding the Thread in Turbulent Times Deborah Haskew, Will Johnson		SR
8-10 March	Being a Quaker Clerk Peter Eccles, Judith Roads	The Hayes, Alfreton, Derbyshire	QSR
■ 11 March 6:30-8:30pm	Welcome, Belonging and Disability: a space for disabled Friends Tanya Hubbard, Esther Loukin		PSJ
■ 13 March 7-8:30pm	George Fox: an evangelical Quaker perspective Stuart Masters		HT
■ 14 March 7-9pm	Enquiring Into: living adventurously Rosie Carnall, Jude Acton		SQC
■ 14 Mar-16 May	Refresh Your Quaker Role: grounding your service Jacquie Cole, Sophie Smith Woodbrooke and Quakers in Britain working in partnership		QSR
■ 7 March	Nurturing Our Spiritual Lives: spiritual accompaniment Nim Njuguna, Liz Njuguna-Wyatt		
15-17 March	Working Together in Faith: QCCIR Conference 2024 Woodbrooke and QCCIR working in partnership	High Leigh, Hoddesdon, Herts	SQC
■ 17 March 3-5pm	Life Reflections Daniel Clarke Flynn		SR
18-21 March	Time set aside: an individually guided retreat Timothy Ashworth, Annique Seddon	Glenthorne Guest House, Ambleside, Cumbria	SR

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■ 19 March 8:30-9:30pm	Conversations With Our Children: living as a Quaker Rachael Swancott		SQC
■ 19 Mar-30 April	George Fox in his Own Words: looking at well-known passages with fresh eyes Stuart Masters		HT
■ 20 March 7-8:30pm	Isaac Penington and Early Quaker Spirituality Phil Dahl		HT
■ 20 March 7-9pm	Exploring Quaker Roles Lynden Easterbrook, Marilyn Higgins, Jackie Cole		QSR
■ 21 March 6:30-8pm	Learning from Indigenous Restorative Justice Processes Tanya Hubbard		PSJ
■ 22 March 7-8:30pm	Story Weaving with George Fox: learning and growing Till flo* Krapoth		HT
■ 23 March 10am-4:30pm	The History of the Quaker Way Ben Pink Dandelion	Nottingham Friends Meeting House	HT
■ 24 March 8-9am	Meeting for Worship Through Dance Robin Bowles, Ann Bettys		SR
■ 26 March 7-8:30pm	Holding in the Light: what does it mean? Rhiannon Grant		SR
■ 26 March 6:30-8:30pm	Resilient Communities: re-localising our food systems Kim Harrison, Caroline Chandler		CC
■ 27 March 7-8:30pm	Woke Bible Study: is there patriarchy in Heaven? Ashley M. Wilcox		B

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APRIL

■ 2 Apr–7 May	Being a Quaker Clerk Judith Roads, Michael O'Connor	QSR	
■ 3 Apr–8 May	The Shared Quaker Story: spirit, community and scripture Benjamin Wood	HT	
■ 4 Apr–9 May	Centering Prayer Rosemary Field, Dana Smith	SR	
■ 5–26 April	Bayard T. Rustin: the pragmatic Quaker and his political life Carlos Figueroa	HT	
■ 10 April 6:30–8:30pm	Resilient Communities: Quaker permaculture design Evan Welkin	CC	
■ 16 April 2–3pm	Meeting for Worship Through Dance Robin Bowles, Ann Bettys	SR	
19–21 April	Ecological Homecoming: nature-connection retreat Kim Harrison, Jack Durnall	Glenthorne Guest House, Ambleside, Cumbria	CC
■ 19 April 7–8:30pm	Story Weaving with George Fox: departures Till flo* Krapoth	HT	
■ 22 April 2:30–5:30pm	Resilience and Renewal in Turbulent Times Deborah Haskew, Will Johnson	SR	
■ 23 Apr–21 May	Feminist Theology for Quakers Rhiannon Grant	HT	
■ 23 April 6:30–8:30pm	Welcome, Belonging and Disability: coming together as Friends Tanya Hubbard, Esther Loukin	PSJ	

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■ 24 April 7–8:30pm	Resilient Communities: placemaking to meet the climate crisis Cherice Bock	CC
■ 24 April 7–8:30pm	Truth and Integrity: an interfaith exchange Woodbrooke and the Quaker Truth and Integrity Group working in partnership	PSJ
■ 25 April 7–8:30pm	George Fox: a conservative Quaker perspective Stuart Masters	HT
26–28 April	George Fox and Early Quaker Culture Ben Pink Dandelion, Hilary Hinds	Glenthorne Guest House, Ambleside, Cumbria HT
■ 29 April 6:30–8pm	Applying Our Quaker Testimonies to Economics Tanya Hubbard	PSJ
■ 30 April 8:30–9:30pm	Conversations With Our Children: climate change and justice Rachael Swancott	CC
■ 30 Apr–4 June	Opening to Quaker Conciliation Tanya Hubbard, Judith Baker, Ivan Hutnik Woodbrooke and Quakers in Britain working in partnership	PSJ

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MAY

■ 2-23 May	Essentials of Quakerism Rachael Swancott	EQ
■ 9 May 7-9pm	Enquiring Into: the promptings of love and truth Jude Acton, Rosie Carnall	EQ
■ 12 May 2-5:30pm	Freeing the imagination: creative writing retreat Rosie Carnall	SR
■ 13 May 7-8:30pm	Quaker Ecochurch Network: support for meetings Gordon Benson, Kim Harrison	CC
■ 16 May 7-8:30pm	Understanding Ezekiel: a prophet's response to trauma James Priestman	HT
■ 18 May 2-5pm	(Re)Discovering Joy in Worship Simonne Wood	SR
■ 20 May 7-8:30pm	Woke Bible Study: does the Bible support colonisation? Cherice Bock	B
■ 22 May 7-8:30pm	What is Quaker Gospel Order? Simon Best	HT
■ 23 May-27 Jun	The Upside-Down Bible: what Jesus really said about money, sex and violence Symon Hill	B
■ 23 May 6:30-8pm	Women Waging Peace in Myanmar: Noon Tanya Hubbard	PSJ
■ 23 May 3-4pm	Meeting for Worship Through Dance Robin Bowles, Ann Bettys	SR
■ 29 May-12 Jun	Human Lives, Divine Grace: inspiration from past Friends Simonne Wood	SR
■ 30 May 6:30-8pm	Women Waging Peace in Myanmar: Monica Tanya Hubbard	PSJ

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■ 1 June 10am–4pm	Trusteeship in a Nutshell Linda Craig, Sarah Donaldson, Jacquie Cole	QSR
■ 3 Jun–8 July	Quaker Theology and Whiteness Mark Russ	HT
■ 3–17 June	What Happens When We Worship Online? Rhiannon Grant, Simonne Wood	SR
■ 11 Jun–2 July	Migration and Peace in Europe Catherine Henderson, Saskia Basa Woodbrooke and Quaker Asylum & Refugee Network working in partnership.	PSJ
■ 11 June 6:30–8:30pm	Resilient Communities: transition towns and our Quaker community Kim Harrison, Amanda Woolley	CC
■ 12 Jun–17 July	Tackling Taboo: discerning difficult topics Windy Cooler	SQC
■ 16 June 2–5:30pm	Isaac Penington: metaphor and divine mystery Phil Dahl	SR
■ 18 June 7–8:30pm	George Fox: a feminist Quaker perspective Stuart Masters	HT
■ 18 June 7–8pm	Meeting for Worship Through Dance Robin Bowles, Ann Bettys	SR
20–23 June	CRQS/QSRA/CQHA Quaker Studies Conference: Fox 400	Lancaster University HT

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JUNE

■ 24 June 7-8:30pm	The Quaker World: Quakers and Disability Oscar Malande, Benjamin Wood	HT
■ 24 June 7-9pm	Toolkit for Roleholders: online discernment Chris Skidmore, Jacque Cole	QSR
■ 25 Jun-23 July	The Gospel of Mary: a friendly study group David Curtis	B
■ 25 June 20:30-21:30pm	Conversations With Our Children: navigating the online world Rachael Swancott	SQC
■ 26 June 7-8:30pm	Truth and Integrity: an interfaith exchange Woodbrooke and the Quaker Truth and Integrity Group working in partnership	PSJ
■ 29 June 10:30am-4pm	Quakers in Business: a new history Ben Pink Dandelion	HT
■ 29 June 9:30am-4pm	Being and Doing: finding the balance Jennifer Kavanagh	SR

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6 July 10am–4:30pm	The Heart of the Quaker Way Ben Pink Dandelion	Liverpool Quaker Meeting House	EQ
16–18 August	Get Your Quaker Studies Book Published Rhiannon Grant	The Briery, Ilkley, West Yorkshire	HT
20–22 Sept	Voices of the Earth Zélie Gross, Philip Gross	Glenthorne Guest House, Ambleside, Cumbria	SR
10–24 October	The Start of the Quaker Way: Fox 400 Ben Pink Dandelion		EQ
25–27 October	Foundation Course in Nonviolent Communication Jenny Tipping, Tanya Hubbard	The Vedanta, Branston, Lincs	PSJ

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How to Book

1. Go to **www.woodbrooke.org.uk/our-courses** and browse or search our courses.
2. Select the course you would like to attend.
3. Below the course information (which can be expanded by clicking anywhere you see a '+'), you will find the booking form to complete.
4. Select the number of places you would like to book.
5. If you require an invoice instead of paying at the time of booking, click on 'Book this course by invoice payment' at the top of the form. Please note that this is only an option for certain courses.
6. Complete the form and click 'submit'.

What Happens next?

You will receive an email confirming your booking.

Nearer the time of your course, you will receive another email with more information. If you do not receive these emails, or have any queries, please contact **learning@woodbrooke.org.uk**.



George Fox at 400

2024 is the 400th anniversary of the birth of George Fox. To mark this we have a range of courses and sessions that explore the legacy and influence of George Fox on the Quaker movement today. On this page you will find a list of our Fox at 400 courses, for more details about George Fox's 400th Birthday Celebrations generally see the Friends World Committee for Consultation website.

25 Jan-8 Feb	Online		
The Start of the Quaker Way: Fox 400			
2-4 February	The Briery		
Time with the Texts: Fox 400			
Fri 16 February	Online		
Story Weaving with George Fox: when I grow up			
Wed 13 March	Online		
George Fox: an evangelical Quaker perspective			
19 Mar-30 April	Online		
George Fox in his Own Words: looking at well-known passages with fresh eyes			
Fri 22 March	Online		
Story Weaving with George Fox: learning and growing			
Fri 19 April	Online		
Story Weaving with George Fox: departures			
Thurs 25 April	Online		
George Fox: a conservative Quaker perspective			
26-28 April	Glenthorne		
George Fox and Early Quaker Culture			
Tues 18 June	Online		
George Fox: a feminist Quaker perspective			
20-23 June	Lancaster University		
CRQS/QSRA/CQHA Quaker Studies Conference: Fox 400			
10-24 October	Online		
The Start of the Quaker Way: Fox 400			



Woodbrooke Places...

COURSES AT WOODBROOKE PLACES

To get in touch with us about any of
these courses, call Woodbrooke on
+44 (0)121 728 2360 or email us
learning@woodbrooke.org.uk

15–18 January 2024

Penny Brohn, Bristol

CREATING AUTHENTIC SPIRITUALITY: A RULE TO LIVE BY

Ben Pink Dandelion
Alex Wildwood

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 residential at Penny Brohn will allow us to share our spiritual aspirations, histories and practices and identify areas where we feel we need help.

2–4 February 2024

The Briery, Ilkley, West Yorkshire

TIME WITH THE TEXTS: FOX 400

Ben Pink Dandelion

This course will allow participants to engage with critical moments in Quaker history through the writings of key thinkers including founder George Fox. What can we learn from the past about how we can navigate challenges facing Quakerism today?

8–10 March 2024

The Hayes, Alfreton, Derbyshire

BEING A QUAKER CLERK

Peter Eccles & Judith Roads

Are you new or recently appointed to a role involving clerking? Join this residential for in-person, in-depth training and reflection covering the core aspects involved in being a Quaker clerk.

15–17 March 2024

High Leigh, Hoddesdon, Herts

WORKING TOGETHER IN FAITH: QCCIR CONFERENCE 2024

Woodbrooke & the Quaker Committee
for Christian and Interfaith Relations
(QCCIR) working in partnership

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 residential at Penny Brohn will allow us to share our spiritual aspirations, histories and practices and identify areas where we feel we need help.

18–21 March 2024

Glenthorne Guest House, Ambleside, Cumbria

TIME SET ASIDE: AN INDIVIDUALLY GUIDED RETREAT

Timothy Ashworth
Annick Seddon

As we consciously embrace a substantial period of silence we open ourselves to things we need to see and acknowledge, whether that's old hurts and habits or new paths and projects. Life-changing surprises and deep insights become possible.

Saturday 23 March 2024, 10–4:30pm

Nottingham Friends Meeting House

THE HISTORY OF THE QUAKER WAY

Ben Pink Dandelion

The Quaker way has undergone many changes since the start of the movement in the 1650s. This day will offer a clear and accessible outline of the key changes in attitude and emphasis that have brought us to our current expression of the Quaker faith.

19–21 April 2024

Glenthorne Guest House, Ambleside, Cumbria

ECOLOGICAL HOMECOMING: NATURE-CONNECTION RETREAT

Kim Harrison

Jack Durtnall

Exploring deep nature-connection in tranquil surroundings, we will re-connect to our deepest motivations and our life-affirming inter-relationship with all creation. Offering support and nourishment for anyone wishing to expand their climate witness.

26–28 April 2024

Glenthorne Guest House, Ambleside, Cumbria

GEORGE FOX AND EARLY QUAKER CULTURE

Ben Pink Dandelion

Hilary Hinds

George Fox was the key leader of the early Quaker movement but how did he create such a powerful Quaker culture? What were the hallmarks of the early Quaker faith and practice? Why was he so successful?

20–23 June 2024

Lancaster University

CRQS/QSRA/CQHA QUAKER STUDIES CONFERENCE: FOX 400

The 2024 Quaker Studies Conference provides an opportunity to hear the latest scholarship in the field. It has an open theme whilst noting that it is 400 years since George Fox was born. The George Richardson Lecture will be given by Nigel Smith. Organised by Woodbrooke's Centre for Research in Quaker Studies, the Quaker Studies Research Association, and the Conference of Quaker Historians and Archivists.

Saturday 6 July 2024, 10am–4pm

Liverpool Quaker Meeting House

THE HEART OF THE QUAKER WAY

Ben Pink Dandelion

The Quaker way is often portrayed as an individual one or one hard to define. However, there is a clear and contained sense of what it is to be a Quaker and how to be Quaker. This day event explores what can be thought of as the heart of the Quaker way.

16–18 August 2024

The Briery, Ilkley, West Yorkshire

GET YOUR QUAKER STUDIES BOOK PUBLISHED

Rhiannon Grant

You've done some Quaker Studies research: a PhD, MA, local history, or other project and now you'd like to publish it in a book. We will explore how academic publishing works, consider your options, and provide space for you to work on a proposal.

20–22 September 2024

Glenthorne Guest House, Ambleside, Cumbria

VOICES OF THE EARTH

Zélie Gross & Philip Gross

A weekend of hands-on creative exploration, play and reflection seeking renewed perspectives for these complicated and unsettling times.

25–27 October 2024

The Vedanta, Branston, Lincs

FOUNDATION COURSE IN NONVIOLENT COMMUNICATION

Jenny Tipping
Tanya Hubbard

Would you love to deepen your personal relationships? Would you like to connect to yourself with empathy? Do you long for greater compassion and love in public discourse? Join others to learn the basics of Nonviolent Communication.

ONLINE WORSHIP WITH WOODBROOKE

Join us on Zoom for online Quaker worship held in partnership with FWCC Europe and Middle East Section.

Friends are welcome from around the world.

All times shown are UK local times.

MONDAY 9:30

TUESDAY 7:00 & 19:30

WEDNESDAY 7:00 & 9:30

THURSDAY 11:00 & 19:30

FRIDAY 13:00 & 21:00

SUNDAY 10:30 & 19:30

We also offer...

EDUCATORS WORSHIP

8pm the first Monday of the month

QUAKER PARENT WORSHIP

9pm the second and fourth Monday of the month

YOUNG ADULT WORSHIP

9pm Wednesdays

Educator Worship is run thanks to partnership with Quaker Values in Education.
Young Adult and Quaker Parent Worship are in partnership with Quakers in Britain.

www.woodbrooke.org.uk/worship



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WHERE YOU ARE

Working with Meetings

We are offering meetings an opportunity to tailor a year-long programme of Woodbrooke learning delivered online and in-person at local venues.

Programmes will meet the needs of your meeting, embedding learning and building community over a longer period of time and will include learning from a range of Woodbrooke sessions and courses in the following areas:

- **Community**
- **Quaker Service & Roles**
- **Worship & Spirituality**
- **History & Theology**
- **Racial & Social Justice**

Find out more at

www.woodbrooke.org.uk/working-with-meetings

or call 0121 728 2360



Woodbrooke's Learning and Research Team



'Ben' Pink Dandelion is Woodbrooke's Programme Leader for Research. Ben's specialism is in the sociology of religion although has also been published in history, theology, spirituality, travel and urban studies. He initiated what is now the Centre for Research in Quaker Studies in 1998. He has supervised over 100 postgraduate completions. Ben is Honorary Professor of Quaker Studies at the University of Birmingham.



Aled Vernon-Rees is Woodbrooke's Communication Officer. He works to maintain and produce content for Woodbrooke's communications channels. Aled has a broad range of interests which include philosophy, politics, religion, music, literature, and nature. He has a BA (hons) in Philosophy from the University of East Anglia and an MA in Theology and Religious Studies from the University of Leeds. Before his role at Woodbrooke Aled worked at the Inter Faith Network for the UK.



Beccy Berridge is Woodbrooke's Learning & Research Administration Manager. Having previously worked at Woodbrooke in several administrative roles for eight years, Beccy spent a decade expanding her skills elsewhere before coming home to Woodbrooke in 2018. She has worked

as a primary school teacher, a database designer, and in university administration. Beccy is happiest in a kayak or surrounded by her four cats.



Bettina Gray is Woodbrooke's Library Assistant. She has been working at Woodbrooke since 2004, and in the library since 2006, and enjoys

sharing its contents with readers. Bettina has a B.A. in philosophy, and enjoys getting away from the city, especially to the sea, as well as spending time with her family and her cat.



Carl Phillip is part of Woodbrooke's Learning and Research Administration Team. Along with other members of the team he is

responsible for supporting all aspects of running Woodbrooke's courses and events with particular emphasis on Woodbrooke's Woodbrooke Where You Are events. Carl has grown through the ranks holding several job titles over the years working in a Quaker environment at Woodbrooke while being a keen gardener and amateur florist.



Jacquie Cole is Woodbrooke's Programme Coordinator for Quaker Service and Roles. Throughout her working life in education, training and consultancy, Jacquie has sought to empower others to fulfil their

potential. Jacquie's facilitation style has been fundamentally shaped by her MA dissertation (Educational Improvement, Development and Change). As a 'social artist', she has encouraged and enabled practitioners and volunteers to come together and share learning through Communities of Practice.



Jon Martin is Woodbrooke's Head of Communications & Impact. He has over ten years of experience participating in and thinking about online and offline communities. He has a background in arts marketing and student union communications, as well as working as Outreach & Marketing, for Quakers in Britain. He has a MA in Politics from Lancaster University where his study focused on student movements and the Neoliberal University.



Kevin Smith is Woodbrooke's Head of Finance and Compliance. Outside of figures he is interested in nature and in early British and Christian history, particularly Celtic Christianity.

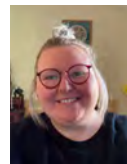


Kim Harrison is Woodbrooke's Project Manager for the Climate Crisis: Spiritual Nurture and Learning Project. She has over 13 years experience of direct action, campaigning, political lobbying and

supporting/empowering protesters and is actively involved in Quaker environmental groups. In 2010/11 she helped found the grassroots legal support group Green and Black Cross (GBC). Kim has a Masters in Art therapy from Roehampton University, and a BA in Fine Art from the Glasgow School of Art, focusing on spirituality in art.



Lynda Scotson is part of Woodbrooke's Learning and Research Administration Team. Along with other members of the team she is responsible for supporting all aspects of running Woodbrooke's courses with particular emphasis on online courses. Lynda has extensive experience in administration in both public sector organisations and charities and is passionate about lifelong learning. In her spare time she enjoys writing.



Rachael Swancott is Woodbrooke's Programme Coordinator for Supporting Quaker Communities. She has a particular interest in working with Friends to be an Anti-Racist faith group and inclusivity and diversity in our communities in general. She is a life-long Friend who is passionate about nurturing our meetings and building strong lasting communities for Friends to thrive together.



Rhiannon Grant is Woodbrooke's Deputy Programme Leader for Research. Her work at Woodbrooke spans academic

and practice-based approaches to Quakerism. She supervises research and teaches postgraduate students within the Centre for Research in Quaker Studies. Rhiannon has MA in Gender, Sexuality and Queer Theory at the University of Leeds and stayed to write a PhD entitled 'Wittgensteinian investigations of contemporary Quaker religious language'. Rhiannon has published a range of fiction, non-fiction and academic publications as well as having an active Quaker blog and tiktok.



Simon Best is Woodbrooke's Head of Programmes & Partnerships. He holds overall responsibility for our learning and research programmes

and the Swarthmore Lecture. Over the past twenty years Simon has worked for a number of Quaker organisations. He is passionate about creating opportunities for Quakers to learn and grow individually and together as inclusive, all-age communities. Simon has a PhD in Quaker Studies from the University of Birmingham, where his thesis focused on the spiritual beliefs and religious practices of adolescent Quakers.



Simonne Wood is Woodbrooke's Programme Coordinator for Worship & Spirituality. She has a background in adult vocational

education and academic administration, with a specialism in online learning. She spent 8 years in Aotearoa, New Zealand, where she was an active member of Dunedin Monthly Meeting, before moving back to the South of England in 2022. Simonne has a diploma in adult education and a Master's in International Relations, with a dissertation focusing on the environmental damage caused by so-called "sustainable" development



Stuart Masters is Woodbrooke's Programme Coordinator for History & Theology. Before coming to Woodbrooke, he worked in

the social housing sector for 23 years. His research and teaching focuses on Quaker spirituality and theology, eco-theology, and the relationship between Quakerism and other Christian traditions. Stuart has served as a representative on a number of interfaith networks, he has published numbers articles, chapters and books, and is a member of the Advisory Council for the American Journal, Quaker Religious Thought.



Tanya Hubbard is

Woodbrooke's Programme Coordinator for Racial & Social Justice. She is a facilitator and trainer of

conflict transformation and dialogue.

She has worked in China, the Palestinian

refugee camps of Lebanon, Thailand,

Uganda, London, Myanmar and France.

Her passion is in using non-violent

communication and creative approaches

to enable people to re-connect

compassionately with themselves, to

re-humanise and connect with people

who are 'other' and to notice the human

impact of systemic oppression. Raised in

a Quaker family in Wales, Tanya is also a

certified yoga teacher and permaculture

practitioner.

Woodbrooke's Associate Tutors

Alex Wildwood gave the 1999 Swarthmore lecture, 'A Faith to call our Own' and is co-author, with Timothy Ashworth, of 'Rooted in Christianity, Open to New Light: Quaker spiritual diversity'. He has been facilitating groups since the 1980s and would describe himself as an evolutionary.

Alison Breadon currently worships at Frandley Meeting in Cheshire. Alison was brought up a Quaker, and has been part of 6 or 7 fairly varied Local Meetings across the country. She has served in a range of roles at Local and Area level, including Local Meeting Clerk, Elder, Area Meeting nominations, Churches Together rep and Children's committee. Professionally, Alison currently runs the Chester Sexual Abuse Support Service, a Rape Crisis centre supporting survivors of sexual violence.

Alistair Fuller works in the Supporting Quaker Communities team for Quakers in Britain. He manages a team of local development workers and has particular responsibility around strengthening Quaker communities to be places of loving, inclusive welcome. His work includes supporting meetings experiencing conflict and difficulty, welcome, hospitality and pastoral care. He has worked in Quaker Life for 13 years and his work has included spiritual nurture and outreach.

Andrew Fincham completed his PhD research at Woodbrooke on the reasons underlying Quaker commercial success. His doctoral thesis addressed the 'Causes

of Quaker Commercial Success 1689-c.1750', which applied Social Network Theory to account for the importance of Quaker Discipline. His research is concerned with understanding the links between Quakers, their values, and commercial success, and their implications for responsible corporate governance.

Ann Bettys is an experienced teacher and facilitator who has had a lifelong passion for dance. She has danced many forms of movement from contemporary to jazz, salsa, clog and even Morris dance. Her interests currently lie with finding ways to allow the expression of feelings about the world through dance and movement. Music and rhythm are an important part of the dance experience. Ann has been collaborating with Robin Bowles on dance and music for many years.

Annique Seddon's working life was as an English teacher in comprehensives and in a tertiary College. She trained as a counsellor at Manchester University and set up a Counselling service for staff and students at the college and led the Counselling Welfare and Chaplaincy service. Since her retirement she has led courses at Woodbrooke and Swarthmoor Hall. Her inspiration is from the natural world, literature and the arts and spiritual teachers.

Ashley M. Wilcox is the author of *The Women's Lectionary* (Westminster John Knox Press, 2021). Her writing has been

published in Friends Journal, Western Friend, Quaker anthologies, and on ashleymwilcox.com.

Benjamin Wood is a visiting researcher at the Centre of Religion and Public Life (University of Leeds). He has previously taught Theology and Religious Studies at Leeds Trinity, the University of Chester, and the University of Manchester. Benjamin is a Supervisor at the University of Birmingham.

Carlos Figueroa is an associate professor in the politics department of the School of Humanities and Sciences, Ithaca College, New York, USA.

Caroline Chandler is currently undertaking an Eva Koch scholarship looking at Quaker Meeting House gardens, and is also involved in local growing projects.

Catherine Henderson became involved with Quaker Asylum and Refugee Network in 2015, at a time when many people were drowning in the Mediterranean trying to reach safety in Europe, and is a member of the Steering Group. In Hertfordshire she helped set up the charity Herts Welcomes Refugees and is currently a Trustee. She is interested in how language and stories shape our perceptions and how the arts can help bring about social change. She is working on a short animated film about migration.

Cherice Bock (she/her) is a Quaker in Oregon (USA). She is adjunct faculty at Earlham School of Religion and does environmental policy advocacy and organising at 350PDX. She wrote *A Quaker Ecology: Meditations on the Future of Friends* (2022), and with co-author Christy Randazzo wrote *Quakers, Ecology, & the Light in the Brill* Quaker studies series (2023). Other publications and information can be found at her website, chericebock.com.

Chris Skidmore is a former clerk of Yearly Meeting who has been part of the 'Being a Quaker Clerk' team since 2017, teaching both at Woodbrooke and on-line.

Christy Randazzo is an independent Quaker scholar, and a member of Haddonfield Friends Meeting in New Jersey, USA.

Dana Smith is enjoying learning about Centering Prayer through a variety of forums. She is a poet who occasionally contributes to *The Friend*.

Daniel Clarke Flynn is a native of San Francisco, citizen of Ireland and resident of Belgium. He is a member of Westminster Meeting, London and is a Quaker Action on Alcohol and Drugs trustee. He mentors and supports the African Great Lakes Consortium of twelve local African created and managed charities in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Burundi. He serves as a

volunteer for Médecins Sans Frontières' (MSF) headquarters in Brussels doing translations, editing and English language teaching and workshop leading.

David Curtis is currently working on a new translation of The Gospel of Mary, wanting to make this more widely accessible. His teaching methods aim to put people directly in contact with the text, without his own views or interpretations getting in the way. David's emphasis is on facilitating a safe and supportive space for the non-judgemental sharing of insight, difficulty and experience. The Friendly Study method developed by American Quakers Joanne and Larry Spears works well to provide this.

Deborah Haskew is a Systemic Leadership Coach, Facilitator and Psychologist. She is a member of the first European cohort being trained in the Courage and Renewal® approach by The Center for Courage and Renewal. She works with individuals and groups helping them connect with and navigate their inner and outer worlds as they integrate their role and place in the world and their soul's path supporting them as they bring their best to light and their work and gifts to the world.

Esther Loukin is the co-founder of the disabled-led organisation Reasonable Access and is known for her activism which challenges and works with organisations to hold them to account

on disability access. She recently used legal methods to get National Express to install wheelchair spaces on all their coaches. Esther is currently undertaking a law-conversion course with a view to potentially becoming a barrister. Esther first connected with Quakers through Young Friends General Meeting and has deep affection for that community and its non-geographical nature. She is currently a member of Hartington Grove Local Meeting in Cambridge.

Evan Welkin (Olympia Monthly Meeting-North Pacific Yearly Meeting) is a graduate of the Quaker Leadership Scholars Program at Guilford College and the Young Adult Leadership Programme at Woodbrooke. He serves as the Communication and Networking Coordinator for the FWCC EMES, Global Coordinator for the Quaker-founded Permaculture for Refugees network, and co-founded Borgo Basino a folk school, ecovillage and permaculture-based farm in central Italy. He has worked with the Global Ecovillage Network, ECOLISE and the Global Quaker Sustainability Network and holds a Masters in Ecological Design Thinking from Schumacher College.

Gerald Hewitson has been a Quaker since 1983. A founder member of Holyhead Local Meeting, he belongs to North Wales Area Meeting. He has served at regional and national level, and internationally. Along with his wife, Gwyneth, he was

Friend in Residence in Pendle Hill, Pennsylvania in 2011. He gave the Swarthmore Lecture in 2013.

Gill Sewell is a freelance spiritual director, supervisor and tutor in this ministry. She is co-editor of Friends Quarterly magazine and has previously worked for Quakers in Britain in Ministry and Outreach. She currently worships at Stoke Newington meeting and meditates with a local church group.

Heather Rowlands is currently serving her local meeting as clerk and is a member of the children's committee. She has worked in primary education and now works for the Birmingham based peace education charity Peacemakers.

Helen Chambers has been an elder with oversight and is a trainer with Quaker Life children and young people's team.

Hilary Hinds is Professor of English at Lancaster University and author of 'George Fox and Early Quaker Culture'. She gave the George Richardson Lecture in 2019

Ivan Hutnik is a member of the QPSW conciliation group and Restoring Relations, with an interest in early Quaker history and the intersection of personal and social transformation.

Jack Durnall (~Swift) is a musician and 8 Shields trained nature connection facilitator. Jack has been actively involved in deep nature connection as an adult

since 2016. He has staffed on the 8 Shields flagship programme, Art Of Mentoring in the UK since 2017 and teaches with Kinship in Nature (London), Cultivating Curiosity (Sussex), and Sacred Earth's Earth Steward Apprenticeship year course programme for teens.

James Priestman worships with Ealing Meeting. He was awarded a BA Honours Degree in Biblical Studies by the University of Sheffield in 1989. He has a Master's degree in Social Psychology and Social Research Methods (London School of Economics & Political Science, 2000) and a Master's Degree in Social Work (Royal Holloway, University of London, 2014). James writes poems on Biblical themes, which have been published in *Ambit*, *Sofia* and *The Friend*. He works in the NHS as a social worker within a community mental health team.

Jennifer Kavanagh is a speaker on the Spirit-led life, and author of, among other books, *A Little Book of Unknowing*, *The World is our Cloister* and *Simplicity Made Easy*. She has run retreats and workshops at Woodbrooke and elsewhere for the last ten years. Jennifer finds balancing an active life with a pull towards contemplation a continuing and fruitful challenge.

Jenny Tipping is a Candidate to be a Certified Trainer with CNVC. She is a Quaker, and through NVC seeks to live out the peace testimony in her personal and working life.

Joanna Frew Leading is the Outreach Coordinator for Rethinking Security. She has worked in both campaigning and academia over the last 20 years, covering issues of peace and justice such as debt, trade, anti-militarism, globalisation and the history of the British empire. She and her partner run a house of hospitality for refused asylum seekers, living in solidarity and undertaking grass-roots community support

Jonathan Carmichael has worked on improving care in the NHS and voluntary organisations, developing services that cross traditional boundaries between community nurses, GPs, social care and hospital care. He likes working with a range of people to create new options to solve problems. Jonathan worked for Britain Yearly Meeting on the Simpler Meetings project, finding and sharing ways that Quaker meetings can be easier to run. He worships with Watford Meeting in Hertfordshire, loves singing in choirs, and walking in the woods.

Jonathan Doering became convinced whilst attending Muswell Hill LM twenty years ago and has held various Quaker roles since then. Working in education and community development, he has supported a range of projects to positively influence racial justice and integration. His writing has appeared in various publications, including: The Friend, Friends Journal, Quaker Voices, The Green Parent, and The Guardian. A

seasoned educator, he has been in the delivery of many mainstream and Quaker events, both face-to-face and online

Jude Acton has worshipped with Quakers for most of her life and has worked in a wider variety of settings in formal and informal education, training and facilitation. Currently Jude has paid work for BYM as the Quaker Life Team Leader for Youth, Children, and Families. Some of the courses she tutors for Woodbrooke are part of this work.

Judith Baker is an experienced Registering Officer.

Judith Roads is absorbed in exploring and sharing ways of giving service to Quaker meetings through appointed roles.

Kathy Chandler is a member of Lancashire Central and North Area Meeting. She has been part of a number of Christian faith communities and finally arrived at Quakers in 2009 where her young family were made very welcome. Many of her Quaker roles have involved pastoral care and supporting children, young people or families. Her background is in nursing, health visiting and community development and for more than 20 years she tutored university students studying health and social care. She is currently a Lecturer in Online Teaching within the Institute of Educational Technology at the Open University.

Linda Craig worships at Westminster meeting and is their Treasurer, and the Area Meeting's Registering Officer for Marriages. She is a Trustee of London Quakers Property Trust, the body which owns and maintains London meeting houses, a previous Clerk to Woodbrooke Trustees, and a former General Secretary of Quaker Peace & Social Witness. Linda is an interim manager in the voluntary sector, and is currently Finance lead on a start-up looking at how non-profit organisations can end well.

Lynden Easterbrook is a member of Forres Meeting. She has served as co-convenor of Quaker Life Rep Council, and on an area residential weekend planning group. She is a Supporting Friend for online worship in North Scotland Area Meeting. She is a writer, and has worked in women's refuges and as a social worker, potter, and counsellor. She aims to offer inclusive and creative approaches to learning, and believes we can find inspiration through listening within, and to each other.

Marilyn Higgins is a member of Central Edinburgh Meeting and recently served on Quaker Life Central Committee. She has considerable experience of being a Woodbrooke Associate Tutor, principally facilitating various roles' courses, including nominations. She has served in a number of Quaker roles over the years.

Mark Frankel is a scholar and previous Quaker Studies PhD student with Woodbrooke's Centre for Research in Quaker Studies. Mark completed his PhD in 2023 from the University of Birmingham on the life and political thought of T. Edmund Harvey.

Mark Russ is a writer, theologian and teacher. His teaching interests include spiritual practice and music, the Bible, apocalyptic literature, hope, whiteness, modern Christian theology, and the beginnings of Liberal Quakerism. He particularly enjoys working with people who are new to Quakerism. In 2022 he began a PhD at the Universities of Nottingham and Birmingham, researching the liberal Quaker theology of the human being.

Michael Booth is Britain Yearly Meeting's Church Government Advisor, which includes supporting Registering Officers and advising on Quaker marriages.

Michael O'Connor lives in Angers, France and has been the clerk of France Yearly Meeting and serves on the Communications and Outreach Committee. He is a teacher of English as a Foreign Language and is currently teaching English to French engineering students.

Nim Njuguna is a retired Baptist minister and former Quaker prison chaplain/restorative justice trainer. Nim is now involved in researching and writing on diversity and inclusion spirituality informed

by intersectionality and unconscious bias perspectives. He offers spiritual accompaniment, supervision, mediation and facilitates refresher courses for spiritual directors with SPIDIR spiritual direction network. He approaches his practice from liberation theologies and person-centred therapeutic perspectives and is keen to explore how to move spiritually from contemplation to action.

Oscar Lugusa Malande is a member of Vihiga Yearly Meeting of Friends in Kenya. He is a graduate of Master of Arts in Religion at Earlham School of Religion and is currently serving as a lecturer at Friends Theological College Kaimosi Kenya. Oscar is also undertaking a PhD with Woodbrooke's Centre for Research in Quaker Studies at the University of Birmingham where he is examining the development and growth of Quakerism as part of the larger Christendom in the African context.

Peter Eccles is a lifelong Quaker and is a member of Cheadle Hulme Meeting in East Cheshire Area Meeting, Britain Yearly Meeting. He has clerked his local meeting, his monthly/area meeting and Britain Yearly Meeting. He gave the Swarthmore Lecture in 2009. He is a retired mathematician and now helps run a music studio with a Quaker musician friend.

Phil Dahl was drawn to Quakers and sought membership in 1988, having been brought up in a clergy home and explored

the Anglican priesthood after studying German at University in Manchester. Once the heavy demands of professional life reduced, Phil undertook the residential Equipping for Ministry programme from 2011-2013, where his nascent interest in Isaac Penington was properly kindled. One of the advantages of lockdown for him was the extended opportunity to explore in depth the many words Isaac wrote in his lifetime, both letters and 'Works'. It is on that experience, that he now wishes to share the insights gained with others

Philip Gross is committed to the principles of collaboration and disciplined playfulness in freeing the life of our words. He has worked with visual artists, dancers and musicians as well as fellow poets, and his own prize-winning poetry has been praised for its powers of close observation and his thoughtful, questioning, exploratory approach to the writing itself.

Rob Hopkins is the co-founder of Transition Network and of Transition Town Totnes, and author of several books including 'The Transition Handbook' and most recently, 'From What Is to What If: unleashing the power of imagination to create the future we want'. He is an Ashoka Fellow, has spoken at TED Global and at several TEDx events, and appeared in the French film phenomenon 'Demain'. He holds a PhD from the University of Plymouth as well as 2 Honoris Causas, and is a Director of Totnes Community

Development Society. He hosts the podcast 'From What If to What Next'. In November 2022 he was made an Honorary Citizen of Liège in Belgium by the Mayor of the city.

Rob Paton has attended Milton Keynes Meeting for 24 years, serving variously as Elder, Co-clerk and Trustee. His support for environmental causes goes back 40 years. Before retirement he was Professor of Social Enterprise at the Open University.

Robin Bowles has played music all his life in a wide variety of settings and has a particular passion for playing music for improvised dance. Robin spent many years as a community musician and workshop facilitator specialising in working with dance and movement. He currently teaches piano and plays a variety of tuned and percussive instruments. He has played in a wide variety of bands much of his life embracing many genres of music from classical, rock, pop and soul through to jazz, Celtic and eastern European folk and free improvisation.

Rosemary Field has been practising Centering Prayer for six years and believes it to be at the heart of her Quaker faith. She was awarded an Eva Koch scholarship in 2020 to consider the relevance of Centering Prayer to Friends.

Rosie Carnall is a Quaker and an experienced facilitator. Her practice centres on philosophical enquiry

and creative writing. She loves to get people of all ages thinking, talking and creating together - in pubs, art galleries, community venues or online. Rosie has an MA in Creative Writing and a professional background in mediation. She is a former Eva Koch scholar and serves on the Book of Discipline Revision Committee. www.rosiearnall.co.uk

Sarah Donaldson is a member of Manchester & Warrington Area Meeting. She has extensive experience as a Quaker clerk and as a Quaker trustee and has taught Woodbrooke courses on both of these topics. Sarah is currently serving on the group set up to review various aspects of governance within our Yearly Meeting structures.

Saskia Basa (she/they) leads QCEA's Migration & Peace Programme. She has previously worked providing direct support to people on the move through a number community-led initiatives in Turkey, Azerbaijan, France and Spain. They later became active in national and EU advocacy work for migrants' rights at PICUM, the Spanish Red Cross, and UNRWA before joining QCEA in 2021

Seren Wildwood served as a Quaker Registering Officer for 6 years before moving into civil registration. She is now Superintendent Registrar with Gloucestershire Registration Service, and finds her experience of both roles

invaluable in helping Friends and the civil registration service to understand each other's peculiarities.

Sophie Smith is a Quaker Life Team Leader for Britain Yearly Meeting. Her work has a particular focus on spiritual nurture in Quaker communities. Sophie is a member of Lancashire Central and North Area Meeting.

Susan Groves grew up in Southern Africa and has a passion and curiosity around the theme of whiteness. She values contemplation, creativity and a playful and experimental approach to living. She enjoys worship-sharing. She has a background in social work, theology and psychotherapy.

Symon Hill is the author of *The Upside-Down Bible: What Jesus really said about money, sex and violence*. He teaches History and Religious Studies for the Workers' Educational Association. He is a Baptist Minister-in-Training, heavily influenced by Quaker theology.

Till flo* Krapoth (pronoun-free) is a Quaker living in Germany. Till flo* is translating the Journal of George Fox into modern German. While training to become a Forest Therapy Guide, Till flo* also learned to facilitate Story Weaving Circles and has been offering them to German Quakers for a while now.

Tracey Martin is the director of the Council for European Affairs, a poet and formerly the coordinator of peace, social justice and climate crisis programme at Woodbrooke. She has lived and worked in Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, Nepal and The Gambia and now lives in Brussels. She is an avid reader and loves to read writing by women from the countries she lives in and visits.

Will Johnson is a qualified Chartered Accountant, having spent more than twenty years in various finance and leadership roles, he now runs his own coaching and facilitation business, The Will Johnson Journey. The consistent thread throughout Will's professional life has been a passion for people, personal and spiritual development and learning to show up as his most authentic self. Will is a member of the first European cohort of facilitators prepared by The Centre for Courage and Renewal.

Windy Cooler, assistant clerk of Sandy Spring Meeting, describes herself as a practical theologian, public minister, good Quaker pirate, and cultural worker. She has been an embraced public minister since 2018, traveling widely among Friends with a concern for communities in crisis and Quaker family life. She was co-editor of Friends Journal's News (2018-23); the Pendle Hill 2020 Cadbury Scholar, a 2022-23 fellow of the interfaith NGO Odyssey Impact, and a current doctoral candidate at Lancaster Theological Seminary.

Zélie Gross is enthusiastic about enabling participants on her courses to discover their unique gifts and abilities and to broaden their experience through exposure to new stimuli and fresh challenges. Zélie brings her background in art teaching to an essentially creative approach to learning, together with a preference for collaborative ways of working and techniques that promote playful experiment.

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