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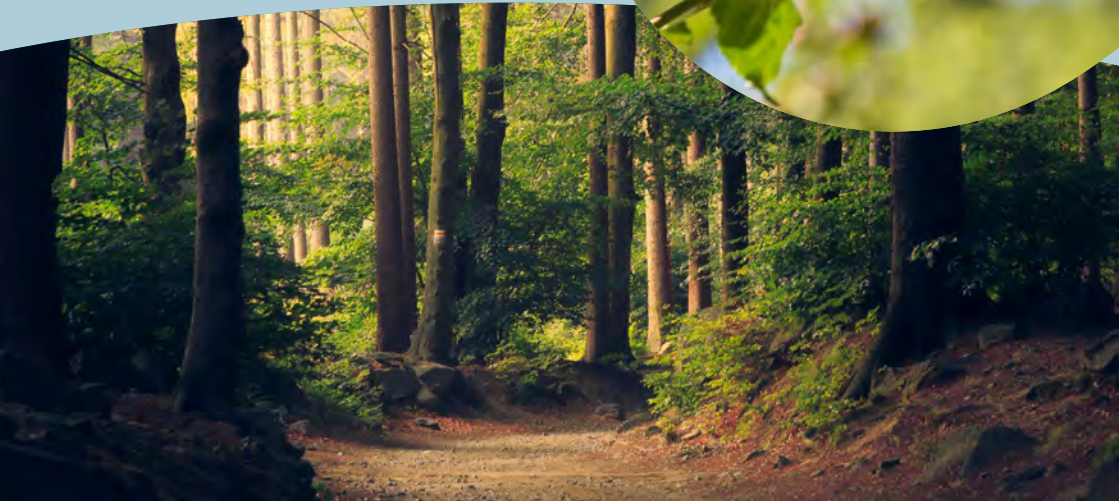
JULY TO DECEMBER 2024





“ Woodbrooke is developing new patterns of learning, in person and online, and I am so thankful for all the new discoveries and opportunities which are opening up for us all! ”

“ ...the quality is high, the space for self-reflection is very rewarding, the courses are very affordable, and they bring fascinating people together. ”



Welcome to Woodbrooke

Welcome to our latest brochure featuring our rich programme of courses and sessions from July to December 2024 and beyond. We hope these offerings will nurture your spirit, inspire your activism and strengthen your Quaker community.

Our team has curated this programme to suit the learning needs and wants of Quakers today. Whether you're a seasoned Friend or new to Quakerism, there's something for everyone.

This brochure, along with the accompanying wall planner, provides a glimpse of what we offer. For full details, please visit our website, where you will find additional information about the courses and tutors, as well as new sessions that we add throughout the year. On page 16, you'll find our selection of day events, residential courses and retreats held at venues chosen to complement the nature of each course. We also highlight, on page 15, the continuation of our 'Fox at 400' programme, which explores the life and legacy of George Fox on his 400th anniversary through various online courses and sessions.

Alongside our wide programme of courses and sessions, we offer Woodbrooke learning specifically designed for Quaker communities through our Woodbrooke Where You Are workshops and our Working with Meetings programme. These are available both in person and online to communities across Britain, and online around the world. You can find out more about our community learning opportunities on our website at: www.woodbrooke.org.uk/learning-for-communities.

Whether you connect with Woodbrooke through online learning, online worship, research projects or other means, we hope it supports you in your life. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Mandy Cooper.

CEO

JULY

■ 2 July 7-8:30pm	Business Method Surgery Rachael Swancott		SQC	Pay as led
■ 6 July 10am-4:30pm	The Heart of the Quaker Way Ben Pink Dandelion	Liverpool Quaker Meeting House	EQ	£30
■ 11 July 7-9pm	Enquiring Into: Answering That of God Rosie Carnall		EQ	Pay as led
■ 13 July 4-5:30pm	George Fox: The Quaker Peace Testimony Rhiannon Grant		HT	Pay as led
■ 18 July-12 Aug	Faiths for Climate Reparations Shanon Shah		CC	£24
■ 18 July-15 Aug	My Soul Looks Back and Wonders: An Introduction to Black Liberation Theology Xavier Johnson		PSJ	£48
■ 22 July 7-8:30pm	Embodying Quaker Wisdom Through Chant Paulette Meier		SR	Pay as led
■ 22 July 6:30-8pm	How Can We Talk About Israel-Palestine? Tanya Hubbard		PSJ	Pay as led

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■ 6 August 7–8:30pm	Business Method Surgery Rachael Swancott	SQC	Pay as led
■ 6 Aug–10 Sept	Renewing Quakerism: Embracing Change with Hope Sam Donaldson	SQC	£60
■ 7 Aug–10 Sept	Linking Climate Justice and Demilitarisation Charlotte Cooper, Kim Harrison Woodbrooke and QPSW working in partnership.	CC	Pay as led
■ 10 August 4–5:30pm	George Fox: Nontheist Quaker Perspectives Rhiannon Grant	HT	Pay as led
■ 13 Aug–3 Sept	Being a Quaker Grandparent Harriet Heath	SQC	£48
■ 15–22 August	An Infinite Ocean of Light: Awakening the Creative Spirit Diana Luther Powell	SR	£40
■ 16–18 August	Get Your Quaker Studies Book Published Rhiannon Grant	The Briery, Ilkley, West Yorkshire HT	£365
■ 19 August 7–8:30pm	Composing Chants To Lift the Spirit Paulette Meier	SR	Pay as led
■ 21 August 7–8:30pm	The Quaker World: Inclusion Rhiannon Grant	HT	Pay as led
■ 27 August 8:30–9:30pm	Conversations With Our Children: Privilege Rachael Swancott	SQC	Pay as led
■ 28 August 7–9pm	Trustee Update: New Handbook Rhiannon Grant	QSR	Pay as led
■ 30–31 August	Approaching the Gospels: A Quaker Introduction Timothy Ashworth	B	£36

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■ 1 Sept 3-5pm	Life Reflections Daniel Clarke Flynn	SR	Pay as led
■ 3 Sept 7-8:30pm	Business Method Surgery Rachael Swancott	SQC	Pay as led
■ 4-25 Sept	Courage and Companionship: Spiritual Nourishment for Men Will Johnson	SR	£48
■ 4 Sept-27 Nov	Faithfulness Groups To Support Witness Rachel Krishnaswami, Lia den Daas	CC	£48
■ 4-18 Sept	Quakers and the Archers: Tales of Everyday Folk Simonne Wood, Jacquie Cole	SR	£42
■ 5 Sept-8 Oct	Addressing Ecocide: Quaker Contributions Hilary Saunders Woodbrooke and FWCC working in partnership.	CC	£24
■ 7 Sept 4-5:30pm	George Fox: A Universalist Quaker Perspective Rhiannon Grant	HT	Pay as led
■ 9-30 Sept	Galatians: Paul's Gospel of Liberation Timothy Ashworth	B	£54
■ 9 Sept 7-8:30pm	Pendle Hill Seminar: Better Than Good Elize Sakamoto, Windy Cooler Woodbrooke and Pendle Hill working in partnership.	HT	Pay as led
■ 12 Sept 7-9pm	Enquiring Into: Spoken Ministry Rosie Carnall	EQ	Pay as led
■ 12 Sept-17 Oct	Parenting: A Spiritual Quest Carolyn Baynes	SR	£48

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■ 12 Sept-3 Oct	Refugees, Migration Rights and Climate Justice Nick Cullen, Sadie DeCoste	PSJ	£24
■ 14 Sept 10-12pm	Orienting to Joy Susan Groves	SR	Pay as led
■ 16 Sept-13 Feb	Quaker Eco Church Network: Steps to Accreditation Gordon Benson, Kim Harrison	CC	Pay as led
■ 17 Sept-15 Oct	Friend, Guest, or Family? Deep Hospitality in Quaker Communities Rhiannon Grant, Windy Cooler	SQC	£54
■ 17 Sept 7-8:30pm	The Gospel of Mary: An Introduction David Curtis, Ben Pink Dandelion	SR	Pay as led
■ 18 Sept-11 Dec	Becoming Friends Rachael Swancott	SQC	£54
■ 19 Sept 7-9pm	Exploring Quaker Business Method Rachael Swancott	SQC	Pay as led
■ 19 Sept 6:30-8pm	How Can We Respond to the Israel-Palestine Conflict? Tanya Hubbard	PSJ	Pay as led
■ 20-22 Sept	Voices of the Earth Zélie Gross, Philip Gross	SR	£255
■ 21 Sept-18 Jan	Racial Justice Dialogues: Implementing Anti-Racism in Meetings Nim Njuguna, Jonathan Doering	PSJ	£36
■ 23 Sept 9-10am	Meeting for Worship Through Dance Robin Bowles, Ann Bettys	SR	Free

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■ 23 Sept–28 Oct	Paths Towards Transformative Justice Nishma Jethwa	PSJ	£54
■ 24 Sept–1 Oct	Changing Face of Quaker Community Ben Pink Dandelion	SQC	£25
■ 26 Sept 7–9pm	Exploring Threshing & Clearness Rhiannon Grant	SQC	Pay as led
■ 26 Sept 6:30–8pm	Global Perspectives on Conscientious Objection Tanya Hubbard	PSJ	Pay as led

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■ 1 Oct 7-8:30pm	Business Method Surgery Rachael Swancott	SQC	Pay as led
■ 1 Oct-12 Nov	Reading the Bible With Early Friends Stuart Masters	B	£72
■ 2 Oct-4 Dec	Resilience in Joy and Rest: Community Nurturing for Black, Brown and People of Colour Quakers Sarah Diedro Jordão	PSJ	Pay as led
■ 3 Oct-2 Feb	Circle Skills for Hosting Difficult Conversations Leon Dundas, Tanya Hubbard	The Briery, Ilkley (Online course followed by residential at The Briery) PSJ	£335
■ 4-24 Oct	The Start of the Quaker Way: Fox 400 Ben Pink Dandelion	EQ	Pay as led
■ 5-26 Oct	Being a Quaker Clerk: A Course for Friends From Around the World Solveig-Karin Erdal, Nancy Fee, Peter Eccles	QSR	Pay as led
■ 5 Oct 4-5:30pm	George Fox: An Ecological Quaker Perspective Rhiannon Grant	HT	Pay as led
■ 8 Oct 3-4pm	Meet the Students: Penelope Cummins Ben Pink Dandelion	HT	Free
■ 8 Oct 7-9pm	Navigating Faith and Family: Insights From the Quaker Parent/Grandparent Survey Rachel Krishnaswami	SQC	Pay as led
■ 9 Oct 7-8:30pm	Pendle Hill Seminar: The River of Life Rhiannon Grant, Nim Njuguna Woodbrooke and Pendle Hill working in partnership.	SQC	Pay as led
■ 10 Oct 6:30-8pm	Global Perspectives on Conscientious Objection Tanya Hubbard	PSJ	Pay as led
■ 13 Oct 3-5:30pm	Hope as a Practice Simonne Wood	SR	Pay as led

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OCTOBER

14 Oct 7-8:30pm	The Quaker World: Representations of Quakers Rhiannon Grant		HT	Pay as led
18-20 Oct	The Future of British Quakerism. Woodbrooke and Quakers in Britain working in partnership.	Yarnfield Park, Stone, Staffs	SQC	£65-£380
22 Oct-12 Nov	Practical Discernment for Witness Rhiannon Grant		PSJ	£36
23 Oct-27 Nov	Deepening Our Faith Through Loss, Ageing and Facing Death. Rosemary Field, Annique Seddon		SR	£54
23 Oct 7-8:30pm	How Can Spiritual Accompaniment Support Witness? Kim Harrison		CC	Pay as led
24 Oct 6:30-8pm	Global Perspectives on Conscientious Objection Tanya Hubbard		PSJ	Pay as led
24 Oct-21 Nov	Natural Inspiration: Elemental Qualities for Positive Change Kim Harrison		CC	£48
25-27 Oct	Foundation Course in Nonviolent Communication Jenny Tipping, Tanya Hubbard	The Vedanta, Lincoln	PSJ	£385
26 Oct 9:30-4pm	God in All Things: A Quaker Look at Ignatian Spirituality Gill Sewell		SR	£35
27 Oct 8-9am	Meeting for Worship Through Dance Robin Bowles, Ann Betty		SR	Free
28 Oct 7-8:30pm	Holding in the Light: What Does It Mean? Rhiannon Grant		EQ	Pay as led
29 Oct 8:30-9:30pm	Conversations With Our Children: Anti-Racism Rachael Swancott		SQC	Pay as led

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■ 2 Nov 10-4pm	Spiritual Nurture and Pastoral Care in a Nutshell Heather Rowlands, Helen Chambers	QSR	£35
■ 4-18 Nov	Fat Is a Faith Issue Ruth Wilde	HT	£48
■ 4 Nov 7-8:30pm	Reading in the Spirit With Thomas Kelly Mark Russ	SR	Pay as led
■ 4 Nov-4 Dec	Thinking Nonviolently Diana Lampen, John Lampen	PSJ	£54
■ 5 Nov 7-8:30pm	Business Method Surgery Rachael Swancott	SQC	Pay as led
■ 5 Nov-10 Dec	Mindful Witness Sam Donaldson	PSJ	£48
■ 6 Nov 7-8:30pm	Structures of Britain Yearly Meeting Rachael Swancott	SQC	Pay as led
■ 7 Nov-12 Dec	Quaker Nominations Lucy Parker, Gill Greenfield	QSR	£125
■ 9 Nov 4-5:30pm	George Fox: Global Quaker Perspectives Rhiannon Grant	HT	Pay as led
■ 9 Nov 10-12pm	Orienting to Joy Susan Groves	SR	Pay as led
■ 10 Nov-15 Dec	Centring Down With Compassion Carolyn Baynes	SR	£48
■ 11 Nov 7-8:30pm	Rekindling Our Radical Faith: Penn, Mead and Justice Today Phil Laurie, Benjamin Wood	CC	Pay as led

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NOVEMBER

■ 12-26 Nov	A Quaker Approach to Capitalism and Climate Justice Paul Hodgkin, Gill Westcott	CC	£36
■ 14 Nov 7-9pm	Enquiring Into: Times and Seasons Rosie Carnall	SR	Pay as led
■ 14-28 Nov	Voltaire and the Quakers Andrew Jack	HT	£36
■ 15-17 Nov	Attending to True Self in Turbulent Times Will Johnson, Barbara Reid	The Ammerdown Centre, North Somerset	SR £420
■ 15 Nov 7-8:30pm	Story Weaving With George Fox: Despair and Comfort Till Flo* Krapoth	SR	Pay as led
■ 18 Nov-16 Dec	Telling Our Truths About God Rhiannon Grant	SR	£54
■ 19 Nov 7-9pm	The Meaning of Silence: Worship, Spirituality, and Justice Stuart Masters	SR	Pay as led
■ 20 Nov 8-9pm	Meet the Students: Stewart Yarlett Rhiannon Grant	HT	Free
■ 21 Nov-12 Dec	Essentials of Quakerism Rachael Swancott	EQ	£25
■ 22 Nov 2-3pm	Meeting for Worship Through Dance Robin Bowles, Ann Bettys	SR	Free

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23 Nov 10-4:30pm	The History of the Quaker Way Ben Pink Dandelion	Hammersmith Quaker Meeting House	EQ	£30
■ 25 Nov-16 Dec	Spiritual Friendship: A Practical Introduction Simonne Wood		SR	£48
■ 26 Nov 7:30-8:30pm	Book Launch: The Spirit of Freedom, Mark Russ Mark Russ, Rhiannon Grant		HT	Pay as led
■ 26 Nov-21 Jan	Isaac Penington: Early Quaker With a Lasting Legacy Phil Dahl		HT	£54
■ 28 Nov 7-8:30pm	Accompanying Friends Prosecuted for Their Witness Phil Laurie		PSJ	Pay as led
■ 30 Nov 2-6pm	Poetry Reading As Spiritual Practice Tracey Martin		SR	£35
■ 30 Nov 10-4pm	Treasurership in a Nutshell Oliver Waterhouse, Wendrie Heywood		QSR	£35

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DECEMBER


3 Dec 7-8:30pm	Business Method Surgery Rachael Swancott		Pay as led
3 Dec 3-4:30pm	Fancy a PhD? Ben Pink Dandelion		Pay as led
3-10 Dec	George Fox and the Gospel of Mary: Transformed by Vision David Curtis		£36
7 Dec 10:15-4pm	Creatively Visioning the Future: A Winter Retreat Linda Murgatroyd		£25
9 Dec 7-9pm	Simpler Roles: Doing Things Differently Jonathan Carmichael		£10
11 Dec-15 Jan	Being a Quaker Trustee Sarah Donaldson, Ursula Fuller		£85
13 Dec 7-8:30pm	Story Weaving With George Fox: Christmas Till Flo* Krapoth		Pay as led
14 Dec 10-4pm	Clerking in a Nutshell Chris Skidmore, Heather Rowlands		£35
14 Dec 7-8:30pm	Pendle Hill Seminar: Embracing Spiritual Gifts Simonne Wood, Adria Gulizia Woodbrooke and Pendle Hill working in partnership.		Pay as led
15 Dec 8-9am	Meeting for Worship Through Dance Robin Bowles, Ann Bettys		Free


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LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD

WOODBROOKE COURSES | 2024

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<p>■ 7 Jan 8:30–9:30pm</p>	<p>Conversations With Our Children: Being Part of a Quaker Community Rachael Swancott</p>	<p>SQC</p>	<p>Pay as led</p>
<p>■ 24 Feb–17 Mar</p>	<p>An Adult Faith: Paul’s Letter to the Philippians Timothy Ashworth</p>	<p>B</p>	<p>£54</p>
<p>7–9 March</p>	<p>Spiritual Nurture and Pastoral Care Gathering Gilly Charters, Heather Rowlands, Helen Chambers</p>	<p>Highgate House, Northampton</p>	<p>QSR £315</p>

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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.



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 (www.fwcc.world).

Sat 13 July	Online	Sat 9 November	Online
George Fox: The Quaker Peace Testimony		George Fox: Global Quaker Perspectives	
Sat 10 August	Online	Fri 15 November	Online
George Fox: Nontheist Quaker Perspectives		Story Weaving With George Fox: Despair and Comfort	
Sat 7 September	Online	Sat 23 November	Online
George Fox: A Universalist Quaker Perspective		George Fox: An African-American Indigenous Quaker Perspective	
Fri 4–Thurs 24 October	Online	Tue 3–Tue 10 December	Online
The Start of the Quaker Way: Fox 400		George Fox and the Gospel of Mary: Transformed by Vision	
Sat 5 October	Online	Fri 13 December	Online
George Fox: An Ecological Quaker Perspective		Story Weaving With George Fox: Christmas	



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

6 July 2024, 10–4.30pm**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 course explores what can be thought of as the heart of the Quaker way.

Thus, the day will cover the essentials aspects of the Quaker way of faith, its core understandings, and its message for the future: direct encounter with the divine; a distinctive form of worship; the centrality of discernment; and our witness in the world. There will be mix of input and discussion, with no prior knowledge assumed. This course is ideal for newcomers as well as those seeking a refresher.

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.

The goal of this weekend is that you will take the next step in turning your academic research into a book. In order to do this, we'll explore the whole process, hear from a guest speaker from an academic press, and give you space to work on your project. For many people, a key step will be the development and polishing of a book proposal for submission to a publisher.

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.

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.

www.woodbrooke.org.uk/courses

Online Course: 3 October-5 December 2024
Residential: 31 January-2 February 2025

The Briery, Ilkley

CIRCLE SKILLS FOR HOSTING DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS

Leon Dundas, Tanya Hubbard

Do you wish you had a loving, transformative tool for approaching the change, disagreement and loss in your Quaker community? Restorative circles are a method for enabling dialogue and healing.

This course is for complete beginners in restorative circles or people already well on the way who want to deepen their knowledge, practise together and strengthen connection with other Quakers seeking to use restorative circles in their community.

18-20 October 2024

Yarnfield Park, Stone, Staffs

THE FUTURE OF BRITISH QUAKERISM

Ben Pink Dandelion, Rhiannon Grant,
Shena Deuchars, Paul Parker

British Quakerism is at a critical juncture and this gathering will be an opportunity to ask and address the pressing questions about its future. This major conference, run jointly by Woodbrooke and Quakers in Britain will acknowledge challenges, reflect on insights, and explore ways to support our communities and deepen our spiritual lives in the face of change.

The conference will feature four key note presentations from Paul Parker, Rhiannon Grant, Shena Deuchars and Ben Pink Dandelion exploring questions such as: Where is British Quakerism heading?; What do the latest survey results show?; and What does it mean to be a Quaker in Britain today?

25-27 October 2024

The Vedanta, Lincoln

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.

On this 2-day course we will connect with each other to learn and practise the skills of Nonviolent Communication (NVC) as developed by Marshall Rosenberg. NVC encourages us to empathise with our own and others' deeper needs, to create spaces of love and compassion. Previous participants have gone on to use NVC in their work e.g. in education or health; in their local meetings; and in their own personal relationships.

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15–17 November 2024**The Ammerdown Centre, North Somerset**

ATTENDING TO TRUE SELF IN TURBULENT TIMES

**Will Johnson
Barbara Reid**

Feeling unsettled in our turbulent world? This weekend retreat offers nourishing and guided space to deepen your connection to true self, re-establish a greater sense of inner integrity and discover what truly wants to flow through you.

This Circle of Trust retreat provides spacious time to follow your own thread, alongside others in a supportive community of fellow enquirers. You will have opportunities for solo reflection and journaling, deep listening in small groups and sharing in the larger circle. We will use images, poetry, prose, music and time in the more-than-human world, to deepen our conversation and connection with true self and true nature.

Saturday 23 November, 10–4:30pm**Hammersmith Quaker 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.

Thus, the day will run through the different periods of Quaker theology, starting with an in-depth exploration of the first Friends. How Quakers have related to wider society, and what Friends sense their purpose is, has changed in each period and is key to how the movement has changed in the way it sees itself and presents itself.

7–9 March 2024**Highgate House, Northampton**

SPIRITUAL NURTURE AND PASTORAL CARE GATHERING

**Gilly Charters, Heather Rowlands,
Helen Chambers**

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?

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.

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

YOUNG ADULT WORSHIP

9pm Wednesdays

Educators Worship is run thanks to partnership with Quaker Values in Education. Young Adult Worship is in partnership with Quakers in Britain.

www.woodbrooke.org.uk/worship



WOODBROOKE
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 Staff Team



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.



'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.



Becky Berridge is

Woodbrooke's Learning and Research Administration Manager. Having previously worked at Woodbrooke

in several administrative roles for eight years, Becky 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. Becky is happiest in a kayak or surrounded by her four cats.



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.



E. 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.



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.



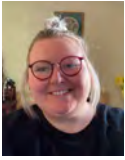
Kim Harrison is Woodbrooke's Project Manager for the Climate Crisis: Spiritual Nurture and Learning Project. She has over 13 years experience of direct action, campaigning, political lobbying and supporting/empowering protesters and is actively involved in Quaker environmental groups. In 2010/11 she 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.



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. 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 an 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. In that role, she organises courses for

the worship and spirituality programme, teaches on a variety of online and in-person courses, and coordinate 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.



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

Andrew Jack has been a Quaker for over a decade. He studied philosophy at London and Oxford universities, and has taught philosophy in London, Oxford and Hong Kong. As a research student at Woodbrooke, he is working on Philosophy and Quakerism.

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 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. Her own losses led to the grace of becoming a Quaker, where she feels grounded as she shares profound, painful and joyous conversations and silences in friendship.

Barbara Reid practises as a learning development consultant and coaching supervisor, using mindfulness-based approaches, experiential learning and reflective practice to underpin this work. Barbara has belonged to the facilitator community of the Center for Courage & Renewal since 2012 and has designed and hosted 'circles of trust' retreats in the U.K. and beyond since then. Barbara also works with people who are walking the path of grief and loss. She offers grief-tending circles and retreat spaces where participants can gather to speak to and have their grief and loss witnessed.

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.

Carolyn Baynes serves as an Elder at Farnham Quaker Meeting. She is a music teacher and mother, and teaches a monthly 'Centring Down with Compassion' meeting online which is also a podcast. Her practice and spiritual life deepened when she discovered teachings about becoming more mindful of the breath and the body and was struck by how some Buddhist practices like Metta (loving Kindness) seem to be so similar to Quaker practices like Holding in the Light.

Charlotte Cooper is the Peace Lead for Quakers in Britain. Her work involves campaigning for peace with and on behalf of Friends, representing Quakers in peace networks and movements, and supporting Friends in their witness for peace.

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.

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 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.

Diana Lampen has taught peace education and yoga for many years.

Diana Luther Powell is an Associate Tutor at Woodbrooke and was a Quaker Prison Chaplain for nine years until retiring at the end of 2022. Qualified as a specialist dance teacher, she worked across the whole range of education from Year One to 80 year-olds! Her most recent work before retirement in 2012 was as a commissioner for adult drug misuse which actually sparked her interest in prison work. Diana lives in South Yorkshire and worships at Wooldale LM which is part of Central Yorkshire Area Meeting.

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 CNC. Professionally she worked as a nurse in the NHS, latterly in general practice, but took early retirement for family reasons. Gill has also been a puppy raiser for Guide Dogs and, with her retriever Bella, volunteers with Pets as Therapy.

Gill Sewell is a freelance spiritual director and supervisor. She is co-editor of Friends Quarterly magazine and has previously worked for Quakers in Britain in Ministry and Outreach. She worships at Stoke Newington meeting and serves as an Area Meeting Trustee and on Quaker Life Central Committee. She also teaches on the Ignatian Spirituality Course, based at the London Jesuit Centre.

Gill Westcott is a member of West Somerset AM. She trained as an economist, has taught Comparative Economic Systems to undergraduates and trained peer educators about climate change in primary and secondary schools. She has been involved with the Living Witness Project for many years and served on the QPSW Economics and Sustainability Sub-committee where she helped design the Quaker New Economy booklets. Her PhD in Politics looked at how issues of sustainability are dealt with by local government in the South West. She is a member of the Climate Psychology Alliance, a grandmother, and is a Mid Devon District Councillor.

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.

Harriet Heath has provided workshops for parents and grandparents through Philadelphia and New England Yearly Meetings for the last thirty years. She has found that our Quaker beliefs, testimonies, and practices interwoven with findings from developmental research form a basis for parents and grandparents to live with and guide their children. The mother of three and six grandchildren, she shares her approach and experiences with children and grandchildren while encouraging participants to share theirs.

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 peoples' team.

Hilary Saunders has focussed on policy and legal rights on housing, welfare benefits and child protection in her work for Shelter, Women's Aid and Bristol University. She is a member of Redland Quaker Meeting in Bristol and belongs to the EarthQuakes and the Climate Choir Movement, who both campaign on the climate crisis. For years, as a volunteer, she has supported the campaign to make ecocide an international crime as the best way to protect nature from multinational

companies. She has an M.A. Ord. in English Literature and Fine Art from Edinburgh University and an M.A. in Child Studies from King's College London.

Jacquie Cole has a background in teaching, outreach and community development, and enjoys facilitating reflective and calming experiences for individuals and communities. Her approach has been influenced, informed and enriched by her long-standing mindfulness practice and her more recent Quaker journey. Jacquie is an active Attender at Beverley local meeting and from 2022-2024, worked as a part of the programme co-ordinator team at Woodbrooke.

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.

John Lampen is a trainer in creative conflict handling and author of 'Mending Hurts'. John's books also include The Peace Kit (for children), Answering the Violence: Encounters with Perpetrators and Love Growing in Us: Questioning the Quaker Peace Testimony.

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

Leon Dundas was born in Guyana (ancestral lands of Amerindian tribes), studied in the lands of the Tainos (in the Caribbean) and first nation peoples in America. He is of mixed African, Indian and European heritage. In 2005, he left roles as Ordained Elder in the Church of the Nazarene, Lecturer, Director of Prison Inspections and Mediator/Restorative Justice (RJ) Consultant in Jamaica to lead

a church initiative in London. In 2020, he co-authored *Colorizing Restorative Justice* and currently serves as a Managing Chaplain and Methodist Minister.

Lia den Daas has been attending the Jesus Lane meeting in Cambridge since 2023. Although she is relatively new to Quakers, it has felt like coming home. She has been involved in a pioneering Faithfulness Group in Britain and is excited to explore how this supportive and communal practice can be meaningful for others.

Linda Murgatroyd uses arts and crafts activities to help ground spirit-led discernment and witness both personally and running workshops. Following the 2010 publication of her essay *The Future of Quakers in Britain*, she co-founded the Quaker Arts Network. Deepening and broadening engagement with the environmental polycrisis is a growing priority for Linda and she set up the Loving Earth (textile art) Project with this in mind. She has previously worked in government statistics and served on Quaker Life Central Committee and currently serves as a spiritual director in an ecumenical context.

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.

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.

Nancy Fee is a member of Pretoria Meeting, Southern Africa Yearly Meeting. She is clerk of her local meeting, and has clerked communications and learning activities for SAYM. She is currently co-clerk of the International Planning Committee of the FWCC World Plenary Meeting, to be held in Durban in 2024. She is a public health specialist, and worked for the UN across Africa and Asia. She normally spends part of each year in London, and is an elder in Westminster Meeting.

Nick Cullen works for War on Want and is the Climate Justice Coalition Migrant Justice Coordinator.

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 spirituality from contemplation to action. He is a past tutor on the Encounter course at the London Centre for Spirituality (where he trained 15 years ago). He is a lifetime member of Spiritual Direction Europe.

Nishma Jethwa is a facilitator who has been organising for social transformation for the last 10 years. She is originally from London with roots and community here and in India. For the past four years, she has been working within movement and community spaces to lead and support experiments and imagination practices to move us towards more liberatory futures. She is interested in building community sustaining frameworks like restorative justice, transformative justice and community accountability that seek to create conditions that cultivate real transformation in our world.

Oliver Waterhouse works as a Team Leader in the Quaker Life staff team. For the last 12 years his work has been in support of Quaker communities and currently focusses on supporting good governance locally. Away from paid work he is a treasurer and a trustee and supports the delivery of events for young Quakers.

Paul Hodgkin worked as a general practitioner for many years before starting the non-for-profit website Care Opinion that enables patients, carers, and staff to share the story of care across NHS and social care across the UK. When he retired he found himself thinking more about the twin Earth crises of climate change and loss of biodiversity and how these crises are inherent to the pursuit of capitalism and economic growth on a finite planet. Witnessing these crises in their fullness and discovering how we may respond from within a renewed Quakerism is, for him, the soul work of our times.

Paul Parker serves as Recording Clerk for Britain Yearly Meeting and is responsible for the centrally managed work of Quakers in Britain.

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. As Artist in Residence at Pendle Hill, USA (2004-05), her appreciation for Quaker history and spirituality deepened, leading to a practice of setting inspired quotations of 17th century Quaker leaders to chant-like song.

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

Phil Laurie has self-identified as a Quaker since around 2016 and has been involved in environmental activism and non-violent civil disobedience for about six years. He came to these activities after concluding that current political participants are short-sighted, focusing only on short-term electoral cycles. He hopes that his actions are rooted in the radical Quaker tradition.

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.

Rachel Krishnaswami is passionate about diversity and inclusion in Quaker communities. In 2023 she studied modern Quaker families with the help of a research scholarship from Cambridgeshire Area Meeting. She helped organise the first Faithfulness Group in Britain and is helping to spread the word about this method of peer-led spiritual accompaniment.

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 a Quaker all her adult life. She greatly valued the experience of Equipping for Ministry 2015-17 and in 2021 the opportunity provided by an Eva Koch scholarship to explore the value of Centering Prayer for Friends. She believes the loss of her husband prompted her to go more deeply into her Quaker faith and is keen to explore with Friends what loss, ageing and facing death may bring.

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.

Ruth Wilde is a part-time Pastor in a URC/Methodist Church in Redditch and part-time Tutor for the Inclusion of Disabled People at Northern Baptist College. She was previously the National Coordinator of the charity Inclusive Church and has

also worked for other Christian charities, including Community Peacemaker Teams and Student Christian Movement. Ruth has an MA in Christian Contemporary Theology from Newman University and her theological interests are in contextual theology/liberation theologies and inclusive evangelism.

Sadie DeCoste is a climate change researcher and activist with a focus on climate reparations, transformative adaptation, and loss and damage. At Tipping Point, she supports the Climate Reparations Network and the Care & Repair team. She co-founded the Loss and Damage Youth Coalition and has been active in loss and damage movements for several years. She loves gardening and musical theatre.

Sam Donaldson hosts courageous conversations, brave learning spaces and slow, sacred retreats, helping people and organisations to make sense of and live well within this time of multiple system failure, the sixth mass extinction. He has completed a PGC in Psychosynthesis Leadership Coaching and is a practicing Zen Buddhist and Quaker. He has a first-class BA in Philosophy, Politics and Economics from Oxford University, and an MA in Post-war Recovery Studies from York University. He writes, organises for peace and eco-justice, and loves to read, listen to music, play tennis, watch rugby and walk in nature.

Sarah Diedro Jordão is a DEIB Consultant and trainer, communications strategist, podcast host and versatile consultant. The driving interests foundational to her work are social justice, intersectional feminism, collective dreaming and Black joy. Among many exciting projects, she served as an Intersectionality expert for the North-South Center of the Council of Europe, a moderator for the World Forum for Democracy and a podcast host for the European Greens.

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.

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.

Shena Deuchars has been attending a Quaker meeting since 2015 and became a member of North Somerset Area in 2018. She has served in a variety of roles, most recently as an alternate representative at Meeting for Sufferings. Having been a member of several non-conformist churches throughout her adult life, she has an enduring interest in faith and faith organisations. She thoroughly enjoyed exploring Quakerism more deeply as an MA student and is looking forward to the challenge of working on the 2023 British Quaker Survey.

Solveig-Karin Erdal has been a Friend for thirteen years and had various roles in the Sweden Yearly Meeting during those years. She has clerked the planning committee for the Nordic Yearly Meeting Gathering 2022 and was treasurer of the Sweden YM clerks committee. She was a FWCC EMES representative and also active in re-starting the local worship group in Malmö after the pandemic.

Stuart Masters was previously Woodbrooke's Programme Coordinator for History & Theology from 2009-2024. Before this, he worked in the social housing sector for 23 years. His book, *The Rule of Christ: Themes in the Theology of James Nayler*, was published in June 2021 as part of the Brill Quaker Research Perspectives series. His research and teaching focus on Quaker spirituality

and theology, eco-theology, and the relationship between Quakerism and other Christian traditions.

Susan Groves grew up in Southern African 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.

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.

Ursula Fuller is a long-term Quaker, a Quaker treasurer and trustee, and was clerk of Quaker Stewardship Committee.

Wendrie Heywood is a lifelong Quaker and proud 'committee nerd'! She has served at every level of BYM's committee structure and enjoyed it all, although clerking will always be her preference. Wendrie is an experienced warden, charity administrator, treasurer, and coffee drinker. For over a decade she's used her business to mentor and serve clients, mostly treasurers, clerks, and trustees, but also volunteers and employees, directly and through creating blog posts, online courses, and training sessions.

Will Johnson is a member of the first European cohort of facilitators prepared by The Centre for Courage and Renewal. Professionally he is a Chartered Accountant, having spent more than twenty years in various finance and leadership roles, and now he 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.

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 section (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. She holds a Master of Divinity from Earlham School of Religion.

Xavier L. Johnson is an Assistant Professor of the Practice of Preaching and Black Church Studies at United Theological Seminary and the pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church, both in Dayton, Ohio. He has previously taught at Earlham School of Religion and Duke Divinity School. He has published numerous articles and book chapters.

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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