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MARCH TO OCTOBER 2025





“ I have always found Woodbrooke courses and retreats to be thoughtfully put-together, full of rich content and informed with a spirit of inclusivity and kindness. ”

“ We need this deeply-rooted and spiritually open-minded education for our future, as individuals and as a worldwide Society of Friends. ”



Welcome to Woodbrooke

We are delighted to share our latest brochure, featuring a varied and engaging programme of courses and sessions running from March to October 2025 and beyond. These offerings are designed to inspire, challenge, and support. Whether you're drawn to exploring spiritual practices, engaging with pressing social issues, deepening your understanding of Quaker history, or nurturing your community, there's something here for everyone.

This brochure, alongside the accompanying wall planner, provides an overview of what we offer. For full details, including information about courses, tutors, and new additions throughout the year, please visit our website.

In addition to our wide-ranging programme, we offer learning opportunities tailored specifically for Quaker communities. Our **Woodbrooke Where You Are** workshops and **Working with Meetings** programme are available in person across Britain and online worldwide. You can find out more about our community learning opportunities on our website at: www.woodbrooke.org.uk/learn/learning-for-communities.

We also offer postgraduate opportunities through Woodbrooke's **Centre for Research in Quaker Studies (CRQS)**. In partnership with the University of Birmingham, we provide research degrees, including an MA by research and PhD in Quaker Studies and related fields such as Amish Studies. Additionally, we now collaborate with The Queen's Foundation to deliver taught modules with a Quaker element as part of their **Postgraduate Certificate in Theology and Transformative Practice**. For more information, visit: www.woodbrooke.org.uk/research.

We invite you to explore everything Woodbrooke has to offer—whether through learning, worship, research, or community programmes. Whichever path you choose, we hope it inspires, enriches, and supports your journey.

Mandy Cooper
Chief Executive Officer
Woodbrooke

MARCH

■ 2 March 3-5pm	Life Reflections Daniel Clarke Flynn		SR	Pay as led
■ 5 March 6:30-8:30pm	Resilient Communities: Cultures of Care - Inner Transformation Amanda Woolley, Kim Harrison		CC	Pay as led
■ 5 March-9 April	Quaker in Europe Jeannette Law, Jasmine Piercy		EQ	Pay as led
7-9 March	Spiritual Nurture and Pastoral Care Gathering Gilly Charters, Heather Rowlands, Helen Chambers	Highgate House, Northampton	QSR	Fully Booked
10-14 March	A Writing Retreat Ben Pink Dandelion, John Gray	Glenthorne, Grasmere	SR	Fully Booked
■ 11 March 7-9pm	Being Alongside and Supporting Palestinians and Israelis in the UK Ivan Hutnik, Judith Baker		PSJ	Pay as led
■ 12 March 7-8:30pm	Quaker Eco Church Network: Support for Sustainable Meetings Gordon Benson, Kim Harrison		CC	Pay as led
■ 14 Mar-3 Apr	The Start of the Quaker Way Ben Pink Dandelion		EQ	Pay as led
■ 18 Mar-1 Apr	In the World but Not of It? The Challenge for Quakers in Wider Society Ben Pink Dandelion		CC	£48
■ 18-27 March	Going Inside: Quaker Prison Chaplains Training Denise Renshaw, Carol Harper		QSR	£76

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<p>19 March 6:30-8:30pm</p>	<p>Resilient Communities: Cultures of Care - Community Transformation Kim Harrison, Amanda Woolley</p>	<p>CC</p>	<p>Pay as led</p>
<p>20 March 7-9pm</p>	<p>Enquiring Into: Forgiveness and Grace Rosie Carnall</p>	<p>SQC</p>	<p>Pay as led</p>
<p>22 March 10am-12pm</p>	<p>Space for Joy Till Krapoth, Susan Groves</p>	<p>SR</p>	<p>Pay as led</p>
<p>29 March 10am-4pm</p>	<p>Clerking in a Nutshell Chris Skidmore</p>	<p>QSR</p>	<p>£40</p>
<p>29 March 2-5:30pm</p>	<p>By Sweet Experience: Reflecting With Isaac Penington Phil Dahl</p>	<p>SR</p>	<p>Pay as led</p>

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APRIL

■ 1-22 April	Four Doors to Meeting for Worship: A Friendly Study Group Simonne Wood	SR	£72
■ 2 April-7 May	The History, Present, and Future of LGBTQIA+ People in Quakerism Brian Blackmore	PSJ	£48
■ 3 April-1 May	Natural Inspiration: Elemental Qualities for Positive Change Kim Harrison	CC	£48
■ 3 April 7-8:30pm	Resistance to Structures of Inequality: What Can We Learn From the Prophecy of Amos? James Priestman	HT	Pay as led
■ 4 April 7-8:30pm	Story Weaving: Living and Loving Community Till Krapoth	SR	Pay as led
■ 5 April 1:30-9pm	What Have We Learned From Fox at 400? Rhiannon Grant	HT	£20
■ 7 April 6:30-8:30pm	Climate Dialogues: Having Constructive Conversations Lottie Child	CC	Pay as led
■ 8 April 7:30-9pm	Are Jedi Quakers? Rhiannon Grant, Martin Urschel	HT	Pay as led
■ 9 April-14 May	Friendship and Philosophy in Tumultuous Times Sasha Lawson-Frost, Anne Watson	HT	£72
■ 9 April-14 May	Foundation Course in Nonviolent Communication Jenny Tipping, Özge Altinkaya	PSJ	£86

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■ 10 April–1 May	Essentials of Quakerism Rachael Swancott	EQ	£25
■ 10 April 7–8:30pm	Embodying Spiritual Wisdom Through Chant Paulette Meier, Patsy Arnold Martin, Tony Martin	SR	Pay as led
■ 12 April 10am–4:30pm	Nature Retreat: Navigating Challenge With Active Hope Kim Harrison, Tom Deacon	CC	£15
■ 14 April	Quakerism and Confucianism Rhiannon Grant, Shumo Wang, Wenjun Zou	HT	Pay as led
■ 15 April 6:30–8:30pm	Resilient Communities: Empowering Local Initiatives Kim Harrison	CC	Pay as led
■ 22 April–13 May	Troublesome Women: Early Female Quaker Ministers Lily Chadwick	HT	£48
■ 23 April 7–8:30pm	What Is Vocal Ministry? Rhiannon Grant	EQ	Pay as led
■ 24 April	George Fox: A Conservative Quaker Perspective Lily Chadwick	HT	Pay as led
25–27 April	Margaret Fell: The Mother of Quakerism Stuart Masters	Glenthorne, Grasmere	HT Fully Booked

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MAY

■ 6 May 7-9pm	Exploring Quaker Decision-Making Wendy Hampton	SQC	£10
■ 7-28 May	Resurrection: A Weekly Retreat Through the Gospels Tim Peat Ashworth	SR	£54
■ 7 May-11 June	Walking Cheerfully Through the Wheel of the Year Rhiannon Grant, Tyna Redpath	HT	£78
■ 8 May 7-8:30pm	Embodying Spiritual Wisdom Through Chant Paulette Meier	SR	Pay as led
■ 10 May 10-4pm	Nominations in a Nutshell Marilyn Higgins and Judith Roads	QSR	£40
■ 12 May 7-8:30pm	George Fox and the Quaker Peace Testimony Lily Chadwick	HT	Pay as led
■ 13-27 May	Write From the Heart Rosie Carnall	SR	£48
■ 13-27 May	Quakers and Star Wars Rhiannon Grant, Martin Urschel	HT	£36
■ 15 May 7-9pm	Enquiring Into: Divine Guidance Rosie Carnall	SQC	Pay as led

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■ 20 May 7–9pm	Understanding Power: Focusing Energy for Change Lucas De Koning	CC	Pay as led
■ 29 May–19 June	Awakening: Spiritual Practices To Anchor Your Day Simonne Wood	SR	£54
■ 29 May	Can We Know the ‘Truth’? Historical Research and the Ongoing Quest for Answers Lily Chadwick	HT	Pay as led
■ 29 May–12 June	Food, Faith and Witness Naomi Richards, Wendy Pattinson	CC	£36
30 May–1 June	Time with the Texts Ben Pink Dandelion	Glenthorne Guest House SR	£285

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JUNE

2 June 7-8:30pm	Exploring the Quaker Spiritual Path Stuart Masters	SR	Pay as led
2-23 June	Challenging Traditional Quaker Histories: Quakers and Enslavement Caitlin McGeever, Lily Chadwick	HT	£36
3 June-8 July	Coming Together for Continuing Revelation: Quaker Approaches to Dialogue Windy Cooler	PSJ	£54
6 June 7-8:30pm	Quakers in Film and Television Stephen Brooks	HT	Pay as led
11-25 June	Faiths for Climate Reparations Shanon Shah	CC	Pay as led
12 June-3 July	The Spirit of Dissent: Quaker Origins in Early Modern England Erica Canela	HT	£72
12 June	Embodying Spiritual Wisdom Through Chant Patsy Arnold Martin, Tony Martin	SR	Pay as led
16-20 June	Time Set Aside: An Individually Guided Retreat Tim Peat Ashworth, Anniqe Seddon	The Ammerdown Centre Somerset SR	£925
16 June 7:30-8:30pm	Book Launch: Speaking in Quaker Meeting for Worship by Rhiannon Grant Rhiannon Grant, Simonne Wood	HT	Pay as led
21 June 10am-4pm	Clerking in a Nutshell Judith Roads	QSR	£40

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■ 23 June–28 July	Book Group: A Testament of Devotion by Thomas Kelly Mark Russ	SR	£72	
■ 24 June 7:30–9pm	Supporting Vocal Ministry: How Elders and Others Can Help Rhiannon Grant	QSR	£10	
■ 25 June 7–8:30pm	George Fox: An Evangelical Quaker Perspective Lily Chadwick	HT	Pay as led	
■ 28 June 10–4:30pm	Quakers and the Spirit: The Annual CRQS/QSRA Quaker Studies Conference Ben Pink Dandelion, Rhiannon Grant	Central Leeds Quaker Meeting House	HT	£20 /£.35
■ 28 June 10am–12pm	Simplicity: A Quaker Way of Life Lindsey Markwell	SR	Pay as led	

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JULY

■ 3-24 July	What Happens When We Worship Online? Simonne Wood	SR	£48
■ 8 July-12 Aug	Moved To Speak by the Spirit? Theology From Our Experience of Quaker Worship Rhiannon Grant	HT	£72
■ 9 July 6:30-8:30pm	Are Quakers a Radical Faith? Fired by the Spirit Imi Hills	PSJ	Pay as led
■ 10 July 7-8:30pm	Embodying Spiritual Wisdom Through Chant Paulette Meier	SR	Pay as led
■ 14 July 7-8pm	Meet the Students: David Tatum Rhiannon Grant	HT	Free
■ 16 July 7-9pm	Exploring Quaker Business Method Wendy Hampton	QSR	£10
■ 17 July 7-9pm	Enquiring Into: Accepting the Fact of Death Rosie Carnall	SQC	Pay as led
■ 23 July-13 Aug	Spiritual Wholeness Kate McNally	SR	£54
■ 24 July 7-8:30pm	Isaac Penington and Early Quaker Spirituality Lily Chadwick	HT	Pay as led
■ 31 July 7-8:30pm	George Fox: Nontheist Quaker Perspectives Lily Chadwick	HT	Pay as led

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■ 7 Aug-4 Sept	An Angelic Trouble-Maker: The Life of Bayard Rustin Xavier Johnson	HT	£48
■ 18 August 7-8:30pm	Finding the Blessed Community Mark Russ	HT	Pay as led

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SEPTEMBER

■ 1 Sept-6 Oct	Multiple Religious Belonging Rhiannon Grant	HT	£72
■ 2 Sept-7 Oct	Wisdom From Middle Earth Benjamin Wood	HT	£60
■ 3 Sept 7:30-9pm	George Richardson Lecture: George W. Taylor, a Practical Antislavery Man Julie Holcomb	HT	FREE
■ 4-25 Sept	Essentials of Quakerism Wendy Hampton	EQ	£25
■ 8-29 Sept	Spiritual Friendship Groups: A Practical Introduction Simonne Wood	SR	£54
■ 9-30 Sept	From Spontaneity To Structure: The Evolution of Quaker Meeting Systems Lily Chadwick	HT	£48
■ 10 Sept 7-8:30pm	Whose Stories Are Missing From Quaker Archives? Mary Crauderueff	HT	Pay as led
■ 10 Sept-26 Nov	The Artists Way: A Spiritual Path To Unlock Creativity David Curtis	SR	£140

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■ 11 Sept 7-8:30pm	Embodying Spiritual Wisdom Through Chant Patsy Arnold Martin, Tony Martin		SR	Pay as led
■ 17 Sept 7-9pm	Clerking Quaker Discernment Online Christine Habgood-Coote		QSR	£10
■ 18 Sept-23 Oct	The Creation of Modern Quaker Diversity, 1830-1937 Lily Chadwick		HT	£68
■ 18 Sept 7-9pm	Enquiring Into: Doubt and Questioning Rosie Carnall		SQC	Pay as led
19-21 Sept	Voices of the Earth Philip Gross, Zélie Gross	Glenthorne, Grasmere	CC	£295
22-25 Sept	Quaker Studies Research Gathering Ben Pink Dandelion, Rhiannon Grant	Gladstone's Library North Wales	HT	£585 /£725
■ 22 Sept-19 Oct	The Quaker Spiritual Path: From Discomfort to New Life Stuart Masters		SQC	£48

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OCTOBER

■ 4 October 9am–4:30pm	Charting our Spiritual Journey Kate McNally	SR	£40
■ 7 Oct–11 Nov	Quaker Nominations Lucy Parker, Gill Greenfield	QSR	£130
■ 9 Oct 7–8:30pm	Embodying Spiritual Wisdom Through Chant Patsy Arnold Martin, Tony Martin	SR	Pay as led
■ 13 Oct–17 Nov	Whose Friends Are We? Mark Russ	HT	£72
■ 23 Oct–11 Dec	Becoming Friends Wendy Hampton	EQ	£54
■ 25 Oct 9:30am–4pm	Being and Doing: Finding the Balance Jennifer Kavanagh	SR	£40
■ 29 Oct–9 Dec	The Roots of the Quaker Way Stuart Masters	HT	£72

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LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD

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■ 9 November 1:30–5pm	Freeing the Imagination: Creative Writing Retreat Rosie Carnall	SR	£40
■ 18 November 3–4pm	Meet the Students: Paul Harris Ben Pink Dandelion	HT	FREE
■ 20 November 7–9pm	Enquiring Into: What We Know to be True Rosie Carnall	SQC	Pay as led
■ 29 November 2–6:30pm	Poetry Reading As Spiritual Practice Tracey Martin	SR	£30

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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 if someone else will pay' at the top of the form. Please note that this is the only 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.

WOODBROOKE RESIDENTIAL & DAY EVENTS

7-9 MARCH 2025

SPIRITUAL NURTURE AND PASTORAL CARE GATHERING

Highgate House, Northampton
Gilly Charters, Heather Rowlands,
& Helen Chambers

This residential weekend provides an opportunity for in-depth discussion and reflection for those of you responsible for eldership or pastoral care. Time together with your tutors and peers will help you gain understanding and confidence in your role.

Our world has changed over the past few years in ways that no-one could imagine, let alone plan for. Quakers need, and want, to respond effectively as we anticipate a different unknowable future. What is the call to us as Quakers now, in spiritual and pastoral care?

10-14 MARCH 2025

A WRITING RETREAT

Glenthorne, Grasmere
Ben Pink Dandelion & John Gray

Needing time to write and wishing to do so in community? This weeklong retreat offers the perfect opportunity to develop academic or creative writing alongside others.

Set in beautiful and quiet surroundings, 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.

25-27 APRIL 2025

MARGARET FELL: THE MOTHER OF QUAKERISM

Glenthorne, Grasmere

Stuart Masters

This course will explore the life, writings and legacy of Margaret Fell, the 'Mother of Quakerism'. We will consider the contribution she made to the formation of the early Quaker movement as an organiser, counsellor, lobbyist and writer, and look at a selection of her works, including epistles, disputations, political addresses, and theological tracts. This material will help you gain a deeper understanding of early Friends, and Fell's vital role in ensuring the movement's survival.

30 MAY-1 JUNE 2025**Glenthorne, Grasmere****TIME WITH THE TEXTS****Ben Pink Dandelion**

This residential will allow participants to engage with critical moments in Quaker history through some of the key texts. What do we make of them and what can we learn from the past that can help feed our spiritual lives today?

Working with the texts will allow us to really engage with Quaker faith across time and better understand how the Quaker way has adapted and changed to different social circumstances and different internal perspectives of what it is to be a Friend.

16-20 JUNE 2025**The Ammerdown Centre, Somerset****TIME SET ASIDE:
AN INDIVIDUALLY GUIDED RETREAT****Tim Peat Ashworth
& Annique 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.

This retreat is carefully structured to encourage silence to develop throughout. While sharing regular quiet gatherings with other participants, you will have daily personal time with one of the retreat leaders where you can share what is happening for you but also receive individual guidance on how to make the most of what the silence is showing you.

SATURDAY 28 JUNE**Central Leeds Quaker Meeting House****QUAKERS AND THE SPIRIT:
THE ANNUAL CRQS/QSRA
QUAKER STUDIES CONFERENCE****Ben Pink Dandelion
& Rhiannon Grant**

This annual Quaker studies conference is co-sponsored by Woodbrooke's Centre for Research in Quaker Studies and the Quaker Studies Research Association. It will explore a range of scholarly approaches to the topic "Quakers and the Spirit."

Quakers have tended to use the term "Holy Spirit" interchangeably with the "Inward Light" as a way of speaking about the continued presence of the living Christ guiding and directing their lives both individually and corporately. More recently, Liberal Friends have

perhaps tended to drop “Holy Spirit” in favour of “Inward Light”, while Orthodox Friends have neglected the language of the Light Within while continuing to use “Holy Spirit”. In keeping with the suspicion of theological “notions”, speculation about the third person of the Trinity, as the Holy Spirit is usually understood in other Christian traditions, has been avoided in favour of emphasising the lived experience of the Godhead that can empower a prophetic voice.

This year conference will explore a whole range of scholarly approaches to the topic.

19–21 SEPTEMBER 2025

Glenthorne, Gasmere

VOICES OF THE EARTH

Philip Gross & Zélie Gross

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

Paying close attention to the world around us, we'll work with visual media and writing to stir up familiar habits of thinking about the planet and humanity, through creating something new. We'll work sometimes in collaboration, sometimes alongside in our own quiet concentration to shed light from many angles on a timely and earth-centred question: how do we start again from here? Throughout our time at Glenthorne, we will stay grounded in our own direct experience as we seek for responses to a changing and endangered world.

22–25 SEPTEMBER 2025

Gladstone's Library, North Wales

QUAKER STUDIES RESEARCH GATHERING

**Ben Pink Dandelion
& Rhiannon Grant**

This gathering offers a supportive community to progress our own projects and a chance to learn about different kinds of research and how they are conducted. All researchers in Quaker Studies (students, academics, and independent scholars) are invited.

During this week, researchers in all areas of Quaker Studies are invited to bring their work and questions to share with others. In discussion sessions, we will explore how different research projects work, considering disciplinary differences (such as history, sociology, and theology) and possible approaches (e.g., quantitative, qualitative, or philosophical).



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WHERE YOU ARE

Bring Woodbrooke learning to where you are with our packages specially designed for your community.

Our expert-led workshops help your Quaker community deepen understanding and connection through engaging discussions and activities. Choose from a range of topics:

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

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Woodbrooke's Staff Team



Aled Vernon-Rees is Woodbrooke's Senior Communications 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.



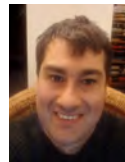
'Ben' Pink Dandelion is Woodbrooke's Programme Leader for Research. Ben's specialism is in the sociology of religion although he has

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.



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 cats.



Benjamin Wood is Woodbrooke's Programme Coordinator for Applied Theology and Biblical Studies. Before coming

to Woodbrooke, Ben spent more than a decade in UK Higher Education in a variety of teaching, research, and pastoral roles. He graduated from the University of Leeds in 2013, and since then has been a Postdoctoral Researcher at the University of Manchester, and has held several visiting lecturer posts at the University of Chester, Leeds Trinity, and at the University of Leeds. Ben has provided MA Supervision for Sarum Theological College, and has been a Consultant Theologian for St Barnabas Church, Southfields, London. Ben is a member of the Centre for Religion and Public Life at the University of Leeds and a Supervisor within the Centre for Quaker Studies at the University of Birmingham.



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.



Elize Sakamoto is Woodbrooke's Programme Coordinator for Quaker Service and Roles. She has been a clerk and elder in a number of Quaker settings as well and has helped develop anti-racism initiatives, and in-reach educational gatherings as part of her roles. Elize cares about Friends' corporate future in terms of discerning a balance between being open and curious about modern influences and confidently continuing aspects of the Quaker tradition.



Ella Asheri (she/her) is Woodbrooke's Programme Coordinator for Racial & Social Justice. She is a facilitator, educator and researcher

with a particular focus on psychosocial and psychospiritual approaches to social change. Her background is within

universities as a scholar-activist, Students' Union Education Officer, and professional services staff. Ella has also worked within grassroots youth justice charities, and has experience campaigning and organising around anti-racist education, radical pedagogy, disability justice, and anti-marketisation at universities.



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.



Lily Chadwick (she/her) is Woodbrooke's Programme Coordinator for Quaker History. Lily is by training a social historian of the early modern Atlantic with an emphasis on intersections of gender, authority/power, religious 'radicalism', and regionalism. Her particular interest in histories of women and religious dissent led her to the study of Quakers in this period. Lily has taught on a wide variety of subjects and themes in history, most recently on topics related to gender and the body, belief and disbelief, movement and migration, and empire and colonization in the early modern Atlantic. The history of Quakerism, aided by the copious records created and preserved by Quakers and their Meetings, offers an exceptional medium through which to explore, uncover, and challenge our knowledge of these themes as manifested in the early modern period.

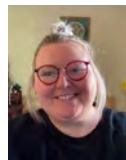


Lynda Scotson is part of Woodbrooke's Learning and Research Administration Team. Along with other members of the team she is responsible for supporting all aspects of running Woodbrooke's courses with particular emphasis on online courses. This includes support for participants, liaising with Staff and Associate tutors, setting up online learning spaces, and managing the rota for the Woodbrooke/EMES online Meetings for Worship.

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 and her book *Prayer: Reaching the Mountain Top* was published in 2011.



Mandy Cooper is Woodbrooke's CEO. Mandy brings a rich leadership experience to her role at Woodbrooke, joining at the end of 2023 from Bayberry Ltd. Mandy has a background in communications and organisational psychology and she has served as a treasurer and commercial director. Mandy is a trained psychologist with a strong interest in philosophy and ethics; she holds qualifications from Birkbeck, Harvard, Arden, Wolverhampton, and Derby universities. She has authored and co-authored seven books, contributed to many journals and is an influential speaker and advocate in the field of wellbeing.



Rachael Swancott is Woodbrooke's Head of Community and Engagement. Rachael 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. Rhiannon's work at Woodbrooke spans academic and practice-based approaches to Quakerism. She teaches in Woodbrooke's short course programme and supervises research and teaches postgraduate students within the Centre for Research in Quaker Studies. Outside Woodbrooke, she researches and writes about Quakers for both academic and general audiences.



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. In that role, she organises courses for the worship and spirituality programme, teaches on a variety of online and in-person courses, and coordinates Woodbrooke's online worship, in association with colleagues at EMES. Simonne's lifelong spiritual journey has given her experience of Christian, Buddhist and Jewish spirituality, but she found her home in Quakerism in 2008. She continues to value interfaith collaboration. 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.



Wendy Hampton is

Woodbrooke's Programme Coordinator for Supporting Quaker Communities. She has been a Quaker for 30 years, has been involved with Quakers in different Yearly Meetings and has held a range of roles locally, at area and at yearly meeting. She previously worked in Quaker Life for 8 Years. Wendy is a member of Pendle Hill Area Meeting.

Woodbrooke's Associate Tutors

Amanda Woolley is an Elder with Totnes Quakers. She feels deeply the interconnectedness of spirituality, community, nature and activism - drawing on experience of community projects, Transition Town and Quaker Turning the Tide programme. She enjoys exploring what it means to be part of a spiritually resourced and resilient community - including bringing folk together for Devon Quaker Climate Cafe, Loving Earth exhibits, Experiment with Light groups, outdoor worship, vigils and neighbourhood planter gardening.

Anne Watson is an elder at Oxford Quaker Meeting and an associate academic for Woodbrooke. In retirement she uses her long experience in education as teacher, educator, academic and author to explore connections between Quaker faith, testimony and the ordinary and extraordinary questions that arise in human lives.

Annie Seddon taught English and then trained as a counsellor at Manchester University. She set up a counselling service for staff and students in a college where she led the Counselling, Welfare and Chaplaincy service. Since retirement she has led courses at Woodbrooke, Swarthmoor Hall and Glenthorne and has been a personal tutor and spiritual accompanier for EFM participants and others.

Brian Blackmore is a Philadelphia-based Quaker educator, historian, activist, and community builder who currently serves as the Director of Quaker Engagement for the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC). He holds a Master of Arts and a Master of Sacred Theology from Chicago Theological Seminary, and a Ph.D. in Religious Studies from Temple University. He is the author of numerous publications including a recently released book with Brill publications *To Hear and To Respond: The Quaker's Groundbreaking Push for Gay Liberation, 1946-1973*.

Caitlin McGeever is a PhD candidate at George Mason University in Virginia. She studies early modern religion, gender, and family history in Early America and the Atlantic World. Her dissertation explores seventeenth-century Quaker enslavement on Barbados and how their interaction with slavery was shaped by distinct Quaker ideas about family and the household.

Carol Harper is a psychological therapist, supervisor and trainer. She serves as a voluntary Quaker prison chaplain.

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 online.

Christine Habgood-Coote has been a Quaker for more than 30 years and worships with Brighton Meeting. She has

held various local and national Quaker roles, including co-clerk of Central Nominations Committee, and acting as tutor for Woodbrooke courses.

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 serves as a Woodbrooke Learning associate tutor, Woodbrooke Worship facilitator/elder, Quaker Universalist Group committee member, and Quakers Uniting in Publications member. He has written articles published by the Friend, Western Friend, Among Friends, and Discovering Quakers in Britain.

David Curtis is currently working on a new translation and commentary on The Gospel of Mary, in between leading friendly study groups, building websites for Hampshire & the Islands meetings, and fixing up his Southampton houseboat.

Denise Renshaw retired in 2006 from full time work as a Physiotherapist and started to volunteer with a small charity that ran the visitor's centre at a women's prison nearby. Working with prisoner's families had interested her for a while. In 2009 her Area Meeting asked if she would put her name forward to be the Quaker Chaplain at the prison. She is very grateful for the divine nudges that led her to prison chaplaincy.

Dr. Erica Canela is an early modern social historian, specialising in English Quaker history and the psychological trauma of the Civil Wars. She holds a Ph.D from the University of Birmingham and has taught early modern British history in both university and non-academic settings. Erica co-authored a chapter in the anthology Quakerism in the Atlantic World in the Long Eighteenth Century (Pennsylvania State University Press, 2021) and is writing two volumes for the Brill Research Perspectives in Quaker Studies series on early Quaker history.

Gill Greenfield has been a Quaker for most of her life and has held a range of roles in local, area and yearly meeting. She is currently a member of Mid Somerset AM and a member of Central Nominations Committee. Professionally she worked as a nurse in the NHS, latterly in general practice, but took early retirement for family reasons.

Gilly Charters came back to Quakers in the 1980s. She has served with Eldership and Oversight teams and enjoys inreach and outreach.

Gordon Benson has a background in co-operative and voluntary sector development and in that role he helped third sector organisations access the European Structural Funds to finance their work. He has been active in politics, particularly on environmental issues, since he was at college. Gordon has been on a number of Quaker

committees including two on environmental and economic issues and it was through working on those that led him to want to promote the Eco Church award scheme.

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.

Imi Hills has been a member since 2018, and in that time has served on the committees of YMAC, JYM and Junior Gathering, and has also had experience with QUNO and QPSW. She studies English at Bristol and has written occasionally for the Friend, and is very interested in exploring the future of Quakerism.

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.

James Priestman 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 directs the Festival

of Biblical Literature in Great Malvern and works in the NHS as a social worker in a community mental health team. He is worships with Ealing Quaker Meeting.

Jasmine Piercy is a British Quaker living in Slovenia. She is a Woodbrooke Associate Tutor and serves as an elder and facilitator for the Friends network around the world. She previously coordinated the Quaker Voluntary Action working retreats programme across Europe and has a background in education and the arts.

Jeannette Law is an international educator who advises students towards their best educational and career paths around the globe. An American of Chinese descent, she formerly attended the Beacon Hill Friends Meeting in Boston, Massachusetts. She currently resides in Italy, where she enjoys writing poetry and aspires to live "la bella vita."

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 fourteen years. Jennifer finds balancing an active life with a pull towards contemplation a continuing and fruitful challenge.

Jenny Tipping is 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.

John Gray works as an organisational facilitator, coach and supervisor, and is an Associate at the University of York's Centre for Applied Human Rights. He attends Friargate Meeting in York.

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.

Julie L. Holcomb is professor of museum studies at Baylor University, where she teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in museum, library, and archival collections management; collections ethics; and book history. Holcomb's research interests include Quakers, abolition, and the Civil War as well as library, archival, and museum collections.

Kate McNally is a psychologist by training. She worked as a university professor and as a management consultant in the US and Canada. She has represented Quakers at the Council of Europe and worked with QCEA on projects related to forced migration, racism, and vicarious trauma among humanitarian aid workers. She is an elder and associate tutor at Woodbrooke where she teaches courses on anti-racism. A member of Westminster meeting, she lives in Belgium and blogs at <http://bravespaces.blog>

Lindsey Markwell, a Quaker living in Suffolk, follows a faithful leading towards a simplified life. She inspires others in exploring ways of engaging with the Testimony to Simplicity. With a focus on what decluttering gives us and our communities. Lindsey holds a Masters Degree in Quaker Studies, and is interested in frugality and modern day plaining. Lindsey is a Mental Health Professional and has a deep belief that simple living can benefit us all in a myriad of ways.

Lottie Child has been part of Dorking Meeting since 2014 and has been involved with NVC since 2019. At the core of her approach is the idea of universal human needs; believing that we are all trying to meet a life-serving need, this shifts relationships and communication into a process of creative co-creating of the world we want to live in. She is a mum, wife, daughter, community member, artist.

Lucas De Koning is a project manager and facilitator with movementecology.org.uk. His practice is education and (community) organising, predominantly in the climate movement. Lucas has a passion for holding creative processes and supporting groups to collectively develop strategy.

Lucy Parker's mother first went to Meeting at the age of 17, and Lucy has worshipped with Friends since her teens after moving to the UK. Lucy has served in most roles in her local and area meetings, as well as on various central committees. She has particular interest and experience

in clerking, eldership, church government, and nominations. Lucy is currently Co-Clerk of Central Nominations Committee.

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 Russ is a writer, theologian and teacher. His teaching interests include spiritual practice and music, the Bible, hope, whiteness, modern Christian theology, and the beginnings of Liberal Quakerism. In 2022 he began a PhD at the University of Nottingham researching whiteness, silence and liberal Quaker theology.

Martin Urschel is a film scholar specialising in film philosophy. He has written his Doctorate thesis at the University of Oxford on Wittgenstein and Popular Genre Films. Currently he coproduces new international television series for the German public TV-channel ZDF.

Mary Crauderueff, MLS, has been Curator of Quaker Collections in the Haverford College Quaker & Special Collections since 2015. They've served on numerous Quaker boards. In 2020, Mary was the first Visiting Quaker Archivist for the Africa Quaker Archives in Kaimosi, Kenya. She assists researchers, fosters donor relationships, and ensures collection preservation and accessibility. Mary strives

to build community and teach skills to empower all researchers.

Naomi Richards is currently one of the organisers of an international youth programme based in Sweden. (www.yip.se) Her focus has previously been on community projects and cultivating 'right relationships', using food and growing as tools for connection. She now works to support the development of whole and authentic young people who are able to stay with the challenges of today and enact their callings in an interconnected world.

Özge Altinkaya has been teaching NVC since 2017, working with diverse groups ranging from teachers and activists to corporate organisations and non-profits. She also mediates between conflicting parties. She focuses on Foundational Trainings, Conflict Resolution and the applications of NVC in specific contexts. She is particularly interested in larger social and systemic roots for change, and incorporates a lens into her trainings to explore the connections between our struggles in personal lives/communities and society at large, and broader systemic structures.

Patsy Martin has been chanting as a spiritual practice and as ministry for over 20 years. During that time, Patsy and Tony Martin have been leading two monthly chanting groups near their home in Bedford, VA, USA. Since March 2020, when COVID put a stop to in-person chanting, they have been leading Zoom chanting sessions twice a month online.

Paulette Meier is a Quaker singer/songwriter, peace educator, and member of Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting and Community Friends Meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio, where her strong voice has led crowds in song at many a gathering for peace, justice and an earth restored.

Phil Dahl was drawn to Quakers and sought membership in 1988. He 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.

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,

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Sasha Lawson-Frost became a Quaker after she found herself believing in God in her early 20s, and she currently attends Richmond and Leyburn Quaker Meeting. Sasha is a Philosophy PhD student at the University of Durham, writing about the ethics and theology of obedience. She also spends a lot of time exploring questions about philosophy and Quakerism with 11-18yr olds.

Shanon Shah is the Director of Faith for the Climate. He balanced careers in human rights advocacy, journalism, and theatre and music in his native Malaysia before relocating to London in 2010. He holds a doctorate in the sociology of religion from King's College London and conducts research for the Information Network Focus on Religious Movements (Inform), an independent educational charity based at King's College London. He is also Tutor in Islam at the University of London's Divinity programme.

Shumo Wang is a practitioner, minister, and scholar of the Confucian tradition. He was born and raised in China and moved to Cambridge in 2017, where he received a M.Div. degree at Harvard Divinity School. He is currently serving as a minister in the Konyang Confucian group in China, which

was founded by his teacher Dr. Zhu Xiangfei in 2002. He is currently undergoing doctoral studies in religion at Duke University. Shumo aspires to serve the Chinese diasporic community and broader groups with resources from the Confucian spirituality.

Stephen Brooks is an independent researcher & member of The Religious Society of Friends, based in Brighton, UK.

Stuart Masters is a teacher and writer offering learning opportunities that explore the roots of the Quaker way, its theology, spirituality and relationship with other traditions. For 15 years, between 2009 and 2024, he was a Woodbrooke programme coordinator. Before that, he worked in the social housing sector.

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.

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.

Timothy Ashworth has written on Paul the apostle and is coming towards the end of a major work on early Christian experience. As one of Woodbrooke's Learning and

Research Team for many years, he developed an approach to the Bible drawing on contemporary scholarship but also giving due weight to the descriptions of transformation that are claimed for the individuals and groups that created the texts.

Tom Deacon feels most at home immersed in the elementals of the hills, mountains and coastlines of these islands. He draws great inspiration from weaving and facilitating lived experiences in wild places with the transformative processes of the Work that Reconnects. As a mountain guide, climate trainer, group facilitator, and climate activist it is in the entanglement of the web where all these elements of his life meet that he feels most alive.

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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.

Tyna Redpath has lived in Glastonbury for 40 years, a unique and diverse community of where the Wheel of the Year is a vibrant pattern of community life. After a childhood rooted in Roman Catholicism, Tyna is now Quaker and Pagan. Tyna notices how strongly and spontaneously Quakers respond to the Wheel, rooted in the deep wisdom of the natural world. Tyna is co-founder of the Goddess Conference in Glastonbury and owner of The Goddess & the Green Man shop.

Wendy Pattinson has a keen interest in the role of religion and spirituality in society, especially in how it could help us learn to live in right-relationship with Earth and all of Creation in this time of climate change and biodiversity loss. Wendy is a member of Pendle Hill AM – she worships at Clitheroe LM and with Living Witness online. She has done Equipping for Ministry and the short course, Political Theology for Peace.

Wenjun Zou came to the UK in 2001 to study, earning an MA in Finance and Accounting. After several years working in the City of London, she began homeschooling her children seven years ago. Since 2019, Wenjun has studied Confucianism under Dr. Zhu Xiangfei, integrating self-cultivation into her daily life. In early 2024, she started attending Quaker worship regularly at the Bromley Quaker Meeting.

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.

Dr. Xavier L. Johnson earned his Doctor of Ministry in Ministry Development from Virginia Theological Seminary. He has held teaching appointments at Duke Divinity School and, most recently, at Earlham School of Religion at Earlham College where he was Director of Contextual Ministry Education and an Assistant Professor of Practical Theology. Currently, he serves as an Assistant Professor in the Practice of Preaching and Black Church Studies at United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio.

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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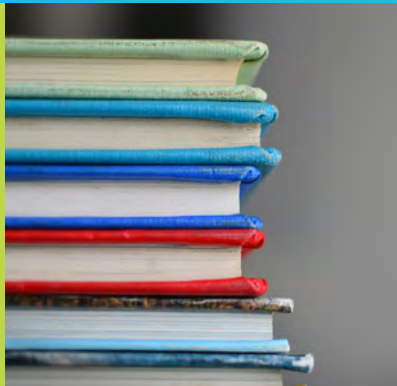


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