

*Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society
of Friends (Quakers) in Britain*



Events listing

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The full set comprises the following documents:

1. *Documents in advance*, including agenda and introductory material for Yearly Meeting 2017 and the annual reports of Meeting for Sufferings and Quaker Stewardship Committee
2. *Epistles & testimonies*
3. *Minutes*, to be distributed after the conclusion of Yearly Meeting
4. The formal *Trustees' annual report* including financial statements for the year ended December 2016
5. *Tabular statement*.

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Printed copies of all documents will be available at Yearly Meeting.

All *Quaker faith & practice* references are to the printed fifth edition, which can also be found online at www.quaker.org.uk/qfp.

About this events listing

The activities listed in this guide are:

- plenary sessions of Yearly Meeting (labelled Yearly Meeting Session and highlighted in blue). See *Agenda & notes: Documents in advance part 1* for further information.
- workshops that have been planned as part of the exploration of the themes for each day (also highlighted in blue). special interest and other meetings that have been offered
- community building activities.

It's always tempting to try to go to everything and get caught up in busyness. We hope this guide will help you to plan your own mixture of activities, including relaxation. This year the Agenda Committee has specifically planned no formal meetings at mealtimes, to enable Friends to take time to eat and relax, to build our community, or to simply be with one another.

So the opportunities available at mealtimes will all be aimed at building community and enabling spontaneous activities to arise. These activities will include singing, poetry readings, craft activities and many others. Friends may also want to talk about particular topics, or find like-minded Friends to join in a group activity, so Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre will be facilitating a way in which those who would like to can start or join a 'Gather group'.

Monday and Thursday afternoons will be used for all-age activities. Appropriate age levels are listed where relevant.

There will be no ticketing for events. Attendance will be on a first-come, first-served basis, though seats will be held for those who are slower to move around the campus or who need to drop children off.

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Daily lunchtime activities

Lunchtimes have been kept free of organised activities so that Friends have the chance to rest or to make new Friends and catch up with old ones. However there will be some structured opportunities available.

Arts Centre Mead Gallery

Arts and crafts hub

Here you will find a quiet space for artwork, knitting, sewing, or working on items for the gift economy (Twiddlemuffs and pencil cases for the Hlekweni project).

Plaza/Student Union Atrium, depending on weather

Singing/music/poetry hub

Learning Grid room

Conversation hub

Tables will be set up in the room with suggestions for conversations or Friends can take a table and write on a flag what they would like to talk about. For ongoing conversations, you can write on the table cloths so that others who follow can read comments and add to them.

Gather groups

There will also be time and space for slightly more formal groups to happen. These are an opportunity for Friends to offer activities that will help to share our faith, build our whole community and explore particular issues, concerns and interests. We hope that these sessions will take a variety of styles and approaches – talking, worshipping and doing. These sessions will take place at lunchtimes and arrangements for these groups will be facilitated by Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre. Detailed information about the arrangements for these sessions will be available at the Gathering and beforehand.

Other daily activities

Chaplaincy Building

Ongoing daily worship

Drop in for worship at anytime throughout the day

Rootes Building – Learning Grid Room

Britain Yearly Meeting – working with and on behalf of all Quakers in Britain.

Want to know more about the work carried out by Britain Yearly Meeting (BYM)? Would you like to put faces to BYM staff names and committee members? You are welcome to visit the BYM stand, which is designed as a meeting and information point for Friends and BYM staff. Drop by to pick up literature and check opening times and find out who will be available when.

Rootes Building – Learning Grid Room

Book of Discipline Revision Preparation Group

At times throughout the week members of the Book of Discipline Revision Preparation Group will be available to talk to Friends. There will also be a talking wall for continuing conversations. Check at the information desk for who will be available when.

Rootes Building – Learning Grid Room

Quaker World Relations Committee – overseas visitors area

Throughout the week, there will be a drop in area for all overseas visitors and Friends are welcome to join them at any time for conversations.

Rootes Building – Learning Grid Room

The referendum: a Quaker response

Sarah Dodgson is collecting material for a report for the Eva Koch Fellowship at Woodbrooke, using oral history, questionnaires and lots of coloured balls! Drop by her table and help to record our reactions to this unique event.

Woodbrooke marquee

Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre

Woodbrooke at YMG

Woodbrooke is bringing its ministry of Quaker hospitality to YMG! Throughout the week the Woodbrooke marquee will be a place to engage in conversation, meet people and just be. It will help to anchor and build our community for the week. There you'll find Woodbrooke staff, trustees, volunteers and other folk. Come and join us at any point during the week.

Exhibitions

All the below: Arts Centre Mead Gallery

America Friends Service Committee

Waging peace: 100 years of action.

American Friends Service Committee celebrates their 100th anniversary this year. This exhibition shows some of the work they have been involved in over this time.

Friends House Moscow

Tolstoy, Quakers, and the peace movement in Russia 100 years ago

Quaker Peace & Social Witness

This Light that pushes me: stories of African Quaker Peacebuilders.

Last chance to see this powerful exhibition featuring photographs and personal testimonies of peacebuilding from seven sub-Saharan African countries

Clive Dove-Dixon

What happens when you pray?

This project explores the world of prayer by asking 'What happens when you pray?' of people from different faiths, nationalities and backgrounds. The responses are videoed and put into a growing resource on the web at: www.whathappenswhenyoupray.net.

The question seems to cut through to the heart of people's faiths. The responses illuminate a world of prayer, revealing a wide spectrum of styles and methods of praying as well as giving a real insight into people's faiths. Many of us struggle with prayer and the testimonies offer support and ideas for prayer.

Watching the responses from people of different nationalities and faiths, be they Hindu, Christian, Muslim, Jew, Quaker, Sikh, is also very thought provoking as it raises questions about the similarities and differences between us and our faiths.

The installation shows the testimonies as a continuous film, with new Quaker testimonies, filmed during the week, added each day.

Filming around campus: As part of this growing exhibition, Clive will be seeking to collect Quaker responses to the question 'What happens when you pray?' as he wanders around the campus during the week.

Saturday 29 July

17:00–17:45

Arts Centre Woods Scawen

Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre

Your first time at Yearly Meeting Gathering

This orientation session will give you practical tips for getting the best out of the week, some insights into how the overall programme and the Yearly Meeting business sessions will work, and a chance to ask any questions that are on your mind.

18:30

Oculus 0.03

Film

The Titfield Thunderbolt

Volunteers take over their local passenger train service when the government announces its closure.

19:15–20:30

Arts Centre, Butterworth Hall

Welcome to Yearly Meeting Gathering 2017

All age

20:30–21:00

Students Union Copper Rooms 2 chill out

Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre

Young adults @ YMG

Touching base with one another.

21:00

Ramphal Lecture 0.21

Film

Searching for Sugarman

Sixto Rodriguez was a US songwriter of Motown lineage whose talents never managed to take root in the West. But for a generation of South Africans he became a mouthpiece of opposition to the apartheid regime. As his legend grew in the 1970s, the real Rodriguez faded. His rediscovery, the subject of this uplifting documentary, is a rare victory for wishful thinking, lifelong dreaming and hope. This is a pulse-raising, one-in-a-million comeback story.

21:00–21:30

Oculus 0.04

Children and Young People's Team

Meeting for responsible adults of 12- to 17-year-olds

An opportunity for parents and responsible adults of those on the Young People's Programme (YPP) and Junior Yearly Meeting (JYM) to meet the CYP staff and each other over a drink and biscuit. This informal get-together will include the chance to hear about the YPP and JYM programmes and the support needed from responsible adults to ensure a safe and enjoyable week for everyone.

22:00–22:45

Humanities 1.48

Experiment with Light

End the day with a contemplative Quaker practice. We will give ourselves time to wait in stillness and see what is really happening within us during this busy week

22:00–22:45

Chaplaincy Building

Owls worship

Late meeting for worship.

Sunday 30 July

8:00–8:45

Humanities 1.48

Experiment with Light

Start the day with a contemplative Quaker practice. We will give ourselves time to wait in stillness and see what is really happening within us during this busy week.

8:00–8:45

Chaplaincy Building

Larks worship

Early morning meeting for worship.

8:00–8:45

Rootes Building – Chancellors 3

Rorie Nazareth

Morning wake up

Combination of tai chi, chi gong and aikido to generally and gently wake up the body, mind, and spirit and get ready for the day.

8:00–8:45

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8:00

Rootes Building – Chancellors 1

Rachel Howell

Singing for joy

Come and sing simple rounds and harmony songs, sacred and secular, from around the world. There's no need to read music or to be a 'good' singer – though there'll be plenty to enjoy for those who are confident as well as those who would like to sing but are not sure they can. The emphasis is on enjoying ourselves and the community we create through sharing our voices together.

09:30–12:30

Arts Centre, Butterworth Hall

Yearly Meeting Session 1

Including meeting for worship for all ages at 09:30–10:00

Living out our faith in the world: working with others to make a difference. Heart: what is our spiritual grounding for activism and social change?

10:30

Meet outside the Oculus building.

Pete Duckworth

Five-mile walk to Crackley Woods and back

Stretch your legs and walk through delightful Warwickshire countryside to the nearby nature reserve (see www.warwickshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/reserves/crackley-woods). Enjoy a circular walk on field paths and a dismantled railway. Led by an experienced local rambler and Warwick graduate. Bring your walking boots (plus gear appropriate for the season). The first half of the route is entirely on cycleways and would be suitable for wheelchair users, who could return by that route. The second half is mostly on field paths, which could be muddy or overgrown.

10:30–12:30

Rootes Building – Chancellors 3

Dea Neile-Hopton

Acrobalance

The art of acrobalance involves two or more people working together in a team. Usually the smaller or lighter person takes the role of 'flyer' or 'top' and the stronger person or people are the 'bases'. The flyer uses the bases' bodies to climb on and together they attempt to hold various balances. Also they can also do dynamic moves traveling through space or even boosting the flyer high into the air!

10:30–12:30

Rootes Building – Chancellors 1

Brett Lightwait

The '13 moon calendar change' world peace movement

What is the 13 moon 28 day calendar? Who was Nicholas Roerich? What is the Roerich peace pact? Anyway what day is it today? Join Brett Lightwait for an introduction to a new cosmology of time. Learn about the hidden history of a global movement that is seeking a more harmonious way of tracking time. This is an experiential workshop and an opportunity to learn your individual galactic signature.

10:30–12:30

Humanities 0.60

Wendy Freebourne and Dawn Beck

Knitting meditation

Learn the practice of knitting meditation. A time for silence and for sharing. Bring your own work, your knitting problems, or come and learn to knit and/or crochet. Materials and tuition will be available.

10:30–12:30

Rootes Building – Chancellors 2

Michael Wright

Prayer beyond belief

A workshop introducing Friends to the spiritual practices of a) silencing the mind; b) awe; c) concerns – dealing differently with the subjects that Christians include in intercessions; d) thankfulness; e) self-examination. Positive approaches to a range of spiritual practices, drawn from the Quaker tradition, but not necessarily directed towards a traditional concept of God.

12:45–13:15

Students Union Copper Rooms 2 chill out

Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre

Young adults @ YMG

Touching base with one another.

13:00–14:00

Oculus foyer

Quaker Life

Quaker parenting lunch

An open space to meet with other Quaker carers, parents and families, to have lunch and share experiences. Please bring your own food.

14:30–15:30

Humanities 5.45

Quaker Life

Being a Quaker parent

An opportunity to come together as Quaker parents to explore and share our insights and experiences of how being a Quaker shapes (or might shape) the way we are a parent. What are some of the joys and challenges? Where do we look for support, encouragement and inspiration?

14:30–15:30

Rootes Building – Panorama 1

Continuing worship

An opportunity for Friends to continue in worship after the morning session.

14:30–15:30

Rootes Building – Chancellors 3

Quaker Life/ Nick Wilde

Death chat

This is an opportunity to have a conversation about death or end of life issues. Listen to others and share what you wish in an informal conversation with other Quakers.

14:30–15:30

Sciences B2.01

Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre/Betty Hagglund

Faith and action: Quakers and World War I

Reflections on Quaker involvement in World War One and the challenges for them. This will cover peacemaking initiatives, the Friends Ambulance Unit, conscientious objectors' experiences, and Quakers who joined the armed forces.

14:30–15:30

Arts Centre Theatre

Follow up discussion with George Lakey

This is an opportunity to discuss with George any issues arising from his prepared ministry in the morning, and to ask probing questions related to his sharing, such as: What is the role of vulnerability in courage? How shall we handle our own anger and outrage? Can't passion block out the sensitive listening and discernment that support "answering that of God in everyone"? How can we tell the difference between forcefulness springing from ego and that springing from loyalty to the common good? How do we join with others to pool our strength, and harness our energy to bring about a vision of a better society? How do we keep the heart in balance with the head, passion with analysis and thoughtful strategy?

14:30–17:00

Rootes Building – Panorama 3

QPSW Turning the Tide

Heart: power within

A series of four workshops exploring the connections between Quakerism and activism. We will be analysing the forces that keep us stuck in war and injustice; building tools for working effectively for social change in collaboration with others; and developing a clearer sense of the journey ahead. You're welcome to attend all the workshops in sequence, or drop in and out of them as you like. Contact turningtide@quaker.org.uk to find out more!

14:30–15:30

Sciences B2.02

Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre/Stuart Masters

Let your lives preach: the spirituality of Quaker testimony

Testimony and witness are essential aspects of Quaker spirituality. What we say and what we do outwardly in our lives communicates something important about what we have experienced inwardly and spiritually. How did testimony develop? What is the spiritual basis of the enduring themes of Quaker testimony? How do Friends hold together quiet contemplative practice and active engagement in the world?

14:30–15:30

Humanities 0.60

Mid Wales AM

Mid Wales Peace Education

We run a peace education project that has taken off very successfully: 45 programmes delivered so far, mostly in primary schools. We would like to spread the idea through the Quaker community. This session will cover the background to the project and how we run it, and give participants the chance to experience what we actually do.

14:30–15:30

Rootes Building – Chancellors 2

BYM Sustainability Group

Our personal journeys with sustainability

A creative writing and drawing/art workshop led by Stevie Krayner and Frances Voelcker. This first of two one-hour sessions will emphasise where we've come from. The second session will focus more on where we're going.

14:30–16:00

Rootes Building – Panorama 2

Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine/Israel

Our spiritual motivation

Come and hear some Ecumenical Accompaniers talk about how the Spirit led, and continues to lead, them in their work.

14:30–15:30

Humanities 3.44

Living Witness

Quaker essentials for sustainability

Exploring our different ways into engaging with sustainability, and working with essential Quaker principles of: 1) Openness to the Light that shows us our darkness and brings us to new life; 2) Answering that of God in everyone; and 3) Seeking unity. Led by Laurie Michaelis.

14:30–15:30

Humanities 1.48

Quaker Life

Quaker Week 2017

Quaker Week (30 September to 8 October 2017) is an opportunity for local meetings to engage with and support a broad cross-section of community groups and local residents. Come along and talk about outreach, and explore new and imaginative ways to share our faith with other people. Look at some of the resources on offer and discuss how you might use them to promote your worshiping community. Share your past experiences and together let's understand what works well.

14:30–15:30

Humanities 0.02

Quaker Bolivia Link

Quaker work in Bolivia

A presentation about the work of Quaker Bolivia Link in helping communities in the high Andes. This will explain how funds are raised, and how projects are developed and delivered, in partnership with the communities involved and with Quakers in Bolivia. This will also include the work of the Bolivian Quaker Education Fund. Plenty of opportunity for questions and discussion is envisaged.

14:30–15:30

Humanities 0.03

Book of Discipline Revision Preparation Group

Reading *Quaker faith & practice* 1

Reading *Quaker faith & practice* offers us an opportunity to connect our current concerns to our previous work and experiences. This session will celebrate the movement-building work Quakers have already done by exploring three inspiring passages. You are welcome at this session whether you've never picked up the red book or have read it all!

14:30–17:00

Humanities 0.52

BYM staff with Oxford Local Meeting

Reflection and reconciliation

Do you need to talk to Friends about Brexit or the general election? This is a safe space to express our hopes and fears, spiritually upholding others by listening. Share your feelings and support others in trying to heal community divisions left by recent political events. Drop in all afternoon.

14:30–15:30

Arts Centre Cinema

QCCIR and Bernard Longley

Reflections on the interfaith scene in Birmingham

A warm-hearted music-lover who is equally passionate about Leonard Cohen and Elgar's *Dream of Gerontius*, Bernard Longley has been involved in ecumenism for 30 years, notably as co-chair of ARCIC, the Anglican Roman Catholic International Commission. Since 2008 he has served as Roman Catholic Archbishop of Birmingham. BYM is very pleased he is able to join us as one of our ecumenical guests at this YMG.

14:30–15:30

Sciences B2.04/05

Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre/Martin Layton

Reflections on the life and witness of Bayard Rustin

What insights might the life of Bayard Rustin have to offer us today about putting our faith into action? Together we'll explore the life of this African American Quaker and peace campaigner, whose influence extended throughout the gay, labour, civil and human rights movements. In this one-hour session, you will encounter one of the most important, but least known, activists of the civil rights movement.

14:30–17:00

Arts Centre Woods-Scawen

Quaker United Nations Office

Spiritual inspiration and discernment: a different look at the Quaker United Nations Office

“With so many needs and challenges – what does love require of us?” QUNO Geneva and New York staff will speak of the spiritual inspiration of their work on peace, human rights, migration, food and climate change, telling the story of its evolution, using presentations and group discussion. This workshop is for those familiar with QUNO as well as those who are not. The two QUNO-led workshops are complementary to each other but free-standing.

14:30–15:30

Rootes Building – Chancellors 1

Quaker World Relations Committee

Sustainability: world family case studies

Following up the 2016 FWCC World Gathering in Pisac and the Kabarak call for Peace and Ecojustice, QWRC's international visitors and others will share case studies on sustainability, environmental management and climate change issues. What insights do these offer us? How can we best work together on these issues?

14:30–17:00

Humanities 0.58

Living Witness

The kingdom of God

As we explore the world we can find beauty breaking through everywhere. Our joy in it reveals the work of the spirit within us, which we can experience as love. How can we harm such a world? This is an experiential workshop, spending time outdoors exploring, listening, observing and worshiping, followed by a period of reflection and finally some worship sharing. We hope it will inspire new connections and creative action. Led by Ian Marshall.

14:30–15:30

Sciences LT4

Clive Dove-Dixon

What happens when you pray

See 'Exhibitions'. This workshop will show a selection of responses to the question and then there will be a discussion based on what you have witnessed.

14:30–15:30

Humanities 0.51

Kevin Redpath

The story of the last bank standing

Discover how Glastonbury refused to accept the closure of all its banks. By harnessing the creative talent within the town, engaging political representatives, contributing to parliamentary process, using social and broadcast media, local people raised the visibility of their campaign on television and radio. A multimedia-rich workshop to give you the tools to start campaigns on issues that are important in your community.

15:30–17:00

Oculus LT 1.05

Quaker Peace & Social Witness

Forced migration: how to become a 'sanctuary meeting'

Inspired by the Sanctuary Churches Movement in the US, helping resist deportations, your local meeting is invited to play its part in the movement to welcome people seeking sanctuary, by becoming a 'sanctuary meeting'.

Working with experienced Friends and allies across the UK, BYM is developing a package of training sessions, publicity materials, and networking support to support every meeting that wants to build friendships and alliances in your community, to dismantle the borders to participation in Quaker community action, and to work together for UK-wide political change.

15:30–17:00

Oculus LT 0.03

Quaker Council for European Affairs

Protecting human rights

This session will look at the notion of 'that of God' in everyone in a modern context, and give examples of the long history of Quaker work across the continent.

Staff from the Quaker Council for European Affairs in Brussels will outline the current challenges facing human rights in Europe.

The workshop will include discussion of: 1) Europe's response to forced migration, and explain current work on detention of asylum seekers; and 2) Britain's relationship with the European Convention on Human Rights – why it is important and how it can be protected.

16:00–17:00

Rootes Building – Panorama 1

North Wales AM Economic Justice

Developing a more just and sustainable society

We are an area meeting interest group working to respond to the call to equality in Minute 36, YM 2015. This is an opportunity for a sharing between different groups and individuals concerned for economic justice and the environment.

What have we done and where do we feel moved and led, to act on our findings to become the instruments of the changes we seek?

16:00–17:00

Arts Centre Theatre

Quaker Life

Eldership and oversight event

A learning and networking opportunity for Quakers who have eldership and oversight responsibility. This time the theme of the event will be looking at discernment and concern – how eldership and oversight supports individuals and meetings discernment over concern; and how to work with concern and when to lay a concern down.

16:00–17:00

Sciences B2.01

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16:00–17:00

Humanities 0.03

Rachel Muers

Foundations of a true social order: the vision of Quakers after World War I

During and after the World War I, a radical and creative generation of Quakers discerned, experimented with, and struggled with a vision of the 'true social order'. It was rooted in their understanding of Quaker theology, and developed in conversations that reached far beyond Quakerism. What can we learn today, from their processes as well as their ideas?

16:00–17:00

Humanities 1.48

BYM social media team

Getting started on social media: how to set up a profile

How to set up a Facebook profile and write your first post. Please bring your laptop or mobile device. We will have a few computers available. There are four social media sessions, please check if this is the right one for you.

16:00–17:00

Humanities 0.60

Mary Alice Mansell

Hand/foot massage with mindfulness

“While learning therapeutic massage 20 years ago I became aware of how we can move energy around when we concentrate. The same experience I have in a gathered meeting for worship. Using hand/foot massage is a ‘safe’ way to explore and experience this.”

16:00–17:00

Humanities 3.56

London Quakers Property Trust

Launching London Quakers Property Trust

London Quakers Property Trust (LQPT) took over the work of Six Weeks Meeting (SWM) on 1 January 2017, following 345 years of service by SWM. The work is focused on providing for Quaker worship within the London area by pooling resources across seven area meetings. LQPT is now a registered charity and a limited company, the members of which are the area meetings.

This could be a model worth exploring by other regions.

16:00–17:00

Sciences B2.02

Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre/Stuart Masters

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16:00–17:00

Arts Centre Ensemble Room

Tewedaj Mekonnen

Medau whole body movement

A whole-body movement dance and exercise, suitable for all ages and abilities. It has all the fitness factors and focuses on cardiovascular activities, coordination, flexibility, strength, stamina and balance. It has three sections: warm-ups, main activity and floor work followed by wind-down meditation accompanied with beautiful relaxation music. Ending with you feeling invigorated and refreshed.

16:00–17:00

Rootes Building – Chancellors 2

BYM Sustainability Group

Our personal journeys with sustainability

Creative writing and drawing/art workshop led by Stevie Krayner and Frances Voelcker. This second of two one-hour sessions will focus on where we’re going in our sustainability journeys

16:00–17:00

Humanities 5.45

African Great Lakes Peace Trust

Peacebuilding in East Africa: a workshop approach

An interactive workshop using real-world examples to help participants discover how peacebuilding in Africa really works.

16:00

Humanities 3.44

Living Witness

Quaker essentials for sustainability

Exploring different ways into engaging with sustainability, and working with the essential Quaker principles of: 1) Openness to the Light that shows us our darkness and brings us to new life; 2) Answering that of God in everyone; and 3) Seeking unity. Led by Laurie Michaelis.

16:00–17:00

Rootes Building – Chancellors 3

Quaker Life

Quaker Life Representative Council

How does Quaker Life work? How does it fit in with our meetings, what is its role and how does Quaker Life Representative Council fit in with this work. A participatory event of sharing/explaining/enthusing.

16:00–17:00

Humanities 0.43

Luanne Hagee

Making a quilted hexagonal table topper

This activity requires attendance at two sessions – participants must sign up for both (12 people maximum). Session 1 will involve piecing – beginning and ending the rounds. Kits will be provided and will include pre-cut fabrics, pins, needles, thread and printed instructions. Friends will need to bring a pair of scissors – and must have hand-sewing experience! There is a cost of £7 per person for supplies.

16:00–17:00

Sciences B2.04/05

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16:00–17:00

Humanities 4.02

Ian West

Sacred Harp singing

Come try this vibrant four-part-harmony a cappella singing from the American tune book *The Sacred Harp* and discover what Alan Lomax called its “haunting beauty”. No previous experience is required, beginners very welcome; suitable for older children as well as adults.

16:00–17:00

Humanities 0.02

QPSW Conciliation Group

Swords into ploughshares: Quakers in international conciliation work

Spiritual-political connectedness lies at the heart of QPSW's conciliation work. Over 15 years ago Quakers were invited to contribute to a long-term solution to protracted armed conflicts in an area of South Asia. We continue to provide support to indigenous peacemakers. Here we will explore approaches to change, including issues of repentance, forgiveness, reconciliation, betrayal, hope in the face of despair and, very importantly, Spirit-led practical next steps.

16:00–17:00

Arts Centre Cinema

Joseph Rowntree Foundation

We can solve poverty in the UK

Following the launch of the Solve UK poverty strategy in September 2016, the team at Joseph Rowntree Foundation, and an expert panel, will talk about its impact and how JRF is building on the strategy, working with private, public and voluntary sectors, individuals and communities, to inspire debate and action, and to develop solutions.

16:00–17:00

Rootes Building – Chancellors 1

Quaker Peace Centre Cape Town

Quaker Peace Centre

This workshop will focus on the different levels at which the Quaker Peace Centre works in its efforts to fulfil its mission: to increase the numbers people prepared and able to act for peace – at home, in the school, in the community and at society at large, and the different strategies used at the various levels of advocacy.

17:15–17:45

Students Union Copper Rooms 2 chill out

Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre

Young adults @ YMG

Touching base with one another.

18:30

Oculus 0.03

Film

Trolls

After a forest tribe of candyfloss-coloured, shock-headed trolls discover that they're the new favourite gourmet treat for King Gristle, the unlikely duo of bubbly Poppy and worrywart Branch must rescue their friends from the royals' chef. Certificate U.

18:30–20:00

Arts Centre Ensemble room

Simon Watkins

YMG scratch orchestra

Calling all musicians: the YMG scratch orchestra is back! Through the week we will be holding four rehearsal sessions to prepare for a short performance on the last night of the Gathering.

This first meeting will determine the rehearsal schedule for the week. Players of all instruments welcome. Bring your own music stand, instrument and enthusiasm. We will cater for a range of proficiency but you will need to at least be able to sight-read simple scores. In order to take part in the final performance please be prepared to attend a minimum of two rehearsals, including the first.

If you're considering taking part in the scratch orchestra, please contact Simon Watkins on sjw.2903@googlemail.com no later than 1 July, even if you subsequently decide not to join us, giving details of your instrument and experience level, so that suitable parts can be prepared.

19:00

Oculus 1.5

Film

Hidden Figures

Join the JYM Arrangements Committee to watch *Hidden Figures*, the story of a team of African-American women mathematicians who served a vital role in NASA during the early years of the US space program. Certificate PG

19:15–20:30

Arts Centre, Butterworth Hall

Yearly Meeting Session 2

Required business including receipt of Report of Meeting for Sufferings and Quaker Stewardship Committee.

19:30–20:30

Humanities 1.48

Fred Langridge

Exploring and welcoming gender diversity in our meetings

North East Thames Area Meeting recently made a statement on gender diversity. We want our meetings to be welcoming and nurturing, including to people who are transgender and non-binary. We hope that we can all grow together in our understanding of gender identity. In this session, explore with us how we reached this statement and where we can go from here.

19:30–20:30

Humanities 0.58

Daniel Flynn

Life reflections interactive workshop

Who are you? Where do you want to go? What do you want to do? And how do you get there? Come find some tools for self discovery and choosing your next steps in the adventure of your life.

What can you say? Who am I? What do I like to do? What do I do well? What would I like to learn about, to try, or to do better? What do I know with certainty that I do not like to do? Where can I look to learn more?

21:00

Oculus 0.03

Film

Demain

Climate is changing. Instead of showing all the worst that can happen, this documentary focuses on the people suggesting solutions and their actions.

21:00

Ramphal Lecture 0.21

Film

Arrival

After mysterious alien spacecraft land on Earth, Dr Louise Banks finds herself working with the army to decode the aliens' communications. Under the command of Colonel Weber, Louise and military scientist Ian Donnelly try to learn more about the aliens' language and discover why they have come to Earth, before someone else across the globe decides to attack first. With the CIA and global leaders monitoring their interactions, will they be able to make a breakthrough without interference?

21:30

Arts Centre Butterworth Hall

Epilogue

Reflective closing of the day.

22:00–22:45

Humanities 1.48

Experiment with Light

End the day with a contemplative Quaker practice. We will give ourselves time to wait in stillness and see what is really happening within us during this busy week.

22:00–22:45

Humanities 0.58

Alison Gray

Singing for joy

Singing together. Songs, rounds and part-songs from around the world. Enjoy singing in harmony without the need to follow sheet music. Experienced and novice singers welcome.

22:00–22:45

Rootes Building – Chancellors 1

The Kindlers

Gifts of the day

What gave me joy today? What caused me pain or discomfort? How do I receive and give thanks for both? A simple review of the day.

22:00–22:45

Chaplaincy Building

Owls worship

Late meeting for worship.

Monday 31 July

8:00–8:45

Arts Centre Mead Gallery

Judith & Raymond Thompson

Circle dance

Dances from around the world, some lively, some meditative, all fun. A good way to relax and to replenish energy, to connect with new people or old friends. No previous experience needed.

8:00–8:45

Humanities 1.48

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8:00–8:45/9.00

Meet outside the Oculus building.

Virginia Pawlyn

Jogging

Join Virginia for a gentle jog before breakfast, for up to an hour, maximum 5 miles. Whether you are a fast runner or a gentle jogger, all will be welcomed.

8:00–8:45

Chaplaincy Building

Larks worship

Early morning meeting for worship.

8:00–8:45

Rootes Building – Chancellors 3

Heike Huschauer

Qi Kung for your Health

This ancient and easy exercise is the perfect start to the day for all ages and states of fitness. It offers great health benefits, can improve flexibility and balance, deepens breathing and builds up energy. Qi Kung is also relaxing and meditative. Every person can find his or her own level. Some Qi Kung can be done in a chair.

8:00–8:45

Rootes Building – Chancellors 1

Lesley Morris

Sacred chanting

Using chants of different spiritual traditions, including overtone chanting - using the voice to greet the day, wake up the heart, and clear the mind. This is just a 'taster' for those that haven't done it before and a reminder for those that have!

09:30–12:30

Arts Centre, Butterworth Hall

Yearly Meeting Session 3

Living out our faith in the world: working with others to make a difference. Head: using intellect and reason to be effective.

10:00–12:00

Humanities 0.58

James McCarthy

A listening workshop

Listening is basic to Quaker meetings. This event is a chance to explore what listening means, how we can become better at it, and what this might lead to. Few things are better than being listened to really well; and how marvellous to be able to offer this gift to another. A chance to have fun and improve our Quaker practice.

10:00–12:00

Rootes Building – Panorama 1

The Kindlers

Nurturing our meetings

What sort of community do Quakers aspire to? How can we get better at nurturing ourselves and others?

10:00–11:00

Rootes Building – Chancellors 1

Mig Kerr

Songs of solidarity, struggle and social justice

Come and learn a cappella (unaccompanied) harmony songs and rounds concerned with social justice issues. Most songs will be in English, though there will be some in other languages. All songs taught using the Natural Voice method (call and response), so no need to read music, though words will be provided. This could lead to flash mob opportunities!

10:00–12:00

Humanities 1.48

Christopher Bemrose

The margins as transformational sacred places

Quakers are often seen as being on the margins. But what does it mean to be on the margins – or in the centre? This workshop explores margins as places of transformation, using nature and people's lives – including our own – as guides on the way. We will explore how we are renewed from the margins, and how wholeness involves integrating what is excluded from the centre.

12:45–13:15

Students Union Copper Rooms 2 chill out

Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre

Young adults @ YMG

Touching base with one another.

13:00–14:00

Oculus foyer

Quaker Life

Quaker parenting lunch

An open space to meet with other Quaker carers, parents and families, to have lunch and share experiences. Please bring your own food.

14:30–15:30

Arts Centre Butterworth Hall

Quaker World Relations Committee

All-age programmed worship

A relatively rare opportunity for BYM Friends to enjoy programmed worship, including open worship and singing, bible reading, prayer and a brief talk. QWRC invites you to 'taste and see', and to hear from international visitors (mainly from Quaker programmed traditions) and Gretchen Castle (FWCC Secretary), who will lead us in that experience.

14:30–17:00

Rootes Building – Chancellors Suite

QPSW Economics Sustainability and Peace Subcommittee

A new economy: what it could look like and how to get there

QPSW has been working with Friends on creating a Quaker vision for a new economy. Hear about what is already happening and how we build on this for transformational change. There will be contributions from others working towards similar aims and the opportunity to share experience and ask questions. Age 15+.

14:30–15:30

Arts Centre Cinema

Quaker Committee for Christian and Interfaith Relations/Mehru Fitter

An introduction to Zoroastrianism

Zoroastrianism is one of the world's oldest religions, one that has always preached ecology and care for the environment. BYM is delighted to welcome its first Zoroastrian ecumenical guest to this YMG. Mehru Fitter lives in Coventry, and has been helping QCCIR to arrange Wednesday's Coventry faith visits. She will be bringing a small exhibition of Zoroastrian artefacts to illustrate her talk. Age 12+.

14:30–15:30

Humanities 5.45

Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre/Simon Best

Building the meeting community to build movements

An opportunity to think about how our meetings are as communities, what the ministry of our meetings might be and how we can build relationships with communities around us. Come to engage and explore and leave with ideas and questions to take back to your meetings. Age 14+.

Monday 31 July

14:30–16:30

Oculus LT 1.05

QPSW Sustainability Programme, QUNO and Joseph Rowntree Foundation

Climate justice: from national to international perspectives

This session will explore how climate justice might be approached from international and national levels. We will hear from the Quaker United Nations Office (QUNO) about their work at the UN climate negotiations; and from the Joseph Rowntree Foundation about their research on climate justice in the UK, including how climate events (like flooding) are already impacting people here differently. QPSW will share ideas of actions we can take. Age 15+.

14:30–15:30

Humanities 3.56

Bamford Quaker community

Community and mending the world

What communities are we already part of? This session looks at the challenges and the benefits (rose-tinted or real) of consciously living our lives ‘in community’, whether in our local meetings, neighbourhoods or elsewhere.

The record of this meeting will offer to participants and others a tool for reflecting on what can help or hinder in building a movement.

14:30–17:00

Sciences B2.02

QPSW Peace Education

Eyewitness in the classroom

QPSW’s Peace Education Programme is developing resources for secondary schools to help students explore history, human rights issues and discover courageous peacemakers from Palestine and Israel. The resources are inspired by the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine/Israel (EAPPI), which has, since 2002, brought over 1,500 people from around the world to the occupied West Bank to offer accompaniment and serve as human rights monitors. In this workshop you will gain first-hand experience of the activities, and an Ecumenical Accompanier (EA) will provide eyewitness accounts that give an insight into what can seem an incomprehensible conflict. Age 12+.

14:30–17:30

Oculus 1.06

Vibrancy in meetings

Fun with living our faith in the world

A chance for all ages to have fun and make friends. We’ll explore how strong, enjoyable communities contribute to effective movement building. We’ll be active and playful together, whatever our abilities and skills. We’ll indulge in a hands-on exploration of how cake, games, construction toys and other activities help our “deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet”. We’ll use *Our faith in the future* as a framework. All age.

14:30–15:30

Sports Centre Activity Hall

Junior Yearly Meeting

Games with JYM

Come play some fun, silly games, no winners, no losers just a chance for all ages to let their hair down. Children under 12 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

14:30–17:30

Rootes Building – Panorama Suite

George Lakey and QPSW Turning the Tide

Head: power we’re up against

Using the Earth Quaker Action Team’s (EQAT) work to stop a bank supporting mountain-top coal mining as a model, we’ll look at how analysis, vision and strategy can be used in the work for change. ‘Analysis’ draws a picture of the forces that are keeping us stuck in war and injustice. ‘Vision’ creates a picture of the transformed reality we desire, so we can work toward it with more clarity and inspiration. ‘Strategy’ shows a path from here to there. Age 15+.

14:30–16:30

Oculus 1.01

Linda Murgatroyd

How do I find my way?

What is important to you in life? When you decide that you need to ‘do something’ about an issue, how do you recognise this and what keeps you on the right path?

Using simple arts and crafts we will be making personal icons or talismans to help our discernment and to support us in following our inner guide. 16 participants only.

Not suitable for those with severe visual or manual impairments. Age 11+.

14:30–15:30

Humanities 0.58

Living Witness

Imagining pathways to a sustainable future

The first of two linked workshops. A visioning/scenario workshop to explore the dynamics shaping our world and some of the different ways a sustainable civilisation could emerge. In this first session we will develop some basic scenario ideas. The second session, which follows on after this one, will explore implications for action. Led by Laurie Michaelis.

14:30–15:30

Arts Centre Theatre

Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust

Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust: funding social change

JRCT is a grant-making trust based in York. Under the guidance of Quaker trustees, it makes grants of around £5–6 million per year in the fields of human rights, sustainability, peace and power, in Britain, Northern Ireland and elsewhere in Europe. Come along to find out more about the amazing people and groups we fund and be inspired to work with them! Age 15+.

14:30–15:30

Ramphal 0.03/4

Mary Penny

Making boxes

Our leadings can jump from a box! Come be a boxmaker and explore the potential of boxes! Make and shape for different occasions and create a box in which to tell your own story of YMG. All ages welcome – each child of 5 and under paired with one adult please – with the opportunity to work in partnership. 24 places only.

14:3–16:00

Humanities 0.52

Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine/Israel

Making change happen

A workshop on EAPPI's theory of change and how we take the eyewitness accounts from the West Bank and use them to advocate with decision makers for a just peace.

14:30–15:30

Humanities 0.60

Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre/Mark Russ

Meeting for eating: movement building through a common table

We'll consider the common table as a central symbol of Jesus' ministry.

14:30–17:00

Science B.204/05

QPSW Peace Education Campaigning and Networking Subcommittee

Opposing the arms trade: four decades of Quaker movement building going strong

Quakers were key to founding Campaign Against Arms Trade (CAAT) in 1974, and today are still central to opposing the gigantic DSEI arms fair. Sam Walton from QPSW will be joined by CAAT to talk about how we continue to build momentum against the arms trade. We'll look at what's happening around the arms fair in London this September and how you can get involved.

14:30–16:00

Ramphal 3.41

Jude Acton

Philosophy for all ages

We will use P4C (Philosophy for Children or Communities) techniques to discussion of ethics or belief. This approach can create an environment where views can be explored and challenged safely between all ages, from five upwards. We will use different stories or pictures in each session as a stimulus for our own community of enquiry. Age 5+.

14:30–15:30

Humanities 2.44

Quaker Congo Partnership UK

Quaker Partnership in Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC): why we're there

Quaker Congo Partnership UK works with Congolese Quakers in war-torn DRC on health, peace, preventing sexual violence, training, microcredit, clean water. Come find out how we make a difference. Future ideas: apprenticeships, nutrition, music, public health, links between young people. Help us harness the expertise in BYM. Calling French speakers, water engineers, peace builders, fundraisers, midwives, musicians, farmers, economists and others. We will discuss and generate ideas together.

14:30–15:30

Sciences B2.01

Quaker Stewardship Committee

Quaker Stewardship Committee: cracking governance

An opportunity to meet members of Quaker Stewardship Committee, share experiences and discuss some of the common questions raised by treasurers and trustees.

14:30–15:30

Humanities 1.48

Quaker Life

Quaker university chaplaincy: is it for you?

Would you be interested in becoming the Quaker contact on a university campus? We are keen to grow the Quaker presence in universities. Among the student body there may be young people who have come from a Quaker family or a Quaker school. For them Quaker worship might be familiar, but as they explore their own leadings they might benefit from gentle nurture and listening.

14:30–15:30

Humanities 0.03

Book of Discipline Revision Preparation Group

Reading *Quaker faith & practice* 2.

Reading *Quaker faith & practice* offers us an opportunity to connect our current concerns to our previous work and experiences. This session will explore the tools we have available as we approach the work of movement building by exploring three passages from *Quaker faith & practice* that illustrate some ideas in action. You are welcome to this session whether you've never picked up the red book or have read it all!

14:30–15:30

Sciences LT4

Recording Clerks Office

Registering officers

This is an opportunity for any Quaker registering officers present to meet and share items of mutual interest.

14:30–15:30

Humanities 0.56

Quaker Life Ministry & Outreach

Safeguarding

We will offer a listening ear and a basic outline of what good safeguarding in a local meeting might look like. We will have some guidance for those running events for Quaker children and young people, and discuss some of the issues relating to vulnerable adults.

14:30–16:00

Oculus LT 0.03

Quaker Peace and Social Witness, American Friends Service Committee, Quaker United Nations Office, Geneva and New York, Quaker Council for European Affairs

Shared security

What does the world look like from the point of view of Quakers working for peace in the USA, Britain, Geneva, and Brussels? Hear from key staff and Friends who are working on shared security and peacebuilding in a variety of political settings. How can Quakers move the world a little closer to nonviolence? Come and reflect with them and ask them questions. Age 15+.

14:30–15:30

Humanities 0.51

Nontheist Friends Network

There is a place for us

A gathering to share stories, find out more about the Nontheist Friends Network, explore books to read, learn about varied ways of Quaker spirituality, and meet Friends who enjoy discussing issues of ways of being Quaker in belief and practice.

14:30–15:30

Arts Centre Woods Scawen

BYM Trustees Finance and Property Committee

YM funding: sources, uses and the future

Session covering: a) BYM finances and their future in the context of declining membership and societal changes; b) risks over the next few years such as Brexit, HS2 etc; c) trends in budgeting for levels and variety of work on the one hand, and members' contributions to pay for it on the other; and d) more time than in the Treasurer's formal presentation of the accounts for members to ask questions about BYM finance.

14:30–15:30

Humanities 3.55

Quaker Life

End of life

An interactive opportunity for Quakers to engage with Quaker Life's end-of-life work.

16:00–17:00

Humanities 5.45

Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre/Simon Best

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An opportunity to think about how our meetings are as communities, what the ministry of our meetings might be and how we can build relationships with communities around us. Come to engage and explore and leave with ideas and questions to take back to your meetings. Age 14+.

16:00–17:00

Humanities 0.58

Living Witness

Choosing a sustainable future

This is the second of two linked workshops. We will work with the scenario ideas developed in the first workshop to explore how we can engage with the dynamics shaping our world. How can we best prepare for uncertainty? What are our opportunities to act for a better future? Led by Laurie Michaelis.

16:00–17:00

Humanities 1.48

BYM social media team

Taking social media to the next level

Networking, activism and outreach; making the most of Facebook and Twitter. Please bring your laptop or mobile device. We will have a few computers available. There are four social media sessions, please check if this is the right one for you.

16:00–17:00

Humanities 0.03

Book of Discipline Revision Preparation Group

History of the book of discipline

This session will be a chance to find out (or be reminded) how our current book of discipline came into being, and about the books of discipline before it. This interactive session will focus on how and why Yearly Meeting decided on earlier revision, and on how the process of revision worked in practice. You are welcome whether you know nothing or lots about this history.

16:00–17:00

Oculus 0.02

Junior Yearly Meeting

Living our beliefs

Come along to this workshop based on the book *Living our beliefs*. An opportunity for you to explore your personal and shared journey as a Quaker. Engage with how your beliefs are grounded in the Quaker faith and how that belief can translate into action. Open to all aged 13+.

16:00–17:00

Ramphal 0.03/4

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16:00–17:00

Oculus 1.04

BYM Trustees

Meet your trustees

An opportunity to meet some of your trustees and to ask questions about the centrally managed work, its governance and how its financed. The trustees' report will be taken by Yearly Meeting on Tuesday morning.

16:00–17:00

Humanities 0.60

Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre/Mark Russ

Meeting for eating: movement building through a common table

We'll consider the common table as a central symbol of Jesus' ministry.

16:00–17:00

Science LT4

Quaker Concern around Dying and Death

Passing over 'Quaker Concern around Dying and Death' to Quaker Life

Members of QDD will describe the achievements of the group over the past few years and why we are asking Quaker Life to take up the reins.

16:00–17:00

Arts Centre Studio

Quaker Peace & Social Witness

QPSW support for meetings

An opportunity to meet with Quaker Peace & Social Witness staff working to support Friends in their witness. You will hear about current work and find out more about how QPSW can support you and your meeting to make a change.

16:00–17:00

Sciences B2.01

Quaker Stewardship Committee

Cracking governance

Explore with Quaker Stewardship Committee some longer term and more radical approaches to the opportunities and challenges presented by the work of Quaker treasurers and trustees – so bring along your bright ideas and fresh thinking!

16:00–17:00

Humanities 2.44

QWSCSA

Quaker Women Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse

We are an informal support group of survivors and welcome women at any stage in their journey as survivors.

16:00–17:00

Humanities 4.02

Ian West

Sacred Harp singing

Come try this four-part-harmony a cappella singing from the US tune book *The Sacred Harp* and discover what Alan Lomax called its "haunting beauty". No experience needed, beginners welcome; suitable for older children and adults.

16:00–17:00

Sciences B3.56

Friends Fellowship of Healing

Spiritual healing demonstration

A slide show explaining spiritual healing, culminating in a demonstration of practical healing with volunteers from the audience, so people can feel the energy and discuss their views and reaction to it.

16:00–17:00

Arts Centre Cinema

Cindylou Turner-Taylor

Storytelling for adults and children

Whispering warriors: everyday heroes for our time. All age; those under 12 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

16:00–17:00

Humanities 0.51

The Retreat

The Retreat and Quaker Mental Health Group

Come and hear about developments at The Retreat (our Quaker provider of mental health services in York since 1796), and the work of the Quaker Mental Health Group (comprising representation from Quaker Life, Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre, The Retreat, YFGM and the Quaker Disability Equality Group, set up in 2015). This is an opportunity for any Friends with an interest in mental health to engage with and help shape future Quaker developments in this important area.

17:15–17:45

Students Union Copper Rooms 2 chill out

Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre

Young adults @ YMG

Touching base with one another.

18:30

Oculus 0.03

Film

Kubo and the Two Strings

Kubo mesmerises the people of his village with his magical gift for spinning wild tales with origami. When he accidentally summons an evil spirit seeking vengeance, Kubo is forced to go on a quest to solve the mystery of his fallen samurai father and his mystical weaponry as well as discover his own magical powers. Certificate PG.

18:30

Ramphal Lecture 0.21

Film

Sing

In a city of humanoid animals, a hustling theatre impresario's attempt to save his theatre with a singing competition becomes grander than he anticipates as its finalists find their lives will never be the same. Certificate U.

19:00–21:00

Butterworth Hall

Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre & Catherine West

Swarthmore Lecture: Faith in politics? A testimony to equality

The 2017 Swarthmore Lecture will be given by Catherine West, the MP for Hornsey and Wood Green. The lecture will focus on addressing inequality, tackling poverty and promoting social justice. It will examine how we can effect change through politics – both participatory and representative – while living out our faith in the world.

The Swarthmore Lecture is part of the work of Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre.

19:30–20:30

Humanities 0.58

Julia Bush

Becoming a city (or other place) of sanctuary

This discussion session is an opportunity for Friends to share their varied experiences of the City of Sanctuary movement. The movement aims both to welcome refugees and to build stronger communities, and is relevant to places of any size. Friends contemplating new Sanctuary initiatives are particularly welcome.

19:30–20:30

Rootes Building – Chancellors 1

Rachel Howell

Singing for joy

Come and sing simple rounds and harmony songs, sacred and secular, from around the world. There's no need to read music or to be a 'good' singer - though there'll be plenty to enjoy for those who are confident as well as those who would like to sing but are not sure they can. The emphasis is on enjoying ourselves and the community we create through sharing our voices together.

19:30–20:30

Humanities 1.48

Evelyn Parker

Using accommodation at our meeting houses for social purposes

A sharing of experiences. Winchester LM is using rooms at their meeting house to help local homeless people, and has experience of being a private ethical landlord. We would like to know what other meetings are doing or planning so that we can learn from each other.

21:00

Oculus 0.03

Film

I, Daniel Blake

Ken Loach directs this drama that follows a 59-year-old joiner as he tries to navigate the British benefits system. In the North-East of England, widower Daniel Blake is forced to stop working when he is taken ill with heart disease and so applies for Employment and Support Allowance from the government. But his life is further thrown into disarray when his benefits are suddenly taken away from him and he is forced to jump through the many hoops of the bureaucratic system to get them back. During this time, he meets the similarly-troubled single mother Katie whose financial problems mean she is being forced out of her home in London along with her two kids Dylan and Daisy.

21:00

Ramphal Lecture 0.21

Film

Pride

It's the summer of 1984. Margaret Thatcher is in power and the National Union of Mineworkers is on strike. At the Gay Pride March in London, a group of gay and lesbian activists decides to raise money to support the families of the striking miners. But there is a problem. The union seems embarrassed to receive their support. But the activists are not deterred. They decide to ignore the union and go direct to the miners. They identify a mining village in Wales and set off in a minibus to make their donation in person. And so begins the extraordinary story of two seemingly alien communities who form a surprising and ultimately triumphant partnership.

21:30

Arts Centre Butterworth Hall

Epilogue

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22:00–22:45

Humanities 1.48

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Tuesday 1 August

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8:00–8:45

Chaplaincy Building

Larks worship

Early morning meeting for worship.

8:00–8:45

Rootes Building – Chancellors 3

Rorie Nazareth

Morning wake up

Combination of tai chi, chi gong and aikido to generally and gently wake up the body, mind, and spirit and get ready for the day.

09:30–12:30

Arts Centre, Butterworth Hall

Yearly Meeting Session 4

Report of BYM Trustees. Living out our faith in the world: working with other to make a difference. Hands: how we do things is as important as what we do. What skills/tools do we have that we can share?

10:00–12:00

Rootes Building – Chancellors 3

Dea Neile-Hopton

Acrobalance

The art of acrobalance involves two or more people working together in a team. Usually the smaller or lighter person takes the role of ‘flyer’ or ‘top’ and the stronger person or people are the ‘bases’. The flyer uses the bases’ bodies to climb on and together they attempt to hold various balances. Also they can also do dynamic moves traveling through space or even boosting the flyer high into the air!

10:00–11:00

Humanities 0.03

Elinor Kershaw

Inclusion and accessibility in a text-heavy Society

As a text-heavy organisation we often overlook those who cannot engage as easily in this form. Who would benefit from more diverse offerings of our core material? What might a more visual *Advices & queries* be like? How would we create such a thing?

10:00–12:00

Humanities 0.60

Wendy Freebourne and Dawn Beck

Knitting meditation

Learn the practice of knitting meditation. A time for silence and for sharing. Bring your own work, your knitting problems, or come and learn to knit and/or crochet. Materials and tuition will be available.

10:00–11:30

Rootes Building – Panorama 1

The Kindlers

Vocal ministry

What encourages good vocal ministry in our meetings? An experiential workshop.

12:45–13:15

Students Union Copper Rooms 2 chill out

Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre

Young adults @ YMG

Touching base with one another.

14:30–15:30

Sciences B2.04/05

Quaker Life

Being a Quaker Parent

Another opportunity to come together as parents, this time to reflect on how being a parent shapes how we are a Quaker. What are some of the freedoms, limitations, questions and challenges we experience? What do we need from our meetings? What do we bring to our meetings?

14:30–15:30

Oculus LT 0.03

Quaker Social Action

Building communities that flourish

How can we work together to build communities that flourish? How can we do this in a way that preserves dignity, choice and agency; ‘work with’ and not ‘do to’? Drawing on experience from its 150 years of anti-poverty work, learn how Quaker Social Action considers these questions and goes about working collaboratively and creatively for the benefit of individuals, families, households and communities. In particular, hear about the journey that led QSA to its latest project, Move On Up, a housing project supporting young adult carers to live independently and find their own path in life.

14:30–15:30

Humanities 0.60

Northern Friends Peace Board

Building peace together: what do we bring?

This is one part of a two-part workshop that can be attended separately or together; part 2 is on Thursday. A space to explore what we can do with others in taking action for peace in our communities and the world: the challenges, the need for listening, understanding and engaging with different perspectives.

14:30–15:30

Humanities 0.43

Judith Roads

Early Quakers and their pronunciation of English

Want to attend something unusual? An experimental workshop exploring mid-17th-century pronunciation of English. Bring your favourite extracts from *Quaker faith & practice* and have a go. No prizes but a lot of fun.

14:30–16:30

Arts Centre Woods-Scawen

Quaker Council for European Affairs

European Quaker voices

Come hear from the Friends that set the strategy for Quaker political work in Europe. QCEA has almost 40 years of experience of the European institutions created after World War II. Faced with fragmentation, nationalism and militarisation, Friends from every European Yearly Meeting come together through QCEA to swim against the tide.

14:30–15:30

Humanities 2.44

Quaker Life

Quaker university chaplaincy: is it for you?

Would you be interested in becoming the Quaker contact on a university campus? We are keen to grow the Quaker presence in universities. Among the student body there may be young people who have come from a Quaker family or a Quaker school. For them Quaker worship might be familiar, but as they explore their own leadings they might benefit from gentle nurture and listening.

14:30–17:00

Rootes Building – Panorama Suite

George Lakey and Turning the Tide

Hands: power together

Building effective and collective group power, and an effective movement, requires both challenging inner work and concerted outward effort. It means unlearning much of our conditioning and moving out of our comfort zones to build alliances – sometimes across unlikely divides. During this workshop we'll dig into the challenges of working with others, unpicking issues of oppression and marginalisation and exploring how to overcome barriers to stepping out in to the world.

14:30–15:30

Rootes Building – Chancellor 1

BYM Sustainability Group

Having difficult conversations about climate change

We'll share our experiences of difficult conversations, explore why we find them difficult, and try the Quaker disciplines of deep listening and answering that of God in the other. This first of two linked sessions will focus on conversations with those close to us – relatives, colleagues, and Quakers in our own meetings. Led by Martin Mansell and Laurie Michaelis.

14:30–15:30

Sciences LT 4

Quaker Concern Over Population (QCOP)

How equality and education can help reduce the number of consumers

Dr Ann Le Mare will give a presentation on solutions to the population crisis through interventions that address the desire and need for large families, with priorities for future action. Followed by discussion and questions. QCOP aims to raise Quaker awareness of the issue of rising population, fundamental to our testimony on sustainability.

14:30–15:30

Arts Centre Cinema

Quaker Committee for Christian and Interfaith Relations/Jatinder Birdi

Interfaith relations in Britain today: the role of the Interfaith Network

The Interfaith Network for the UK (IFN) has just launched 'Next Steps' and 'Let's Talk', two new resources for interfaith learning, dialogue and cooperation in social action. Jatinder Singh Birdi, chair of the Warwick District Faiths Forum, is co-chair of the IFN and one of BYM's interfaith guests at YMG. Come and hear his reflections on interfaith relations.

14:30–15:30

Humanities 0.02

South Asia Interest Group

Land rights in India

This workshop on Ekta Parishad, a movement of community groups in India campaigning for landless people, is in two parts. In the first session we'll explore the group's techniques, including marches and negotiations, and apply the learning to our own campaigns. The second, after this, will focus on plans for worldwide marches with other land rights groups. Attendance at both sessions is advised but not essential.

14:30–15:30

Arts Centre Ensemble Room

Tewedaj Mekonnen

Medau whole body movement

A whole-body movement dance and exercise, suitable for all ages and abilities. It has all the fitness factors and focuses on cardiovascular activities, coordination, flexibility, strength, stamina and balance. It has three sections: warm-ups, main activity and floor work followed by wind-down meditation accompanied with beautiful relaxation music. Ending with you feeling invigorated and refreshed.

14:30–15:30

Humanities 1.48

BYM media team

How to engage your local media

Need to learn how to promote your faith locally? Come discover some tools to help you be new, significant and interesting. You'll learn how to share key information about Quakerism, and develop specific skills in dealing with your local print and broadcast media. Our experienced media staff will help you create an action plan for Quaker Week and show you how Quakers can work for good in the wake of this year's General Election.

14:30–15:30

Humanities 0.58

QPSW Overseas Peacebuilding Group

Movement building in East Africa: what we can do

QPSW's East Africa Peacebuilding Programme is supporting Kenyans, Rwandans and Burundians to use active nonviolence to address violence in their own communities, neighbourhoods and districts. Stories from the region show what can be done when people challenge injustice with nonviolence, and how their campaigns have the potential to go one step further – to link up, engage much larger numbers, and begin to challenge systemic issues.

14:30–15:30

Humanities 3.44

Quaker Life

Quaker Life Network Islands Cluster

A gathering for Friends who live on islands off mainland Britain. Come meet others who live on islands, and share your experiences.

14:30–15:30

Humanities 0.03

Book of Discipline Revision Preparation Group

Reading *Quaker faith & practice* 3.

Reading *Quaker faith & practice* offers us an opportunity to connect our current concerns to our previous work and experiences. This session will explore how we can develop skills for movement building, by exploring three passages from *Quaker faith & practice*. You are welcome whether you've never picked up the red book before or have read it all!

14:30–17:00

Arts Centre Studio

QPSW Peace programme

Speaking our truth with compassion and conviction

As Quakers, we often hold views and opinions that run counter to the mainstream. Whether we are talking about nuclear weapons, climate change, refugees, inequality or other controversial topics, it can be difficult to have a conversation that feels positive and productive. This workshop will involve interactive exercises and offer a chance to practise ways of listening and speaking that can open up rather than close down a conversation.

14:30–16:00

Rootes Building – Chancellors 2&3

Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine/Israel

The spectrum of presence

What is presence? An opportunity to try one of the training activities used to prepare volunteers for work in Israel and Palestine, and to think about the impact our presence can have in a variety of situations.

14:30–16:00

Sciences B 2.02

QPSW Peace Education Programme

Towards mainstreaming peace education

Quakers are involved in a wide range of inspiring peace education projects. Come share/learn about them, and find out about QPSW's work to mainstream peace education. Hear about new resources to help schools run peace-themed enrichment days/weeks, and peer mediation initiatives. Remembrance will be explored as an opportunity to 'remember for peace' and you will learn about Inspire, a national project using the centenary of WWI to bring peace education to new audiences.

14:30–15:30

Humanities 3.55

West Midlands Quaker Peace Education Project

Understanding and de-escalating conflict

Conflict is to be expected when working with others on issues we care about deeply, but how good are we at tolerating and resolving conflict? Drawing on 30 years' experience of training in conflict resolution, WMQPEP will look at how conflict works, how it escalates, conflict styles, and the skills to deal with it creatively – including top tips for de-escalation.

14:30–15:30

Physics Lecture Theatre

Quaker Peace Studies Trust

UK flooding: exploring community responses

Flooding is increasingly recognised as an issue for serious consideration, now and into an uncertain future. How does flooding affect individuals and communities, and how do they respond? Ute Kelly of the Division of Peace Studies at the University of Bradford will share research work-in-progress on the 2015 Boxing Day floods in the Calder Valley. This workshop will reflect on how memories and stories of the floods have been shared and documented, on the potential longer-term significance of experiences of mutual help and community during the floods, and on how people are engaging with themes of vulnerability and resilience in a place in which both feel close to home. The questions raised will hopefully be relevant not just for those directly concerned with flooding, but also for anyone interested in the connections between people and places, and in the question of what community and resilience might mean in this context.

14:30–15:30

Sciences B 2.01

Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre/Gill Pennington

What is Quaker ministry and how can we be equipped for it

Exploring what we mean by ministry in its broadest sense, and how we can equip ourselves. An introduction to Woodbrooke's Equipping for Ministry programme, demonstrating how it can benefit individuals, meetings and the wider Quaker Community.

14:30–15:30

Humanities 3.56

Quaker Living Wage Campaign Group

Working towards Living Wage Employer Accreditation

This Special Interest Meeting is intended for trustees, treasurers and other Friends who wish to prepare their area meeting, Quaker school or Quaker centre for accreditation as a Living Wage Employer, thus witnessing that fair wages are paid. It will: identify what you need to know to become an accredited Living Wage employer; discuss issues and potential solutions; help you make action plans. Let's build a Quaker Living Wage community!

14:30–15:30

Humanities 5.45

Quaker Meeting Houses Heritage Survey / Property Support Project

Quaker Meeting Houses Heritage Project: key findings; what's next?

We now have wonderful illustrated reports on all of the 345 meeting houses owned and used by Quakers in Britain. This meeting will explore the main findings and themes, and look at how they can help your meeting and are informing the work of the Property Support pilot project.

16:00–17:00

Sciences B2.04/05

Quaker Life

Engaging with families

An event for elders, overseers and those with responsibility for working with children and families in meetings.

16:00–17:00

Butterworth Hall

Quaker Life

Exploration of mental health in our meetings

Find out about the organisations that are involved in Quaker mental health, as well as what support for meetings and the provision for service users or Quaker witness. This is an opportunity for interactive networking and learning.

16:00–17:00

Humanities 0.58

Central Nominations Committee

Gifts and leadings

How do we identify our gifts? Do we know how we are called to use our energy? How can we work with others?

16:00–17:00

Sciences B2.02

Quaker Life Ministry & Outreach/London Quakers

Local Quaker websites: inreach and outreach

A non-technical session to bring together those working on the websites of local meetings, area meetings and Quaker Recognised Bodies. How can we improve our websites? How can we work better together? What tools do we need?

16:00–17:00

Rootes Building – Chancellor 1

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16:00–17:00

Humanities 0.02

South Asia Interest Group

Land rights in India

This workshop focuses on Ekta Parishad, a movement of community groups in India campaigning for landless and tribal people. Quakers have strong links with Ekta Parishad going back many years. In the first session we shall explore their techniques, including mass marches and negotiations, and apply the learning to improve our own campaigning. This second session will focus on participation in their plans for worldwide marches in 2020, involving other land rights groups. This workshop is part 2 of 2. Attendance at both is recommended but not essential.

16:00–17:00

Arts Centre Theatre

Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre/Catherine West MP

Meet the Swarthmore lecturer

Catherine West will give the 2017 Swarthmore Lecture: 'Faith in politics? A testimony to equality'. The lecture will focus on addressing inequality, tackling poverty and promoting social justice. It will examine how we can effect change through politics – both participatory and representative – while living out our faith in the world. This session will be a chance to explore the themes of the lecture further.

16:00–17:00

Humanities 3.55

Peace Hub

Creating space for conversation

Yes, the world's in a terrible state, but what can we do about it? Responding to these type of questions can be very tricky, so Peace Hub has created a space in Birmingham to do just that. This workshop will share what we've learned from engaging with a wide range of people and explore how you might create your own space for conversations.

16:00–17:00

Humanities 0.60

The Quaker Gender and Sexual Diversity Community (QGSDC)

Movement building through the gifts of diversity

In times of intensifying global social and political change, gender- and sexually-diverse people can offer a particular contribution to movement-building. We can challenge prejudice and inequality and grow together through listening to each other, and by sharing our gifts, learning and experience.

16:00–17:00

Humanities 1.48

BYM social media team

Facebook for your meeting

How to set up a Facebook profile for your local meeting. Please bring your laptop or mobile device. We'll have a few laptops available. There are four social media sessions, please check if this is the right one for you.

14:30–15:30

Humanities 3.56

Luanne Hagee

Quaker Scouting and Guiding: a conversation

Join the clerk of Friends Committee on Scouting (FCS), an affiliate of FWCC in the Americas, to talk about Scouting and Guiding. Conversation will revolve around UK Scouts and Guides – the 'My Faith' and 'Discovering Faith' badges, FCS religious awards curriculums, adult 'Friends Emblem' recognition, and what FCS does for Scouts and Guides.

16:00–17:00

Humanities 0.52

Quaker World Relations Committee

Peace building initiatives

Come to learn about and share case studies from the world family: QWRC's international visitors and others will introduce a discussion around familiar and less well known initiatives such as Turning the Tide, Alternatives to Violence Project, Healing and Rebuilding our Communities, and Peace Clubs/other initiatives in schools and with young people. What tools and peace programmes speak to our own contexts?

16:00–17:00

Science LT4

Pity of War

Pity of War project

This outlines the work that Friends and others are undertaking to create a lasting legacy, both educationally and otherwise, about war and its lasting after effects. Part of the project is to create a sculpture at the National Memorial Arboretum, but other main objectives are to provide opportunities for dialogue in schools and in social media and for young and old to have a platform to share experiences.

16:00–17:00

Humanities 3.44

Quakers Uniting in Publications

Quakers Uniting in Publications

A session for those involved in any way in the ministry of the written word. Bloggers, writers, editors, publishers, librarians, booksellers.

16:00–17:00

Humanities 2.44

Quaker Voluntary Action

QVA 10-year celebration: working together

Quaker Voluntary Action has been running a working retreats programme in collaboration with partner organisations across Europe and the Middle East for the past 10 years. This session will focus on what's worked well and will offer ideas for future potential avenues and projects. There'll be a slideshow, an opportunity to meet volunteers and trustees, ask questions, get involved and enjoy some QVA trifle – which we'll make together!

16:00–17:00

Humanities 4.02

Ian West

Sacred Harp singing

Come try this vibrant four-part-harmony a cappella singing from the American tune book *The Sacred Harp* and discover what Alan Lomax called its "haunting beauty". No previous experience is required, beginners very welcome; suitable for older children as well as adults.

16:00–17:00

Humanities 5.45

MfS clerks

What has Meeting for Sufferings ever done for you?

Come and hear more about the work of Meeting for Sufferings, our national representative council. What is it for? What do you think it is for? Explore why we are organised the way we are and how you can be more involved. Come and let us know what you think about how we do things as Quakers in Britain.

16:00–17:00

Sciences B 2.01

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16:00–17:00

Oculus LT 0.03

Quaker Social Action

Working with others for change

Maya Angelou noted that "all great achievements require time". They do, as well as tenacity, credibility, courage, and ideally others with the same common cause. Join Quaker Social Action to discuss how they have set about achieving social change, working with others to amplify the message and accelerate the change that is possible. In particular, hear about how the first ever campaign at QSA, the unique Fair Funerals campaign, was inspired by and informed by the practical work of Down to Earth – supporting people to access affordable and meaningful funerals across the UK.

16:00–17:00

Humanities 0.03

Book of Discipline Revision Preparation Group

Tweeting church government?

Quakers try to live out principles of equality and truth in the way that we organise our meetings and make decisions. But what is the essence of our ways of working? And could we describe it more succinctly for a social media age? This will be a participative session. No IT skills are needed but may particularly appeal to those who like to play with words.

16:15–17:15

Rootes Building – Chancellors 3

Mig Kerr

Songs of solidarity, struggle and social justice'

Come and learn a cappella harmony songs and rounds concerned with social justice issues. Most songs will be in English, though there will be some in other languages. All songs taught using the Natural Voice method (call and response), so no need to read music, though words will be provided. This could lead to flash mob opportunities!

17:15–17:45

Students Union Copper Rooms 2 chill out

Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre

Young adults @ YMG

Touching base with one another.

18:30–19:30

Rootes Building – Panorama 3

Cindylou Turner-Taylor

Storytelling for adults and children

Salmon and sealions: small folk save the world.

18:30

Oculus 0.03

Film

Finding Nemo

Nemo, an adventurous young clownfish, is unexpectedly taken to a dentist's office aquarium. It's up to Marlin, his father, and Dory, a friendly but forgetful regal blue tang fish, to bring Nemo home. Their adventure leads them face-to-face with vegetarian sharks, turtles, jellyfish, seagulls and more. An undersea adventure about family and courage.

18:30

Ramphal Lecture 0.21

Film

Singalong Frozen

When a prophecy traps a kingdom in eternal winter, Anna, a fearless optimist, teams up with Kristoff and his sidekick reindeer Sven on an epic journey to find Anna's sister Elsa, the Snow Queen, and put an end to her icy spell. Encountering mystical trolls, a funny snowman named Olaf, Everest-like extremes and magic at every turn, Anna and Kristoff battle the elements in a race to save the kingdom from destruction. Certificate PG.

19:30–20:30

Humanities 1.48

Quaker Life

Big festivals

Interested in being part of a Quaker presence at large Festivals? How can we engage with festivalgoers and share our Quaker story? We have been at Greenbelt for several years and have been at the Hay Festival of Literature and the Arts for the first time in 2017. Which festivals might we attend in 2018? Come along and share your ideas.

19:30–20:30

Rootes Building – Chancellors 3

Quaker Life/Nick Wilde

Death chat

This is an opportunity to have a conversation about death or end-of-life issues. Listen to others and share what you wish in an informal conversation with other Quakers.

19:30–21:00

Arts Centre Mead Gallery

Groups fair, part 1

An opportunity to explore the breadth of Quaker activity. Over 60 Quaker groups and projects will be represented. This is a chance to pick up information, have informal chats and make contacts. The groups fair will be spread over two nights. Page 48 lists which stalls will be available on each night.

19:30–20:30

Humanities 0.58

Quaker Fellowship for Afterlife Studies

Spiritual sustenance in hard times

Early Quakers drew a strength from their faith, which enabled them to withstand great hardship together. The existence of the afterlife was not in doubt for them. We are called to take spiritual and psychic experiences seriously, learn from them, and draw renewed strength to face tomorrow's challenges. Join us to share insights into the spiritual sources available to help Quakers today, and find out more about QFAS events and activities.

19:30–20:30

Rootes Building – Panorama 1

Diana Francis

The practice of civil courage

Civil courage is the courage that is needed by an individual, alone or with others, to take on the responsibility of a citizen in engaging with public affairs and social behaviour. Sometimes it takes courage even to think thoughts which challenge the norms, beliefs and rhetoric of our friends, neighbours or colleagues, or of those in power. Yet civil courage means speaking out and taking action when conscience tells us that 'something must be done', even when we feel isolated and afraid.

In this workshop we share examples of situations in which we have felt called to speak or act, or situations that might arise, and share and test ideas for dealing with our fears finding the best responses to such challenges

19:30–21:00

Oculus LT 0.03

The Retreat

The Retreat Lecture

The Retreat Lecture 2017 will be given by Bronwen Gray, Quaker chaplain at The Retreat York since 2010. Bronwen will speak about spirituality in the context of mental health care at The Retreat, and will go on to consider the role of the group or community in spiritual wellbeing. She will consider whether Quakers can offer a distinctive approach to spiritual care, in the context of institutions or within our own communities.

19:30–20:30

Humanities 0.60

Friends of Hlekweni

50 years of work in Zimbabwe

Quakers have been working in southern Zimbabwe for over 50 years. Friends of Hlekweni supports schooling, training and peace work: we will celebrate what has been achieved, and consider how we can build on this with others. The meeting will include a short formal Yearly Business Meeting for the charity.

19:30–21:00

Arts Centre Butterworth Hall

George Gorman Lecture Committee

George Gorman Lecture: Movement building from stillness

...it's about building 'people power' through political action, through community connection and – in our case as Quakers – through listening to the inner guide. In the past, the tension between whether we are an open movement or a closed group, has led us Quakers into being compared to a two-headed 'push-me-pull-you' animal. In his lecture Tim Gee will make the case for becoming a 'movement organisation' where our structures support momentum for social change.

21:00

Oculus 1.05

Film

Why We Fight

Is US foreign policy dominated by the idea of military supremacy? Has the military become too important in US life? Jarecki's shrewd and intelligent polemic would seem to give an affirmative answer to each of these questions.

21:00

Ramphal Lecture 0.21

Film

La La Land

La La Land is more than the most acclaimed movie of the year, it's a cinematic treasure for the ages that you'll fall in love with again and again. Emma Stone and Ryan Gosling star as Mia and Sebastian, an actress and a jazz musician pursuing their Hollywood dreams and finding each other in a vibrant celebration of hope, dreams and love.

21:30

Arts Centre, Butterworth Hall

Epilogue

Reflective closing of the day.

22:00–22:45

Humanities 1.48

Experiment with Light

End the day with a contemplative Quaker practice. We will give ourselves time to wait in stillness and see what is really happening within us during this busy week.

22:00–22:45

Humanities 0.58

Alison Gray

Singing for joy

Singing together. Songs, rounds and part-songs from around the world. Enjoy singing in harmony without the need to follow sheet music. Experienced and novice singers welcome.

22:00–22:45

Rootes Building – Chancellors 1

The Kindlers

Gifts of the day

What gave me joy today? What caused me pain or discomfort? How do I receive and give thanks for both? A simple review of the day.

22:00–22:45

Chaplaincy Building

Owls worship

Late meeting for worship.

Wednesday 2 August

8:00–8:45

Humanities 1.48

Experiment with Light

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8.00–8:45

Chaplaincy Building

Larks worship

Early morning meeting for worship.

8.00–8:45

Rootes Building – Chancellors 3

Rorie Nazareth

Morning wake up

Combination of tai chi, chi gong and aikido to generally and gently wake up the body, mind, and spirit and get ready for the day.

8.00–8:45

Rootes Building – Chancellors 1

Rachel Howell

Singing for joy

Come and sing simple rounds and harmony songs, sacred and secular, from around the world. There's no need to read music or to be a 'good' singer – though there'll be plenty to enjoy for those who are confident as well as those who would like to sing but are not sure they can. The emphasis is on enjoying ourselves and the community we create through sharing our voices together.

18:30

Oculus 0.03

Film

Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them

Something mysterious is leaving a path of destruction in the streets of 1926 New York, threatening to expose the wizarding community. Newt Scamander arrives near the end of a global excursion to research and rescue magical creatures. When unsuspecting No-Maj Jacob Kowalski inadvertently lets some of Newt's beasts loose, our unlikely heroes must recover the missing beasts. Certificate 12.

18:30

Ramphal Lecture 0.21

Film

Monsters, Inc.

Sulley and his enthusiastic assistant Mike work at Monsters, Inc., the largest scream processing factory in Monstropolis. The main power source of the monster world is the collected screams of human children. But monsters believe children are dangerous and toxic, and they are scared silly when a little girl wanders into their world. Sulley and Mike do their best to return the girl home, but they face monstrous intrigue and some hilarious misadventures along the way. Certificate U.

19:30–21:00

Arts Centre, Butterworth Hall

Quaker Socialist Society

Salter Lecture

The speaker will be Molly Scott Cato MEP and Green Party candidate at the last general election. Her topic will be 'Reflections on the current political situation'.

19:30–20:30

Humanities 0.51

Michael Steer

Film: *A Quaker Perspective*

This film is a work in progress. Michael has been filming a range of Quakers with significant things to say about the world with a view to creating an intelligent outreach tool or discussion starter. He is showing it here to invite comment and suggestions about its direction and final form.

19:30–20:30

Rootes Building – Panorama 1

Vanessa Julye, Nurturing Ministries Coordinator at Friends General Conference in the US

Building a movement: developing a multi-racial nourishing Quaker Community

How are Friends meetings in USA and Europe addressing white supremacy? During the summer of 2016, eight of 15 Friends General Conference-affiliated Yearly Meetings addressed the concern of racism and white supremacy in some form. What can Friends do in Europe? Come to hear and talk about what some meetings are doing to address white supremacy. Share what your meeting is doing. If nothing, come and learn about positive actions you can take back to your meeting to address the subject individually and together as a meeting.

19:30–20:30

Humanities 0.02

Judith Roads

Early Quakers and their pronunciation of English

Want to attend something unusual? An experimental workshop exploring mid-17th-century pronunciation of English. Bring your favourite extracts from *Quaker faith & practice* and have a go. No prizes but a lot of fun.

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Rootes Building – Chancellors 1

Quaker Universalist Group (QUG)

Quaker universalism, mysticism and interfaith

We will talk about and discuss our May 2017 conference on mysticism. Is mysticism a common factor in all religions and can an understanding of it help us as we work together with other faiths? We will look at relevant recent QUG pamphlets, including 'Resolving Difference in our ways of speaking about God or the ultimate reality' by Rex Ambler. There will also be a preview of our 2018 conference.

19:30–20:30

Rootes Building – Chancellors 3

Merryl Titus

Social action projects in India

Merryl will share her experiences of social action projects in remote areas including the provision of education, food parcels and clothing.

19:30–21:00

Rootes Building – Chancellors 2

Citizens UK

Neil Jameson, the CEO and founding spirit of Citizens UK, will explain more about what Citizens is – and is not. For example, it's politically neutral but active in the political sphere. Citizens learned from the Industrial Areas Foundation and Barack Obama how good organising will beat demonstrations for effectiveness. Neil will tell us about some successes in holding politicians to account and getting commitments to change. Even more importantly, we hold each other to account. You've heard of the Living Wage Foundation? Guess who. What are the next changes that will really make a difference?

21:00

Oculus 0.03

Film

Midnight in Paris

While on a trip to Paris with his fiancée's family, a nostalgic screenwriter finds himself mysteriously going back to the 1920s every day at midnight.

21:00

Ramphal Lecture 0.21

Film

North by Northwest

A hapless New York advertising executive is mistaken for a government agent by a group of foreign spies, and is pursued across the country while he looks for a way to survive.

21:30

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Humanities 0.60

Mary Alice Mansell

Hand/foot massage with mindfulness

“While learning therapeutic massage 20 years ago I became aware of how we can move energy around when we concentrate. The same experience I have in a gathered meeting for worship. Using hand/foot massage is a ‘safe’ way to explore and experience this.”

22:00–22:45

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Thursday 3 August

8:00–8:45

Arts Centre Mead Gallery

Judith & Raymond Thompson

Circle dance

Dances from around the world, some lively, some meditative, all fun. A good way to relax and to replenish energy, to connect with new people or old friends. No previous experience needed.

8:00–8:45

Humanities 1.48

Experiment with Light

Start the day with a contemplative Quaker practice. We will give ourselves time to wait in stillness and see what is really happening within us during this busy week.

8:00–8:45

Chaplaincy Building

Larks worship

Early morning meeting for worship.

8:00–8:45

Rootes Building – Chancellors 3

Heike Huschauer

Qi Kung for your health

This ancient and easy exercise is the perfect start of the day for all ages and states of fitness. It offers great health benefits, can improve flexibility and balance, deepens breathing and builds up energy. Qi Kung is also relaxing and meditative. Every person can find his or her own level. Some Qi Kung can be done in a chair.

8:00–8:45

Rootes Building – Chancellors 1

Lesley Morris

Sacred chanting

Using chants of different spiritual traditions, including overtone chanting – using the voice to greet the day, wake up the heart, and clear the mind. This is just a taster for those who haven't done it before and a reminder for those who have!

09:30–12:30

Arts Centre, Butterworth Hall

Yearly Meeting Session 5

Living out our faith in the world: working with other to make a difference. Feet: how do we work with others? What do we need to do to move forward?

10:00

Meet outside the Oculus building.

Pete Duckworth

Five-mile walk to Crackley Woods and back

Stretch your legs and walk through delightful Warwickshire countryside to the nearby nature reserve. Enjoy a circular walk on field paths and dismantled railway. Led by an experienced local Rambler and Warwick graduate. Bring your walking boots (plus gear appropriate for the season). The first half of the route is entirely on cycleways and would be suitable for wheelchair users, who could return by that route. The second half is mostly on field paths that could be muddy or overgrown.

10:00–12:00

Humanities 0.58

James McCarthy

A listening workshop

Listening is basic to Quaker meetings. This event is a chance to explore what listening means, how we can become better at it, and what this might lead to. Few things are better than being listened to really well; and how marvellous to be able to offer this gift to another. A chance to have fun and improve our Quaker practice.

10:00–12:00

Rootes Building – Chancellors 1

Brett Lightwait

The '13 moon calendar change' world peace movement

What is the 13 moon 28 day calendar? Who was Nicholas Roerich? What is the Roerich peace pact? Anyway what day is it today?

Join Brett Lightwait for the answers and an introduction to a new cosmology of time. Learn about the hidden history of a global movement that is seeking a more harmonious way of tracking time. This is an experiential workshop and an opportunity to learn your individual galactic signature.

10:00–12:00

Rootes Building – Chancellors 2

Michael Wright

Prayer beyond belief

A workshop introducing Friends to the spiritual practices of a) silencing the mind; b) awe; c) concerns – dealing differently with the subjects that Christians include in intercessions; d) thankfulness; and e) self-examination. Positive approaches to a range of spiritual practices, drawn from the Quaker tradition, but not necessarily directed towards a traditional concept of God.

10:00–12:00

Humanities 1.48

Christopher Bemrose

The margins as transformational sacred places

Quakers are often seen as being on the margins. But what does it mean to be on the margins – or in the centre? This workshop explores margins as places of transformation, using nature and people's lives – including our own – as guides on the way. We will explore how we are renewed from the margins, and how wholeness involves integrating what is excluded from the centre.

12:45–13:15

Students Union Copper Rooms 2 chill out

Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre

Young adults @ YMG

Touching base with one another.

13:00–14:00

Oculus foyer

Quaker Life

Quaker parenting lunch

An open space to meet with other Quaker carers, parents and families, to have lunch and share experiences. Please bring your own food.

14:30–15:30

Arts Centre Cinema

Quaker Committee for Christian and Interfaith Relations/Abdullah Sahin

A Muslim response to the 'Prevent' strategy

The government's controversial anti-radicalisation strategy, 'Prevent', is thought by many, including Quakers, to be divisive and to marginalise Muslim young people. Abdullah Sahin, Reader in Islamic Education at the University of Warwick IFN and one of BYM's interfaith guests at this YMG, argues that it would be better to encourage British Muslims to draw on their own heritage of critical education to challenge mistaken and rigid interpretations. Age 15+.

14:30–17:00

Arts Centre Woods Scawen

Quaker United Nations Office

A Quaker approach to working together: Quaker United Nations Office's experience of partnerships

When some nations are turning inward and multilateralism is under threat, we seek a different story. QUNO staff and partners from local, national and international levels will describe collaboration in their work on climate change, human rights, migration, peace and food security and invite participants to share experiences. We shall emphasise distinctive tools: off-the-record meetings, even-handed convening of diverse groups, relationship building, listening, identifying shared values and applying technical expertise. Age 15+.

14:30–17:00

Rootes Building – Chancellors Suite

Quaker Housing Trust

Being constructive about housing

Creative solutions arise from talking to and working with other people. Meeting housing needs is no different. Quaker Housing Trust invites you to come and join in a variety of conversations about how collaboration leads to new housing initiatives. Examples will be offered by speakers and invited from participants. And you can learn more about how Yearly Meeting's own housing charity supports housing projects. Age 15+.

Thursday 4 August

14:30–15:30

Oculus 0.04

Tim Gee/George Gorman Lecture Committee

Building a diverse and transformational movement

Today and 365 years ago, Quakers are and have been a movement for change. But are we truly diverse and transformational? This group, hosted by younger Quakers who contributed to the ideas in this year's George Gorman Lecture, explores some specific and tangible ideas for what Friends could do to live out our beliefs together. Age 15+.

14:30–15:30

Humanities 3.56

Quaker Life

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14:30–16:00

Arts Centre Lecture Theatre

Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine/Israel

EAPPI: working with others

EAPPI works with a range of partners: national and international, faith and secular. Some find it easy to walk with us; some do not. Many inspire us, give us money, heart, or expertise. Some hope to get us to travel in a different direction. Some would have us stop walking altogether. We invite all to be a part, to increase the footfall along the road to a peace built on justice, dignity and security.

14:30–16:00

Oculus 1.06

Vibrancy in Meetings

Evaluating change

Explore the value of monitoring and evaluation in helping to inform decisions, show what's working and communicate shared goals. NCVO Charities Evaluation Services is working collaboratively with BYM to evaluate the Vibrancy in Meetings pilot programme. We will share the story of our work so far to illustrate how evaluation can support Spirit-led work. You will hear about the steps involved in developing an evaluation plan and ideas on how to get started with an evaluation plan.

14:30–16:30

Picnic area

Teddy bears' picnic

We have invited refugee families living nearby to come and enjoy a Teddy bears' picnic. Join us for an afternoon of fun, games, storytelling, singing and cake! All children will leave with a small knitted teddy bear to take home and love.

14:30–17:00

Rootes Building – Panorama 3

Turning the Tide

Feet: powering forward!

In this final Turning the Tide workshop, we will get specific about the next steps on the road to social change. Looking at tools for action planning and campaigning, and affirming our commitments, we hope you'll come away from this workshop with a clearer sense of your journey ahead!

14:30–15:30

Humanities 0.51

The Equality Trust

Friends tackling inequality together

Come and meet Equality Trust's Bill Kerry, who will be talking about the organisation's work on committing to a fair and equal society. Hear more about how the organisation is working with local groups across the UK to find new and innovative ways to tackle inequality. Find out about the central themes of the work, including with young people and education and voicing the voiceless. This is a great opportunity for us to explore ways for us to take joint action on inequality within the Quaker faith. Age 15+.

14:30–15:30

Oculus 0.02

Junior Yearly Meeting

Living simply

Come along to this workshop based on the book *Living our beliefs*: The testimony to simplicity can be exciting and challenging, we hope that the activities and discussion will intrigue and challenge you and that you will find inspiration to go out into the world and breathe life into the testimony to Simplicity. Open to all aged 13+.

14:30–15:30

Ramphal 0.03/4

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Humanities 0.58

QPSW Peace Programme

Meet the QPSW peaceworkers

The one-year peaceworker scheme is an amazing opportunity for those committing to peace work. It is popular with peace organisations and strengthens relationships between Quakers and the peace movement. Meet the peaceworkers and hear about their work. They are: Phil Wood (Scientists for Global Responsibility); Sarah Robinson (War Resisters/ Campaign Against Arms Trade); and Hannah Larn (Foundation for Peace). Inspiration guaranteed! Age 14+.

14:30–15:30

Sciences B2.01

Quaker World Relations Committee and Friends World Committee for Consultation

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14:30–15:30

Humanities 0.52

QPSW Peace Programme

Nuclear ban treaty

By the time we gather at Warwick, there could well be a new international treaty banning nuclear weapons on the same grounds as other indiscriminate and inhumane weapons. What does this mean for the UK's Trident system? What does it mean for nuclear disarmament more generally? QPSW staff member Tim Wallis attended the negotiations at the UN in New York on our behalf and will report on his experiences there and where we go from here. Age 15+.

14:30–15:30

Humanities 2.44

BYM social media team

Making the most of Facebook

How to use advanced Facebook features: setting up events, tagging, layout, advertising, using analytics and creating engaging content. Please bring your laptop or mobile device with you. We will have a few laptops available. There are four social media sessions, please check this is the right one for you.

14:30–16:00

Ramphal 3.41

Jude Acton

Philosophy for all ages

We will use P4C (Philosophy for Children or Communities) techniques to enable a deep discussion into our chosen subject around ethics or belief. This approach can create an environment where views can be explored and challenged safely between all ages, from five upwards. We will use different stories or pictures in each session as a stimulus for our own community of enquiry. Age 5+.

14:30–15:30

Oculus 1.01

Michael Still

Quaker Concern for the Abolition of Torture

Come and hear about approaching established organisations that work to reduce official torture to: find unity about common aims; clarify our different emphases (Quaker concern is primarily for victims, but also for the effects on torturers); explore ways of increasing support for our aims; and identify who can help us realise our aims.

14:30–17:00

Ramphal LT

Quaker Asylum and Refugee Network

The Bundle

The Bundle has been commissioned by Quaker Asylum and Refugee Network and is based on the experiences of a young woman seeking asylum in the UK. The performance will be followed by a discussion, taking the events of the play as a starting point and broadening out to explore the effects of the UK's 'hostile environment' on those seeking sanctuary in this country. Journeymen Theatre's *Red Flag over Bermondsey* was performed at YM 2016.

14:30–15:30

Sciences B2.02

Quaker Decriminalisation Network

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The Quaker Decriminalisation Network wishes to develop thinking around the decriminalisation of the possession of drugs for personal use, and to discuss how we as Quakers perceive this to be an issue of concern. We wish to share thoughts on how this concern should be taken forward by Quakers and wish to unite with others in order to share more fully our thinking and our actions.

14:30–15:30

Humanities 1.48

Quaker Disability Equality Group

Quaker Disability Equality Group AGM and open meeting

The Quaker Disability Equality Group works to make the Religious Society of Friends an inclusive community, where all can serve and participate equally, irrespective of impairment and disability. Come and join us for our AGM and share your ideas for work we can do in the coming year.

14:30–15:30

Humanities 0.43

Luanne Hagee

Making a quilted hexagonal table topper

This activity requires attendance at two sessions – participants must sign up for both (12 people maximum). Kits will be provided and will include pre-cut fabrics, pins, needles, thread and printed instructions. Friends will need to bring a pair of scissors – and must have hand-sewing experience! There is a cost of £7 per person for supplies.

14:30–15:30

Humanities 0.03

Book of Discipline Revision Preparation Group

Reading *Quaker faith & practice* 4

Reading *Quaker faith & practice* offers us an opportunity to connect our current concerns to our previous work and experiences. This session will explore three passages from *Quaker faith & practice* that can inspire us to work together, both as Quakers and with other groups. You are welcome to this session whether you've never picked up the red book or have read it all!

14:30–16:30

Sciences B2.04/05

Ammerdown Group/Diana Francis

Rethinking security: local engagement, political influence

After a brief introduction to the Rethinking Security project and progress to date, the group will discuss what can be done locally to create conversations in different circles about what can best promote human security in all its aspects: freedom from war and direct violence; the protection of human rights and meeting of human needs; the preservation of our planet and its ecology. A big conversation to change policy.

14:30–15:30

Rootes Building – Panorama 1

QPSW Peace Programme

The challenge of the new tide of militarisation

Quakers have consistently opposed militarism and preparations for war. But with militarism increasing we are faced with new challenges. Sam Walton & Ellis Brooks of QPSW will introduce the topic, give the latest information and explain the creative ways Quakers and partner organisations are responding. Mairi Campbell-Jack, Scottish Parliamentary Engagement Officer, will outline the progress being made to tackle militarism in Scotland. This primarily informative workshop will be followed by a 'Taking action on militarism' workshop. Age 16+.

14:30–15:30

Rootes Building – Panorama 2

Joseph Rowntree Reform Trust (JRRT)

Speaking truth to state power

Our law should shield us when we are most vulnerable. But unless society remains vigilant, law can be perverted: the police and the military can cause harm to those they are supposed to protect, eroding precious liberties if we do not speak up. The Joseph Rowntree Reform Trust will provide an opportunity to hear about examples of work the Trust is funding to protect the vulnerable and to speak out for our rights.

Speakers will include: Matilda MacAttram from Black Mental Health UK, opposing police use of Taser as a method of restraint on mental health wards; Kevin Blowe, Network for Police Monitoring (Netpol), supporting anti-fracking protesters to exercise their democratic right to protest; and Rhianna Louise of ForcesWatch, scrutinising the ethics of British army recruitment practices as the intake of 16-year-olds rises.

14:30–16:30

Oculus 1.04

Linda Murgatroyd

Working creatively with others

When we work with other people it can be surprising to discover how different people are and how easily misunderstandings can arise. In this workshop we will play with paper, pencils and colours to explore how conflicts can arise and be overcome. Not suitable for those with severe visual or manual impairments. Maximum of 16 participants. Ages 11+.

14:30–15:30

Humanities 0.60

QAAD/Helen Chambers

Working with others for change

QAAD has been active in the field of gambling for several years, working with other faith-based groups to reduce the problems of gambling for individuals and communities. We have also joined with others in the field of alcohol health to argue that there should be a minimum unit price for alcohol. Join us to discuss the ways we work with others, and review what new growing points there might be. 16+.

14:30–15:30

Humanities 5.45

BYM Sustainability Group

Working with others on sustainability

A facilitated conversation to share experiences of working with others on sustainability in our communities, in the green movement, and in interfaith settings. What are we learning? What are we taking to the collaboration? Age 16+.

16:00–17:00

Arts Centre Cinema

George Lakey

A nation divided: what can we learn from the Nordic countries? Q&A session

In the 1930s Sweden and Norway were much more polarized than the UK and the US are now. The far right and the far left battled for control of the countries' economic and political directions. By the 1950s Swedes and Norwegians had reached a rough consensus and were in the top tier of international ratings for equality, freedom and shared abundance. George will share from his new book, *Viking economics: how the Scandinavians got it right and how we can, too*. Age 15+.

16:00–17:15

Oculus LT 0.03

American Friends Service Committee

AFSC's shared security vision for North East Asia

Many of us are concerned about peace and security in NE Asia. AFSC has been working in China and North Korea for decades. It has built trusting partnerships, a deep knowledge of the region and understands how vital it is to pursue diplomatic resolution to the rising tensions with global implications. It engages in critical advocacy work in the US and has a clear and realistic shared security vision for the region. Age 15+.

16:00–17:00

Student Union Atrium

Central Nominations Committee

Afternoon tea and service

Come to our afternoon tea and meet members of the Central Nominations Committee. Have a chat about different avenues to service over a slice of cake and a hot beverage of your choice. All welcome.

16:00–17:00

Humanities 0.60

Northern Friends Peace Board

Building peace together

This is one part of a two-part workshop that can be attended separately or together; part 1 is on Tuesday. A space to explore what we can do with others in taking action for peace in our communities and the world: the challenges, the need for listening, understanding and engaging with different perspectives.

16:00–17:00

Humanities 3.56

Quaker Life

Conflict in meetings: having difficult conversations

Understanding conflict in meetings and when it becomes damaging to a community. Some simple steps to help have those difficult conversations without the conflict escalating.

16:00–17:00

Oculus 1.04

Children and Young People's staff team

Developing new opportunities locally for young Quakers aged 11 to 18

Discussion around a new project proposal that has been researching ways to encourage and support the development of new opportunities for young Quakers aged 11 to 18 through local Quaker meetings and across area meetings.

16:00–17:00

Humanities 0.03

Quaker Values in Education

Education and Quaker insight

An education workshop based on the booklet 'Quaker Insight in Education'. What is amiss with state schools? Consider what forms of support would help and start turning these into action

16:00–17:00

Humanities 3.44

Young Friends General Meeting

Effective outreach and diversifying our communities

Young Friends General Meeting has recently begun a process of assessing its outreach practices, placing a greater emphasis on raising awareness of and attracting newcomers to our community. This workshop will offer a platform for sharing tools and skills for outreach as well as discussing ideas around diversification and ensuring our communities are inclusive places for a wide range of people.

16:00–17:00

Oculus 1.01

Quaker Life

Engaging Young Adult Quakers project

Learn about the Engaging Young Adult Quakers project and how it is working with Young Friends General Meeting, local and area meetings, Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre and other organisations to increase the visibility and activity of young adult Quakers in Britain Yearly Meeting.

16:00–17:00

Humanities 3.55

Elinor Kershaw

Inclusion and accessibility in a text-heavy Society

As a text-heavy organisation we often overlook those who cannot engage as easily in this form. Who would benefit from more diverse offerings of our core material? What might a more visual *Advices & queries* be like? How would we create such a thing?

16:00–17:00

Oculus 0.02

Junior Yearly Meeting

Junior Yearly Meeting quiz

Put your knowledge to the test with our quiz: work with people of all ages and from many different places in rounds such as 'General Knowledge', 'Science' and 'History' but with a YMG theme related twist! Run by Junior Yearly Meeting, this fun, informal quiz will be a great opportunity to meet new people and engage with JYM!

16:00–17:00

Ramphal 0.03/4

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16:00–17:00

Humanities 0.51

Quaker Peace & Social Witness

Quakers building the new economy

In this session we will have the opportunity to engage with practices that help build the new economy. The conversation will be facilitated by members of the New Economy Project team in order to inspire strategic action towards economic systems change. We hope to hear and share positive examples from within the Quaker community that will help bring the new economy to life.

16:00–17:00

Sciences B2.01

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16:00–17:00

Oculus 0.04

Friends House Hospitality Committee

Radical hospitality: the company and Swarthmoor Hall

In 1652 Swarthmoor Hall became the headquarters of the new Quaker movement where Margaret Fell provided hospitality and a place of refuge for George Fox and the Valiant Sixty. Friends House (London) Hospitality Ltd runs both Friends House and Swarthmoor Hall with the aim of developing a radical hospitality that combines sustainability and high-quality hospitality to show Quaker values in action. This session will illustrate what has happened so far, and forthcoming plans, through images and words of guests, visitor and staff.

16:00–17:00

Humanities 4.02

Ian West

Sacred Harp singing

Come try this vibrant four-part-harmony a cappella singing from the American tune book *The Sacred Harp* and discover what Alan Lomax called its “haunting beauty”. No previous experience is required, beginners very welcome; suitable for older children as well as adults.

16:00–17:00

Humanities 1.48

QPSW Crime Community and Justice Subcommittee

Sharing experiences of the criminal justice system

An opportunity to hear Friends speak about their experiences of restorative justice and volunteering in the criminal justice system. Two new briefings will be launched.

16:00–17:00

Rootes Building – Panorama 1

QPSW Peace Programme

Taking action on militarism

Militarism is creeping into our society – in schools, with your local authority, in Scotland and Wales, with your MP, in your community, around Remembrance Day, on Armed Forces Day... But in every arena there are ways to take effective action, and that is what this session will focus on. This workshop assumes either a basic awareness of militarism or having been at ‘The challenge of the new tide of militarisation’ workshop earlier today.

16:00–17:00

Humanities 0.52

Quaker Committee for Christian and Interfaith Relations

The changing face of faith

Do you want to learn more about other faiths? It could help you to share Quakerism with new people; develop better relationships with other communities; and create partnerships on common causes. We describe how faith is changing and what this means for Quakers by presenting interim findings from a research project overseen by the Quaker Committee on Christian and Interfaith Relations, delivered by Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre and funded by BYM from Friends’ generous legacies.

16:00–17:00

Humanities 5.45

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16:00–17:00

Science LT 5

Friends House Moscow

Tolstoy’s legacy of peace activism in Russia: saving Chertkov

Russia’s early 20th century peace movement is now largely forgotten, but its documents were preserved by Tolstoy’s secretary, Chertkov. Come to hear from Russian historian Irina Gordeeva, who will speak to us from Moscow about the untold story of vibrant activism she uncovered in Chertkov’s archive, and which she is now working to bring to a wider audience. Natasha and Sergei (FH Moscow) will also join us.

16:00–17:00

Humanities 2.44

West Midlands Quaker Peace Education Project

We need to talk about... holding difficult discussions skillfully

We have all heard of echo chambers, where we mostly discuss similar views with like-minded peers. Fear of difficult or potentially controversial discussions reinforce this effect, or lead to debates being divisive and polarised when they do happen. How do we hold constructive and open discussions with partners or critics? Our ‘Responses to Conflict’ course gives tips for holding sensitive discussions and getting us out of our echo chambers.

16:00–17:00

Humanities 0.58

Northfield Ecocentre

Working in partnership with other organisations

The Ecocentre works on a variety projects in the Birmingham area to provide information and activities to encourage people to find ways to live more sustainably. Very often it joins other organisations to reach more people and offer more options. This workshop will consider the benefits and pitfalls of working in partnership using recent projects. Come to find out more about the work of Northfield Ecocentre.

17:15–17:45

Students Union Copper Rooms 2 chill out

Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre

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18:30

Oculus 0.03

Film

A Monster Calls

With his mother fighting a life threatening illness and his strict grandmother imposing new rules on his life, 12-year-old Conor is faced with a future beyond his control. Confused angry and alone, he immerses himself in a fantastical world of his own creation where he meets an ancient and giant creature known as 'The Monster' who helps Conor to confront his nightmares. Certificate 12.

18:30

Ramphal Lecture 0.21

Film

Moana

An epic adventure about a spirited teen who sets sail on a daring mission to save her people. Along the way Moana meets the once-mighty demigod Maui and together they cross the ocean on a fun filled action packed voyage. Certificate PG.

19:15–20:30

Arts Centre Butterworth Hall

Yearly Meeting Session 6

As led.

19:30–20:30

Rootes Building – Chancellors 3

Quaker Life/Nick Wilde

Death chat

This is an opportunity to have a conversation about death or end-of-life issues. Listen to others and share what you wish in an informal conversation with other Quakers.

19:30–20:30

Rootes Building – Chancellors 1

Rachel Howell

Singing for joy

Come and sing simple rounds and harmony songs, sacred and secular, from around the world. There's no need to read music or to be a 'good' singer – though there'll be plenty to enjoy for those who are confident, as well as those who would like to sing but are not sure they can. The emphasis is on enjoying ourselves and the community we create through sharing our voices together.

21:00

Oculus 1.05

Sing along *Mamma Mia*

Soon-to-be-wed Sophie invites three of her mother's old flames to her wedding, in the hope of finding out who her real father is. Arriving on a sun-drenched Mediterranean island, the now middle-aged hunks soon rekindle long dormant emotions, causing Donna to revisit her past glories, and, with the help of her two oldest friends, Rosie and Tanya, belt out all those Abba hits.

21:00–22:00

Oculus 0.03

Meeting of Friends in Wales/Gethin Evans

John Edward Southall, forgotten Quaker, adopted Welshman

(An English version of the first in a series of Quaker lectures given at the National Eisteddfod in 2016.)

In an age of fears about identity, the incomer and authentic 'belonging', this is a look at the life of an incomer to Wales who rigorously defended the Welsh language, encouraged its resilience in the face of a hostile establishment, and who saw great value in Welsh culture. He sought to share his plain Quakerism across Britain and Europe. He was a vigorous pamphleteer and publisher who used his skills to live out his faith in his adopted country and beyond.

21:00

Ramphal Lecture 0.21

Film

The Theory of Everything

The extraordinary and uplifting story of one of the world's greatest living minds, the renowned astrophysicist Stephen Hawking, and of two people defying the steepest of odds through love.

21:30

Arts Centre, Butterworth Hall

Epilogue

Reflective closing of the day.

22:00–22:45

Humanities 1.48

Experiment with Light

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22:00–22:45

Humanities 0.58

Alison Gray

Singing for joy

Singing together. Songs, rounds and part-songs from around the world. Enjoy singing in harmony without the need to follow sheet music. Experienced and novice singers welcome.

22:00–22:45

Rootes Building – Chancellors 1

The Kindlers

Gifts of the day

What gave me joy today? What caused me pain or discomfort? How do I receive and give thanks for both? A simple review of the day.

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Friday 4 August

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Using chants of different spiritual traditions, including overtone chanting - using the voice to greet the day, wake up the heart, and clear the mind. This is just a 'taster' for those that haven't done it before and a reminder for those that have!

8:00–8:45/9.00

Meet outside the Oculus building.

Virginia Pawlyn

Jogging

Join Virginia for a gentle jog before breakfast, for up to an hour, maximum 5 miles. Whether you are a fast runner or a gentle jogger, all will be welcomed.

09:30–12:30

Arts Centre Butterworth Hall

Yearly Meeting Session 7

Living out our faith in the world: working with other to make a difference. What does God require of us?

12:45–13:15

Students Union Copper Rooms 2 chill out

Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre

Young adults @ YMG

Touching base with one another.

14:30–17:00

Arts Centre Butterworth Hall

Yearly Meeting Session 8

Required business including receipt of Yearly Meeting Epistle, Junior Yearly Meeting Epistle and minutes of Children and Young People's Programmes. All age, in part.

18:30

Oculus 0.03

Film

Paddington

Adapted from Michael Bond's beloved books, *Paddington* follows the comic misadventures of a polite young Peruvian bear with a passion for all things British, who travels to London in search of a home. Finding himself lost and alone at Paddington Station, he begins to realise that city life is not all he had imagined – until he meets the kind Brown family, who read the label around his neck ('Please look after this bear. Thank you.') and offer him a temporary haven. But little do the Browns realise just how much comic mayhem one young bear will bring to their family life, and when this rarest of bears catches the eye of a sinister, seductive taxidermist, it isn't long before his home – and very existence – is under threat. Certificate PG.

18:30

Ramphal Lecture 0.21

Film

Inside Out

After young Riley is uprooted from her Midwest life and moved to San Francisco, her emotions - Joy, Fear, Anger, Disgust and Sadness - conflict on how best to navigate a new city, house, and school. Certificate U.

19:15

Various

Closing celebrations

We will celebrate our week together with singing, dancing, a musical performance and a play. For those who would like a quiet end to their week, there will be an epilogue.

21:30

Arts Centre Butterworth Hall

Epilogue

Reflective closing of the day.

22:00–22:45

Chaplaincy Building

Owls worship

Late meeting for worship.

Saturday 5 August

8.00–8:45

Chaplaincy Building

Larks worship

Early morning meeting for worship.

09:00–11:00

Arts Centre Butterworth Hall

Meeting for leaving

Drop into meeting for worship at any time for a few minutes before you leave.

Groups fair list

Groups fair will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday in the Arts Centre, Mead Gallery. from 19:30–21:00.

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Ammerdown Group: Rethinking Security	Wednesday	Quaker Action on Alcohol and Drugs	Tuesday
Association of Talking Friends	Tuesday	Quaker Asylum and Refugee Network	Tuesday
Charney Manor	Tuesday & Wednesday	Quaker Bolivia Link	Tuesday
Claridge House	Tuesday	Quaker Campers	Tuesday
Dabane Support Fund	Tuesday	Quaker Community Bamford	Tuesday
Difficult Conversations	Tuesday & Wednesday	Quaker Concern for Animals	Wednesday
Friends Fellowship of Healing	Tuesday & Wednesday	Quaker Concern for the Abolition of Torture	Tuesday & Wednesday
Friends Historical Society	Wednesday	Quaker Concern Over Population	Tuesday
Friends House Moscow	Tuesday & Wednesday	Quaker Congo Partnership UK	Tuesday
Friends Housing Bursary Trust	Tuesday	Quaker Council for European Affairs	Tuesday & Wednesday
Friends of Hlekweni	Wednesday	Quaker Decriminalisation Network	Tuesday
Friends Southern Summer Events	Wednesday	Quaker Disability Equality Group	Tuesday & Wednesday
Friends with Jewish Connections	Tuesday	Quaker Family History Society	Wednesday
Friends World Committee for Consultation	Tuesday & Wednesday	Quaker Gender and Sexual Diversity Community	Tuesday
Give Peace A Chance Trust/The Peace Museum	Tuesday & Wednesday	Quaker Peace Centre	Tuesday & Wednesday
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Living Witness	Wednesday	Quaker Universalist Group	Tuesday & Wednesday
London Quakers	Tuesday	Quaker Values in Education	Wednesday
London Quakers Property Trust	Tuesday	Quaker Voluntary Action	Tuesday
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