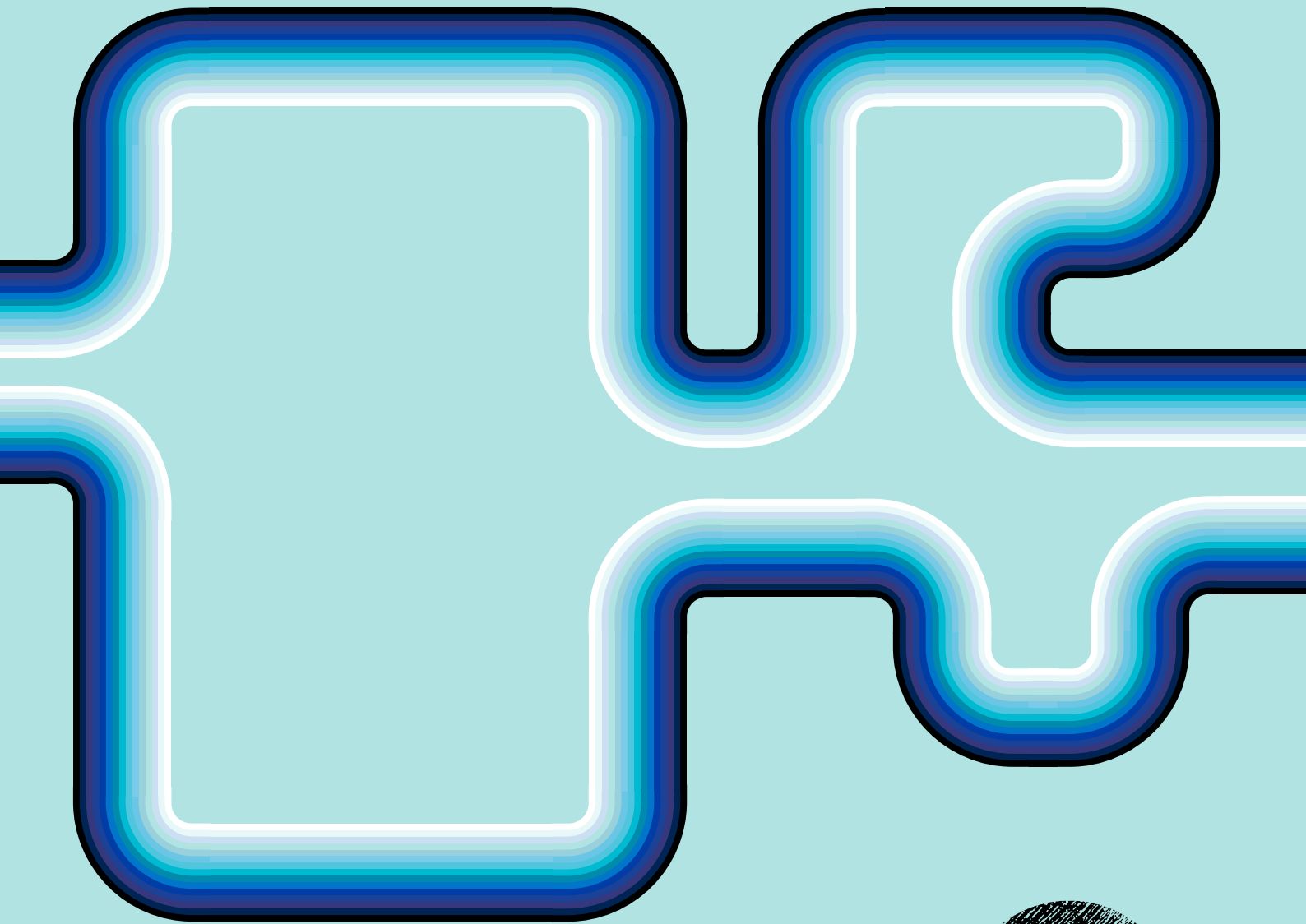


Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society  
of Friends (Quakers) in Britain

# Events listing



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1. The *Agenda & notes*, with introductory material for Yearly Meeting 2018 and annual reports of Meeting for Sufferings, Quaker Stewardship Committee and other related bodies
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 2017
5. *Tabular statement*.

All documents are available online at [www.quaker.org.uk/ym](http://www.quaker.org.uk/ym). If these do not meet your accessibility needs, or the needs of someone you know, please email [ym@quaker.org.uk](mailto:ym@quaker.org.uk).

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

All *Quaker faith & practice* references are to the online edition, which can be found at [www.quaker.org.uk/qfp](http://www.quaker.org.uk/qfp).

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## About this events listing

The activities listed in this guide are:

- plenary sessions of Yearly Meeting (labelled Yearly Meeting Session and listed in blue). See *Agenda* & notes for further information
- special interest meetings
- community-building activities.

Events are listed chronologically and the groups are indexed by name to help you find specific events. Most people running events will be happy for you to take a packed lunch or snack to their event.

Please check the bulletin boards for changes to the programme of events; these will be updated daily.

# Throughout the weekend

## Britain Yearly Meeting & Woodbrooke stands

### The Courtyard

Alongside time-specific events the Britain Yearly Meeting (BYM) stand and the Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre stands will be in the courtyard all weekend. Members of staff from BYM and Woodbrooke will be available at various times of the day. See stands for details.

### Community hub

Waldo Williams Room 2 (note change of room from *Agenda & notes*)

Yearly Meeting is a time when you can meet old F/friends and new. At the times below there will be space in the courtyard, bookshop, café and restaurant to meet and have a coffee. The community hub will be the place to go to enjoy meeting new friends around conversation tables, over art and craft activities, and by playing board games. There will even be a jigsaw! This is the place to go if you are on your own at Yearly Meeting and would like to get to know new people. The hub will be open throughout Yearly Meeting and will usually have a host present.

Friday 15:00–21:00  
Saturday 09:30–17:15  
Sunday 09:30–17:15  
Monday 09:30–16:00

### The Library

The Library will be open throughout the weekend. Drop in to talk to staff, to find out more about the collections, for specific advice about managing your meeting's records, or any other ways the Library might be able to help you or your meeting.

On Saturday and Sunday there will be themed displays of items from the Library's collections. On Saturday the display will focus on the history and development of the book of discipline. On Sunday it will look at the role of the Friends Ambulance Unit in World War II.

# Friday 4 May

## Before Yearly Meeting

12:30–14:00

Large Meeting House

### Quaker Socialist Society

Salter Lecture: Bearing witness or bearing whiteness? Britain, Africa and Quakers

Diana Jeater will examine the complex historical relationship between Britain, Quakers and Africans. Diana was previously the professor of African History at the University of the West of England (Bristol) and Goldsmith's College, University of London. She now lectures at the University of Liverpool. Diana is a Quaker.

## Building the Yearly Meeting community

15:00–15:45

Waldo Williams Suite

Tea and cake with staff

Staff and committee members would like to welcome Friends to Yearly Meeting with tea and cake. They will be available for informal conversations about their work.

15:00–15:45

Sarah Fell Room

It's still not too late to read *Quaker faith & practice*

How well do you know *Quaker faith & practice*? Whether you've never opened it or would like a refresher, this interactive session will provide a whistlestop tour of our red book to help you understand what's there, what's not there, and what we are talking about as we consider whether or not this is the right time to revise it.

15:00–17:00

Large Meeting House

Britain Yearly Meeting work fair

Come and find out more about the work done by Britain Yearly Meeting (BYM). There will be displays and literature available and a chance to speak to staff and committee members. No centrally managed work tables will be at the Sunday evening Groups Fair. We realise that not everyone will be able to attend on Friday afternoon and therefore aspects of the work will also be displayed on the permanent BYM stand throughout the weekend.

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16:00–16:45

Sarah Fell Room

### How does Yearly Meeting work?

Is this your first time at Yearly Meeting? Have you been before but are still confused by what happens? In this session, Woodbrooke staff will guide you through the way a large Quaker business meeting works. They will also offer practical tips on getting the best from the weekend and provide a chance to ask any questions that are on your mind. There is no such thing as a silly question!

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17:00–17:45

Sarah Fell Room

### It's still not too late to read *Quaker faith & practice*

See 15:00–15:45, Sarah Fell Room

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18:00–18:45

Sarah Fell Room

### How does Yearly Meeting work?

See 16:00–16:45, Sarah Fell Room.

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19:00–21:00

Large Meeting House

## **Yearly Meeting session 1**

Required business including the annual reports of Quaker Stewardship Committee and Meeting for Sufferings.

# Saturday 5 May

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08:45–09:15

Sarah Fell Room

### Early morning worship (unprogrammed)

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08:45–09:15

Quaker Centre worship space

### Early morning worship (programmed/semi-programmed)

Further information will be available on the website and bulletin boards.

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09:30–12:00

Large Meeting House

## **Yearly Meeting session 2**

Is it time to revise *Quaker faith & practice*, our book of discipline? Part 1: introduction.

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12:30–13:30

Quaker Centre worship space

### Programmed/semi-programmed worship

Further information will be available on the website and bulletin boards.

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12:30–13:30

Third floor sofas

## **Quaker Life**

### Quaker parenting lunch

Come to share lunch on Saturday and Sunday with other Quaker parents. This is an informal get-together to share and learn about the joys and challenges of being a Quaker parent. Come as a family or individually. Non-parents welcome.



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12:30–13:30

William Penn Room 2

### **Quaker Life, Ministry & Outreach team**

Nourishing our meetings – meeting and eating together

What nourishes the life of our meetings? How can we build loving, hopeful, welcoming Quaker communities? And how can we best respond to the challenges that face us? Come and join the Quaker Life Ministry & Outreach team for food, conversation and fellowship, and a chance to share stories. It will also be an opportunity to meet Ministry & Outreach staff and talk to us about our work in outreach and supporting and nurturing the life of meetings.

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12:30–13:30

Ada Salter Room 3

### **Quaker Peace & Social Witness Peace Education Programme**

Are you led to peace education?

Peace education can be transformative. Some Quakers use it to challenge militarisation in schools. Some use it to help young people challenge injustice or resolve conflict.

This practical workshop will explore the different kinds of peace education and how Friends are engaging schools and young people. We will share news of our joint project with the BBC, which will engage young people nationwide in ‘Remembrance for peace’ around the centenary of the end of World War I.

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12:30–13:30

Drayton House Room B20 Jevons

### **Britain Yearly Meeting Sustainability Group**

Have we got it sussed on sustainability?

An opportunity to talk about some of the challenges, successes and future directions in implementing the commitment to become a low-carbon, sustainable community, made by Britain Yearly Meeting in 2011.

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12:30–13:30

Ada Salter Room 2

### **Central Nominations Committee**

Tea, cake and QSIFs

Get involved! Make new Friends! Be the change you want to see in the Society!

Come and eat cake while you speak to members of Central Nominations Committee about central service. Have you always intended to fill in a Quaker Service Information Form (QSIF) and make yourself available for central service? Now is the time!

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12:30–13:30

Sarah Fell Room

### **Experiment with Light Network**

Experiment with Light – its past, present, and future

We will launch our new ten-minute web video with Rex Ambler, hear feedback from the Glenthorne conference in March, and Klaus Huber’s new book *Mind the Light - the story of a Quaker discipline* will be on sale. The event will also include a short annual business meeting that is open to all.

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12:30–13:30

Drayton House Room B06

### **Friends Fellowship of Healing**

Spiritual healing talk and demonstration

The clerk of the Friends Fellowship of Healing will give a 20-minute talk about healing, explaining perhaps as never before that what the world and all its people need is healing. He will explain that anyone can be a healer. The talk will explain the process of healing, the simplicity of approach and the use of the healer as a conduit of the divine loving energy. This will be followed by a demonstration inviting full audience participation.

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12:30–13:30

William Penn Room 1

### **Quaker Committee for Christian & Interfaith Relations**

An introduction to Hinduism for Quakers

Bharti Tailor will give a brief introduction to the main principles of Hinduism. She has long experience of working in interfaith, including in Europe and on women’s issues. She is a member of the European Council of Religious Leaders, vice-president and trustee of Religions for Peace UK, and Hindu chaplain at Bronzefield Women’s Prison.

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12:30–13:30

George Fox Room

### **Quaker Disability Equality Group (QDEG)**

#### Quaker Disability Equality Group AGM and open celebration

All Friends are welcome to join us to celebrate the achievements of QDEG over the past ten years and to think about our next steps. What is our role among Quakers today and in the future?

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12:30–13:30

Drayton House Room B16 Edgeworth

### **Quaker Stewardship Committee**

#### Meeting houses: treasure or millstone?

Please come with experiences, ideas and questions about property to share with members of Quaker Stewardship Committee and Huw Davies, Britain Yearly Meeting (BYM) Property Support Project Manager.

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12:30–13:30

Margaret Fell Room

### **Quaker Universalist Group**

#### Quaker understandings of truth

Building on our annual conference in April, Alan York will speak on truth in religion, in a Quaker context and in the media. We will look forward to our 2019 conference on forgiveness. We will also have our books and pamphlets for sale, especially our latest by Rex Ambler entitled 'Mind the Oneness: the Mystic Way of the Quakers'.

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12:30–13:30

Ada Salter Room 1

### **Quaker World Relations Committee**

#### Faith and play storytelling

Melinda Wenner Bradley (Youth Engagement Officer, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting) will offer a 'Faith & Play' story. 'Faith & Play' is a storytelling resource that helps children – and adults – find words and images to express experiences of holy mystery and wonder in our lives. 'Faith & Play' includes stories of Quaker faith, practice and witness, similar to Godly Play. Learn about a wonderful way to nurture your meeting's children and be spiritually refreshed yourself.

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12:30–13:30

Drayton House Room B03 Ricardo

### **Quakers and Business**

#### Quakers and business: what went wrong?

Quakers have a tradition of commerce and business. Not only chocolate, but banking and finance, life assurance, biscuits, shoes, pharmacy, railways, canals, agricultural equipment, industrial manufacturing, etc. From the mid-1850s, however, many Quaker businesses were confined to history. What went wrong? What lessons can we draw from the Quakers in designing businesses today? How can we practise a responsible and ethical approach in business today?

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14:00–15:00

Various rooms

### **Yearly Meeting session 3**

Is it time to revise *Quaker faith & practice*, our book of discipline?

We will start the session with a number of parallel sessions:

#### A conversation in The Light

Large Meeting House – capacity 1,000

Come to hear a respectful, open-hearted conversation about religious difference between Jan Arriens, Craig Barnet and Marisa Johnson, facilitated by Helen Rowlands. There will also be time for contributions from Friends present.

#### Religious difference workshop

Ada Salter Suite – capacity 40

Explore religious difference through activities and conversation. Facilitators: Alex Wildwood & Rachel Muers.

Alternatively, organise your own small group conversation in the café/courtyard using the DIY religious difference conversation handout available from the Community Hub (Waldo Williams 2).

#### Church government

Sarah Fell Room – capacity 140

An opportunity to discuss with members of the Book of Discipline Revision Preparation Group their recommendations for how church governance material could be handled in a revision. Clerks: Jenny McCarthy & Michelle Dumont. Book of Discipline Revision Preparation Group representatives: Jeremy Greenwood, Nick Perks and Caroline Nursey.

## Missing identities?

William Penn Suite – capacity 48

Diversity, inclusion and privilege are live topics for Quakers in Britain today. How does this relate to the possibility of revising our book of discipline? There are many dimensions to diversity: race, class, age, (dis)ability, gender and sexuality to name a few. Do you see yourself in *Quaker faith & practice*? Facilitators: Meredith Freeman and Davie MacDonald.

## Dance

The Restaurant – capacity 20

Use dance to explore your response to the possibility of revising our book of discipline. Facilitator: Ann Bettys.

## Art

Waldo Williams 1 – capacity 24

Diversity and Discernment. Should we decide to revise *Quaker faith & practice* we will be embarking on a challenging undertaking. Using our valued discernment processes, how would we work together to select and organise from a wide ranging and diverse collection...and then agree on what format we could use to put together and arrange one presentation, for everyone, which is at the same time balanced, relevant and dynamic? Come explore these processes using simple collage. Facilitator: Judith Bromley Nicholls.

## Library

Visit a display about the history and development of the book of discipline. Facilitated by library staff.

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15:00–17:00

Large Meeting House

## Yearly Meeting session 3 continued

Is it time to revise *Quaker faith & practice*, our book of discipline? What canst thou say: listening and learning from each other.

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17:30–18:30

Quaker Centre worship space

Programmed/semi-programmed worship

Further info will be available on the website and bulletin boards.

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17:30–18:30

Margaret Fell Room

## Britain Yearly Meeting (BYM) Data Safety Group

Data protection: what's new for meetings

New data protection legislation is coming into force in May 2018 and will affect how all of us handle personal data. This special interest group will focus on the issues for Friends and will be led by BYM Data Safety Group.

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17:30–18:30

Ada Salter Room 1

## Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC)

The rich texture and diversity of Quakerism around the world

Come meet and welcome Quakers from around the world\* who serve on FWCC's Central Executive Committee. Let's talk about ways of worship, peace and sustainability work, and what matters to Quakers where they live and worship. Come feel the rich texture of our diversity and celebrate the fullness of the Quaker family. (\*Bolivia, Kenya, Australia, India, USA, Sweden – and the UK including Northern Ireland)

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17:30–18:30

Ada Salter Room 3

## Quaker Arts Network

Quaker Arts Network: the way ahead

A discussion of the scope of Quaker arts and our responses to them in the light of the questionnaire of members conducted in 2017 and the need for a new modus operandi. The meeting will be conducted by members of the network holding group and there will be beautiful things to see.

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17:30–18:30

Drayton House Room B20 Jevons

## Quaker Asylum and Refugee Network (QARN)

Sanctuary Meetings going forwards

In 2017, Quaker Peace & Social Witness (QPSW) and QARN launched Sanctuary Meetings at Yearly Meeting Gathering. With several dozen meetings now having become Sanctuary Meetings, this is our chance to meet, talk together, compare notes and exchange ideas. And those who are not yet quite decided can come and learn what it's like being part of this initiative.

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17:30–18:30

Drayton House Room B16 Edgeworth

## Quaker Concern for Animals

Vegan living as Quaker witness: an introduction

Do the consumption choices we make exemplify our spiritual values and social commitments? Can they lead us toward simpler lives and demonstrate our care for our common planet? More and more people around the world are considering a mostly plant-based diet. Come hear from Friends who are exploring this path and join the discussion.



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17:30–18:30

Ada Salter Room 2

### **Quaker Fellowship for Afterlife Studies (QFAS)**

After death, then what?

As Quakers we are called to bear witness to the sustaining power of the Spirit in our lives. Spiritual experiences, when integrated into our daily awareness, give us glimpses of eternity and help us to live better in the here and now. In this meeting we will share experiences and look at Quaker and other sources to help sustain us on our journey, with info about QFAS events and activities.

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17:30–18:30

Drayton House Room B03 Ricardo

### **Quaker Peace & Social Witness (QPSW)**

Quaker Peace & Social Witness work

Quaker Peace & Social Witness works on behalf of Quakers to build sustained action for peace and social justice. Each of our programmes is guided by Quaker concerns and rooted in experience. Come see how QPSW is working to create a world in which Quaker values can flourish and how you can get involved.

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17:30–18:30

Drayton House Room B06

### **Quaker Peace & Social Witness (QPSW) Overseas Peacebuilding Subcommittee**

What can we learn from African peace activists about nonviolent campaigning?

QPSW's Turning the Tide project in East Africa aims to spread the idea of achieving social change through active non-violence by giving African citizens tools to address conflicts peacefully. Over the years, our African colleagues have gathered a tremendous amount of experience in nonviolent campaigning in extremely challenging contexts. Tobias Wellner, QPSW East Africa Peacebuilding Programme Manager, will discuss with you what we can learn from them.

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17:30–18:30

William Penn Room 2

### **Quaker Peace & Social Witness Peace and Disarmament Programme**

Taking action for peace

Taking action against arms, militarism and nuclear weapons is the focus of the QPSW Peace and Disarmament programme. Come find out how Quakers are putting their faith into action on these issues! We'll give you an overview of the programme and explore how to move forward on the Nuclear Ban Treaty, how to take action against militarism and how to get involved with our 'Remembrance for peace' events. We'd love to hear ideas for action!

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17:30–18:30

William Penn Room 1

### **Quaker United Nations Office (QUNO) Geneva**

Quaker quiet diplomacy – still making a difference

Multilateralism is under threat. Despite the significant challenges, QUNO staff will tell of the hope we see during our recent actions on your behalf. We'll describe the negotiations on climate change, on the human rights of migrants, on nuclear disarmament and on farmers' rights to benefit from their seeds, among others. There will be time for your questions on these and other issues at the United Nations.

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19:00–20:30

Large Meeting House

### **Swarthmore Lecture Committee and Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre**

Swarthmore Lecture: Chris Alton.  
Changing ourselves, changing the world

Through his lecture Chris will share how he seeks to challenge people and create change through his art and how art can be an act of witness. Chris will address the challenges we face in a changing and increasingly violent and fractured world, while considering how he as an artist and we as Friends might respond creatively, and offer subversive alternatives. A book to accompany the lecture will be produced and available in July. You will be able to pre-order the book during Yearly Meeting.

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21:00–21:30

Large Meeting House

Opportunity for worship and reflection on the events of the day and on the Swarthmore Lecture

# Sunday 6 May

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08:45–09:15

Sarah Fell Room

Early morning worship (unprogrammed)

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08:45–09:15

Quaker Centre worship space

Early morning worship (programmed/  
semi-programmed)

Further information will be available on the website and  
bulletin boards.

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09:30–12:00

Large Meeting House

## Yearly Meeting session 4

Including meeting for worship with those in the children's  
programme (30 minutes).

Is it time to revise *Quaker faith & practice*, our book of  
discipline?

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12:00–14:00

Ada Salter Room 2

## Quaker Housing Trust

Quaker Housing Trust drop-in clinic

Quaker Housing Trust: Yearly Meeting's own housing  
charity, funding charitable social housing projects on  
behalf of Friends since 1967. Come and find out who  
we are, what we do, and how we could help the local  
housing projects you support, run or want to develop.  
Specific requests for help with housing projects and general  
enquiries about the work of Quaker Housing Trust are all  
welcome.

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12:30–13:30

Quaker Centre worship space

Programmed/semi-programmed worship

Further information will be available on the website and  
bulletin boards.

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12:30–13:30

William Penn 2

## BYM Advocacy & Public Relations and Quaker Peace & Social Witness (QPSW)

Using simple online tools to share  
Quakerism

This interactive session will suit anyone who would like  
to learn about simple online tools that can be used to  
welcome new attenders, share news and events, and discuss  
Quaker faith and ideas. Social media, emails and websites  
are widely available, so how might they be put to best use  
for the benefit of Quaker work, worship and values?

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12:30–13:30

Drayton House B16 Edgeworth

## Britain Yearly Meeting Trustees

Meet the trustees and the Britain Yearly  
Meeting treasurer

Britain Yearly Meeting Trustees are responsible for the  
centrally managed work, finances and property of Britain  
Yearly Meeting. This session is an opportunity to learn  
more about their work, and to ask any questions about the  
*Trustees' annual report* including financial statements.

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12:30–13:30

Large Meeting House

## Eldership and oversight

Inclusivity: taking down the barriers

An interactive session to help engage and support those  
with eldership and oversight responsibility in Quaker  
communities start to think about how to take down the  
barriers for people of different ages, genders, ethnicity and  
class, etc.

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12:30–13:30

Drayton House Room B03 Ricardo

## Friends Historical Society (FHS): Gethin Evans

FHS 2018 Presidential Address

Gethin Evans will give his Presidential Address entitled  
'Cymru: concern, conscience and caution – Quaker cameos  
in Welsh history'. He aims to reflect and comment on  
Quaker involvement in the South Wales valleys (Rhondda  
and Brynmawr) during the depression; Quaker involvement  
in a schism which happened in the Presbyterian Church  
of Wales; and finally the drowning of Capel Celyn and the  
creation of Tryweryn Reservoir in the 1960s.

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12:30–13:30

Ada Salter Room 1

### **Living Witness**

Working with world faiths on sustainable living

In the Paris Climate Agreement, governments committed to limit global warming to well below two degrees; this is only achievable with deep changes in the way we live. Quakers are part of a new international initiative to engage faith leaders and communities in sustainable living, launched at the 2017 United Nations climate summit. Come and explore with us how you and your local meeting can be part of it.

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12:30–13:30

George Fox Room

### **Quaker Council for European Affairs (QCEA)**

Swimming against the tide and finding hope

QCEA brings a Quaker vision of peace, justice and equality to Europe and its institutions. This session will present current affairs from the mainland in an accessible way, and reflect on the opportunities for hope and transformation. QCEA staff will explain what they are doing to build #SanctuaryEverywhere and #RethinkSecurity from Quaker House Brussels. European politics doesn't have to be complicated and we're here to untangle it.

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12:30–13:30

William Penn Room 1

### **Quaker Gender and Sexual Diversity Community**

Quaker Gender and Sexual Diversity Community Annual General Meeting

Join us at our AGM to hear updates about our work, and to explore and shape our priorities in supporting gender- and sexually-diverse (LGBTQI+) Friends, and developing outreach. Come along with a readiness to get involved in some way.

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12:30–13:30

Third floor sofas

### **Quaker Life**

Quaker parenting lunch

Come to share lunch on Saturday and Sunday with other Quaker parents. This is an informal get-together to share and learn about the joys and challenges of being a Quaker parent. Come as a family or individually. Non-parents welcome.

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12:30–13:30

Drayton House Room B20 Jevons

### **Quaker Mental Health Group**

Mental Health: our shared Quaker journey

Representatives from Quaker Life, The Retreat, the Quaker Mental Health Group, Mental Health Forum and The Retreat's mental health development officer will share recent developments in relation to Quakers and mental health. There will be an opportunity for people to reflect together and help shape our future direction for this important area of Quaker experience and witness.

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12:30–13:30

Ada Salter Room 3

### **Quaker Peace & Social Witness (QPSW) Conciliation Group**

Experience of Quaker international conciliation work

The role of faith in building peace and preventing further armed conflict. Hear about Quaker work alongside indigenous peacemakers working to promote nonviolence in an area of South Asia.

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12:30–13:30

Drayton House Room B06

### **Quaker World Relations Committee**

Travelling in the ministry: experience from Section of the Americas

The Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) Traveling Ministry Corps uses traditional Quaker practices to build 21st-century skills in cross-cultural dialogue and local leadership development. Robin Mohr, Executive Secretary, Section of the Americas will share the experience of the programme in North and South America, and there will be time to discuss the implications for inter-visitation for Britain Yearly Meeting (BYM). See <http://fwccamericas.org/visitation/traveling-ministry>.

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12:30–13:30

Margaret Fell Room

### **Quaker Values in Education (QVinE)**

QVinE's new perspectives – the writers speak

*Experience and Faith in Education: Contemporary Essays from Quaker Perspectives.* This new book contains substantial essays by Quakers who have worked within the state school system. The authors give extraordinary insights from their experience, relating their thinking to testimonies, so education and our values might be aligned within a system treating children as economic units.

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12:30–13:30

Sarah Fell Room

### **Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre with Chris Alton**

Meet the Swarthmore lecturer

This year's Swarthmore Lecture will be given by Chris Alton and will focus on creating change and how art can be an act of witness. This session will be a chance to meet Chris and to explore how we might respond creatively and offer subversive alternatives to the challenges we face in a changing and increasingly violent and fractured world. A book to accompany the lecture will be produced and available in July. You will be able to pre-order the book during Yearly Meeting.

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14:00–17:00

Large Meeting House

### **Yearly Meeting session 5**

Is it time to revise *Quaker faith & practice*, our book of discipline?

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17:30–18:30

Quaker Centre Worship Space

Programmed/semi-programmed worship

Further information will be available on the website and bulletin boards.

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17:30–18:30

Ada Salter Room 1

### **Area meeting safeguarding coordinators**

Safeguarding matters

A gathering for those with safeguarding responsibilities – area meeting safeguarding coordinators, lead trustees with responsibility for safeguarding, trustee clerks, local meeting safeguarding representatives and verifiers. An opportunity to meet the yearly meeting staff who provide safeguarding advice and guidance and to talk about all things DBS, PVG, DDC, CCPAS – or at least find out what these initials mean!

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17:30–18:30

Margaret Fell Room

### **Britain Yearly Meeting (BYM) Advocacy & Public Relations**

Quaker logo drop-in session

Do you have questions about how to use the Quaker logos? If so we'd love to see you at this drop-in. Please feel free to bring artwork with you.

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17:30–18:30

Ada Salter Room 2

### **Membership clerks**

Maintaining membership records online

A drop-in where you can find out about how our online records management system, QList, can help your meeting manage its contacts and membership lists. Whether you are using QList or not, pop in with any questions you have.

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17:30–18:30

Sarah Fell Room

### **Friends House Moscow**

Russia: Shrinking space for civil society and dissent

Sergei Nikitin, who worked as Amnesty International Director in Moscow for 14 years and retired recently, will speak about shrinking space for human rights – in Russia, former Soviet Union countries and elsewhere. We hope that Natasha Zhuravenkova, from Moscow, will also be present to talk about the current work of Friends House Moscow.

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17:30–18:30

George Fox Room

### **Meeting for Sufferings**

Meeting for Sufferings: at the heart of our work

Meeting for Sufferings is our national representative body, with representatives from all area meetings and standing committees. It's a hub for sharing information; helps to discern priorities; makes decisions; and issues statements in the name of Britain Yearly Meeting.

New members will be appointed by this Yearly Meeting. Come along and find out more about what they will be doing. Meet the clerks and share your views about this longstanding committee.

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17:30–18:30

William Penn Room 1

### **Quaker Committee for Christian & Interfaith Relations**

Steve Chalke: Building peace ecumenically with INSPIRE

From a single hostel for homeless people in 1985, Baptist minister Steve Chalke has built Oasis into a global Christian movement working in 51 community hubs in 11 countries. Oasis and Quakers in Britain are partners in INSPIRE, a series of commemorative events on Friday 9 November 2018 aimed at encouraging young people to become ambassadors for peace, working locally and nationally for inclusion and reconciliation.

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17:30–18:30

Drayton House Room B20 Jevons

### **Quaker Peace & Social Witness (QPSW) Economics, Sustainability and Peace Programmes**

Climate justice and the new economy

It's time to demand the UK government confronts the injustice of climate change and builds a new, sustainable economy. Come and hear about how QPSW, and Friends across the country, are taking action for climate justice, and explore what a truly sustainable economy might look like. We'll also be sharing ideas for action for you and your meeting.

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17:30–18:30

William Penn Room 2

### **Quaker Peace & Social Witness Peace Education, Campaigning and Networking Subcommittee**

Meet the peaceworkers

Wayne Sharrocks is a former soldier now working for peace. Abigail Darton is a young Friend working with Leap Confronting Conflict on peaceful prisons.

Hear the experiences of two of this year's peaceworkers and learn more about the Quaker Peace & Social Witness scheme.

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17:30–18:30

Library

### **Quaker Service Memorial Trust**

Pacifism under test. Experiences of the Friends Ambulance Unit (FAU) and Friends Relief Service (FRS) in World War II

The Quaker Service Memorial Trust has produced a DVD of interviews with former members of the FAU and FRS about their experiences in World War II. The interviews recall the challenges to the beliefs of pacifists and conscientious objectors and to the Quaker peace testimony when confronted with the evils of Hitler and Nazi Germany. Every meeting house will receive a copy of this DVD, which may be useful in exploring pacifism today.

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17:30–18:30

Drayton House Room B06

### **Quaker Social Action**

Food poverty and financial wellbeing with Quaker Social Action (QSA)

For 150 years, Quaker Social Action has sought practical solutions to the needs of people on low incomes. Needs change, and QSA's response changes too. We live adventurously! Join us to hear about our two latest initiatives, 'Get Set' and 'Bags of Taste'. Hear about the issues of financial wellbeing and food poverty that sit behind these projects, how we're tackling them, and explore how the learning could be useful within your own communities.



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17:30–18:30

Drayton House Room B03 Ricardo

### Quakers in Criminal Justice

Mental health and criminal justice

This workshop is intended as a follow-on from our annual conference in February on ‘Mental Health and the Criminal Justice System’ and to look at the implications of the relationship between the two areas.

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17:30–18:30

Ada Salter Room 3

### Turning the Tide

Where do we find hope, and how can we make use of it?

*This is an extraordinary time full of vital, transformative movements that could not be foreseen. It's also a nightmarish time. Full engagement requires the ability to perceive both.*  
Rebecca Solnit

In this workshop we'll explore our sources and roots of hope. And we'll consider how to put our hope to work, including the role that collective action plays in simultaneously fostering hope and nurturing resilience, unity and positive change.

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18:00–20:30

Large Meeting House, Ada Salter Suite, East and North Corridors

Groups Fair

For details of groups present and a floor plan, see page 18.

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20:00–21:00

Sarah Fell Room

Opportunity for worship

*Keep your meetings in the power of God... And when Friends have finished their business, sit down and wait a while quietly and wait upon the Lord to feel him.*

George Fox, 1658 (*Quaker faith & practice* 3.31)

We may not have quite finished our Yearly Meeting business but as we pause at the end of the day this opportunity for worship gives us a time to wait quietly. Come and join a period of worship, drop in and stay for as long as you can.

## Monday 7 May 2018

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08:45–09:15

Sarah Fell Room

Early morning worship (unprogrammed)

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08:45–09:15

Quaker Centre Worship Space

Early morning worship (programmed/semi-programmed)

Further information will be available on the website and bulletin boards.

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08:45

Waldo Williams Room 1

Yearly Meeting draft epistle

A reading of the draft epistle before the start of the Yearly Meeting session.

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09:30–12:00

Large Meeting House

### Yearly Meeting session 6

Including Britain Yearly Meeting *Trustees' annual report* including financial statements 2017.

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12:30–13:30

Quaker Centre worship space

Programmed/semi-programmed worship

Further information will be available on the website and bulletin boards.

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14:00–16:00

Large Meeting House

### Yearly Meeting session 7

Including receipt of the draft epistle, minutes from the Children and Young People's programmes and Junior Yearly Meeting epistle.

# Friends House floor plans

## 2 Second floor

- Elizabeth Fry (1 and 2)
- Margaret Fell
- George Fox
- William Penn (1 and 2)

## 1 First floor

- Marjorie Sykes
- Hilda Clark (1, 2 and 3)
- Abraham Darby
- Kathleen Lonsdale
- George Bradshaw
- Sarah Fell

## THE LIGHT The Light (Upper Level)

## G Ground floor

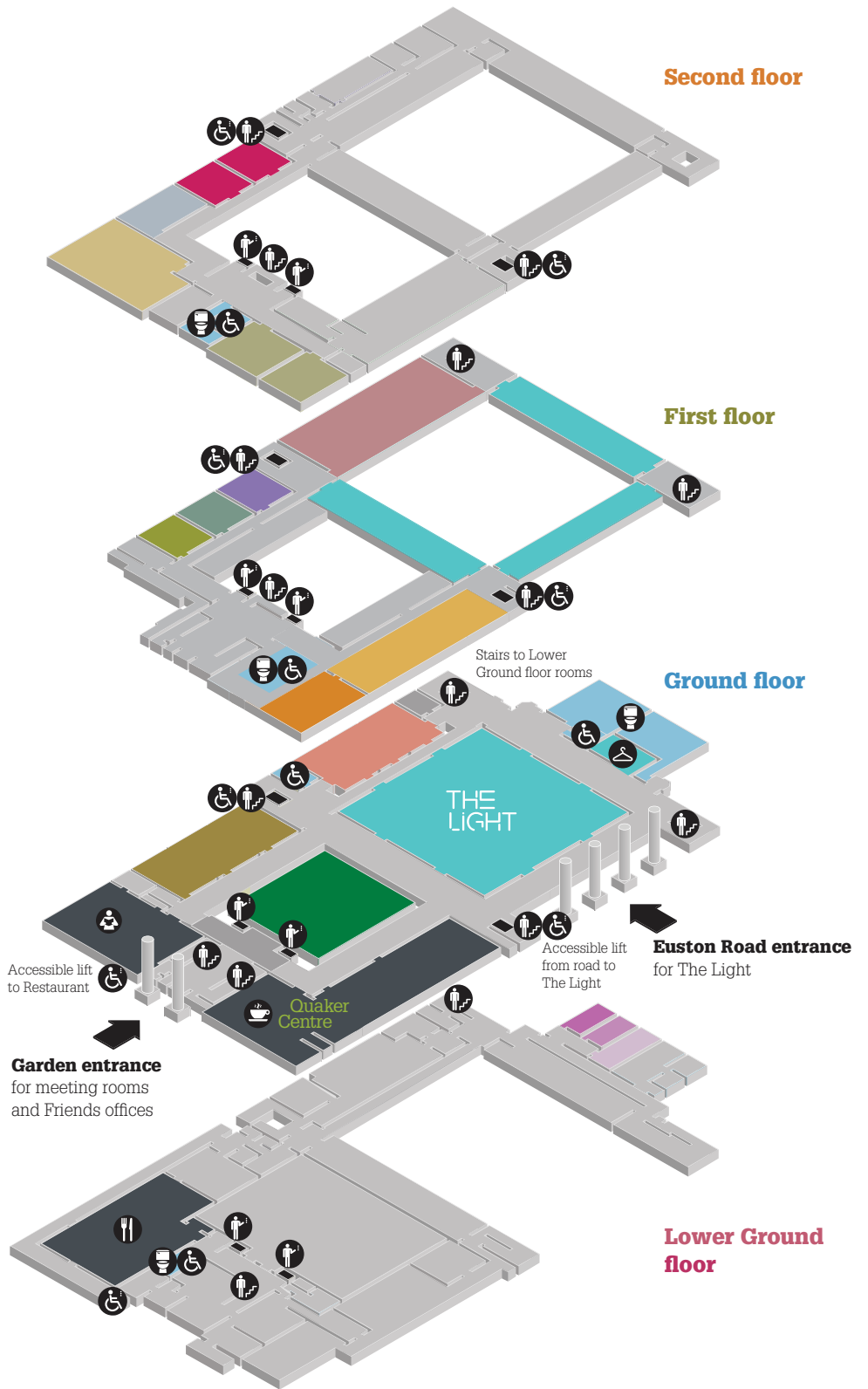
- Waldo Williams (1 and 2)
- Ada Salter (1, 2 and 3)
- THE LIGHT The Light
- Courtyard
- Quaker Centre Café and Bookshop

## LG Lower Ground floor

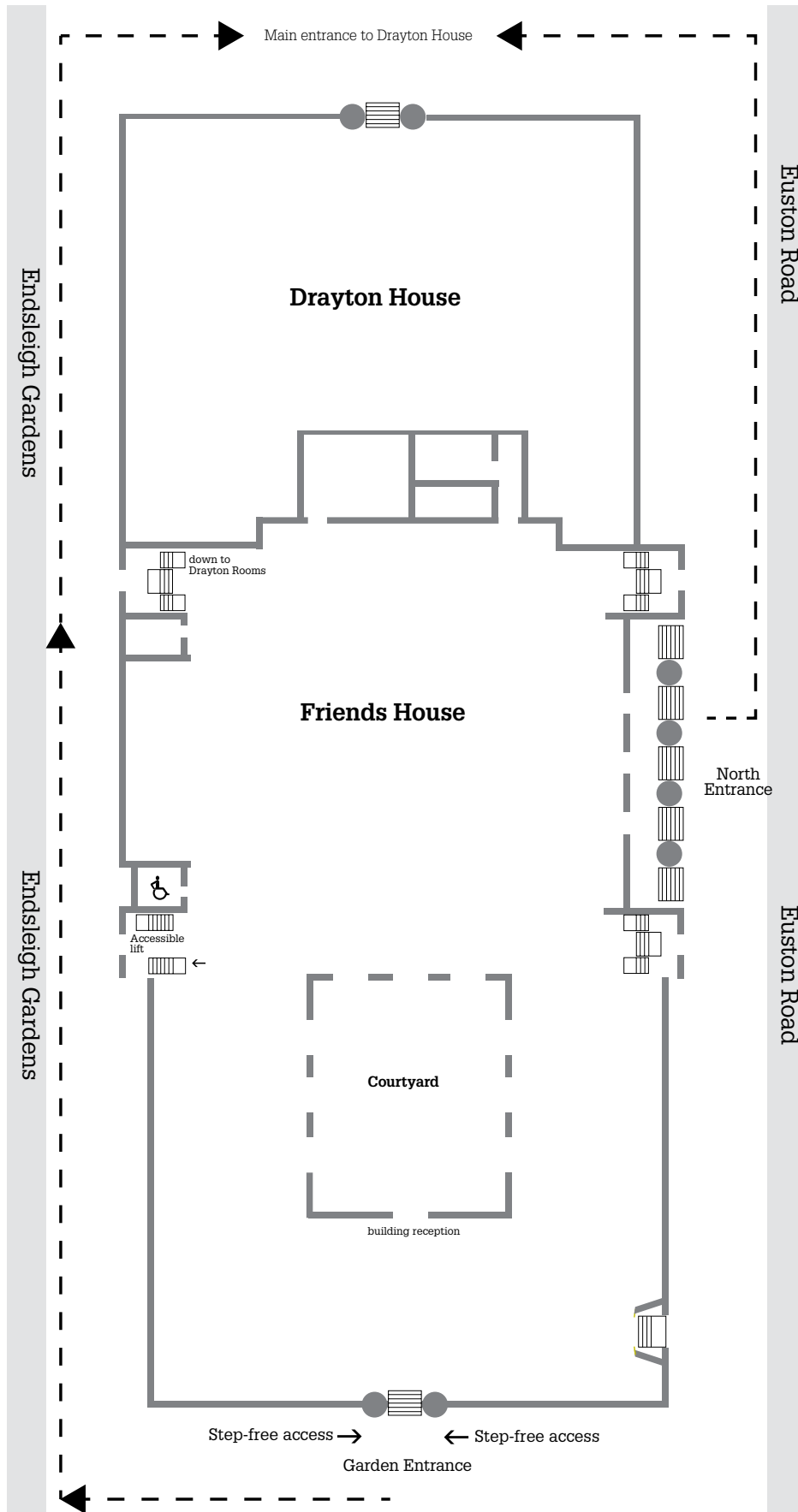
- Bayard Rustin
- Lucretia Mott
- John Woolman

## Key

- Toilets
- Accessible toilets
- Stairs
- Lifts
- Accessible lift
- Restaurant
- Café
- Cloakroom (The Light)
- Library



# Map of routes from Friends House to Drayton House



# Group index by name

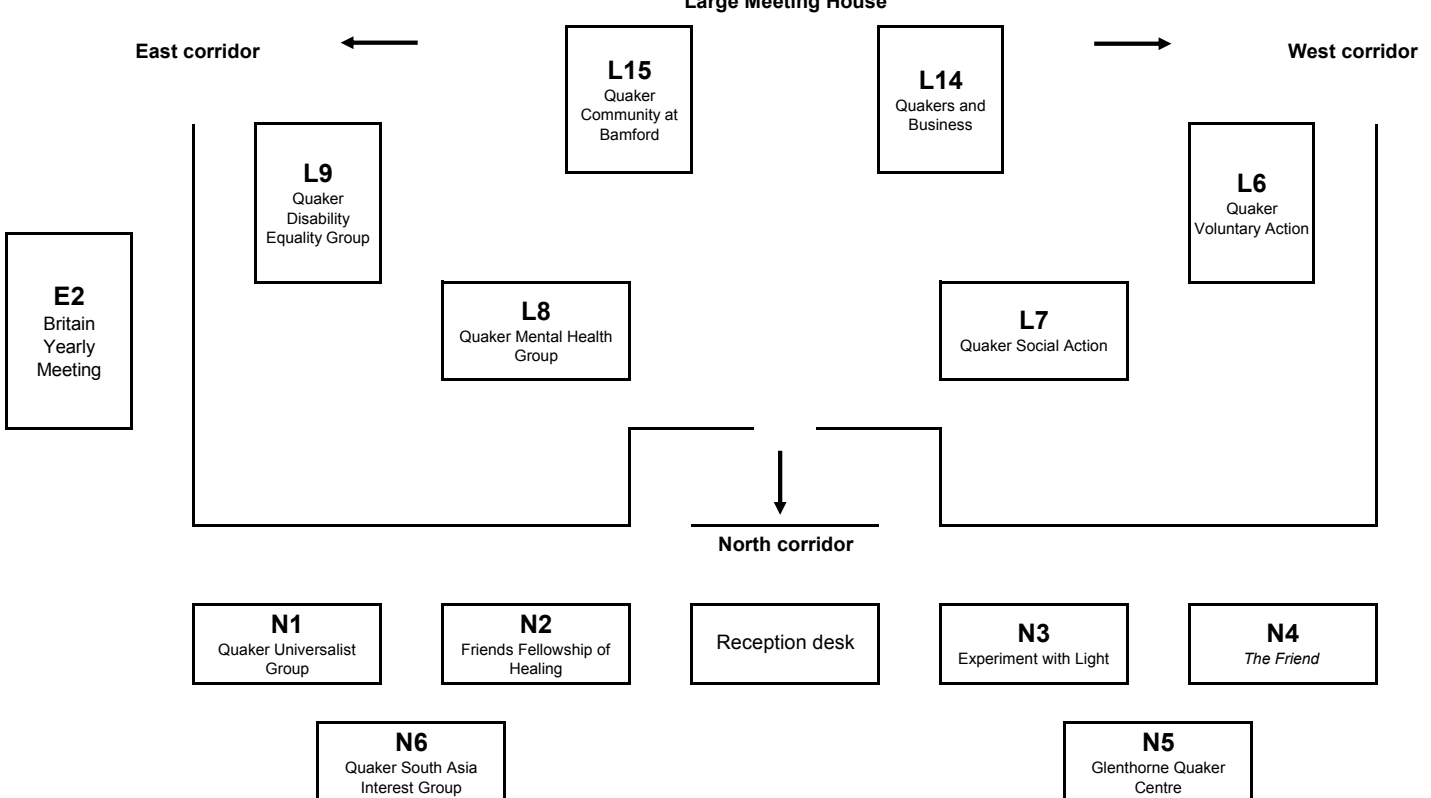
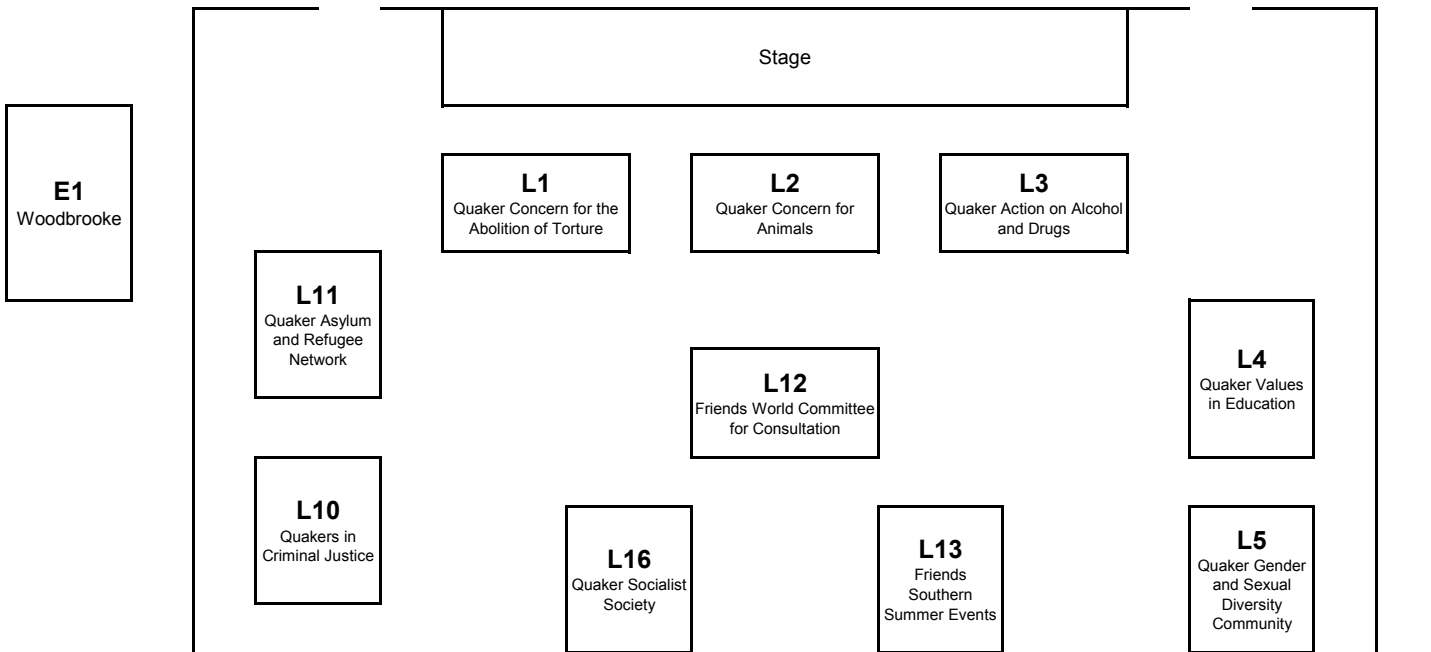
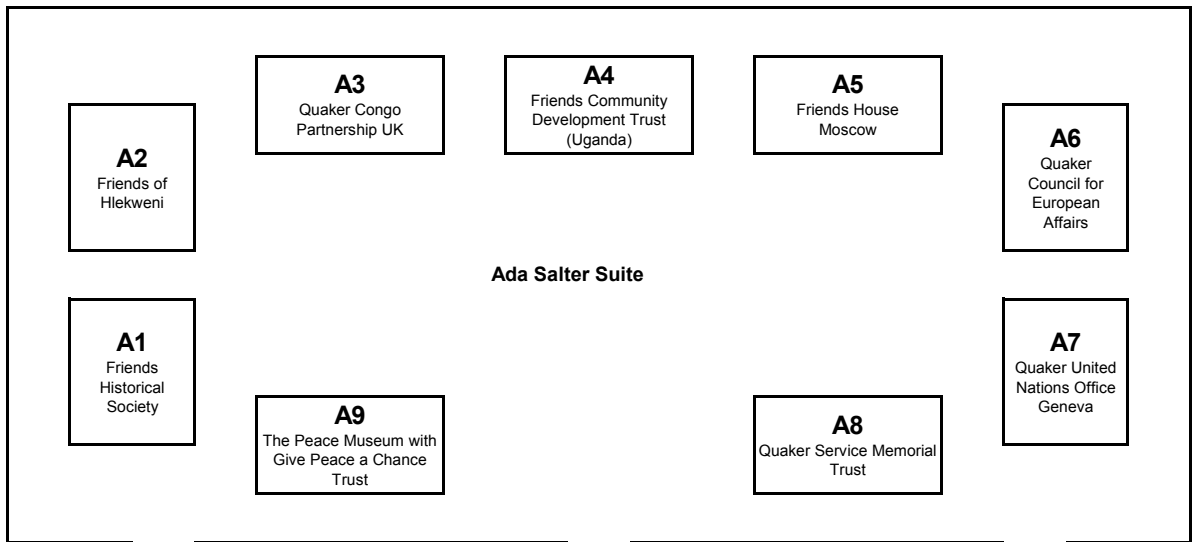
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# Groups Fair

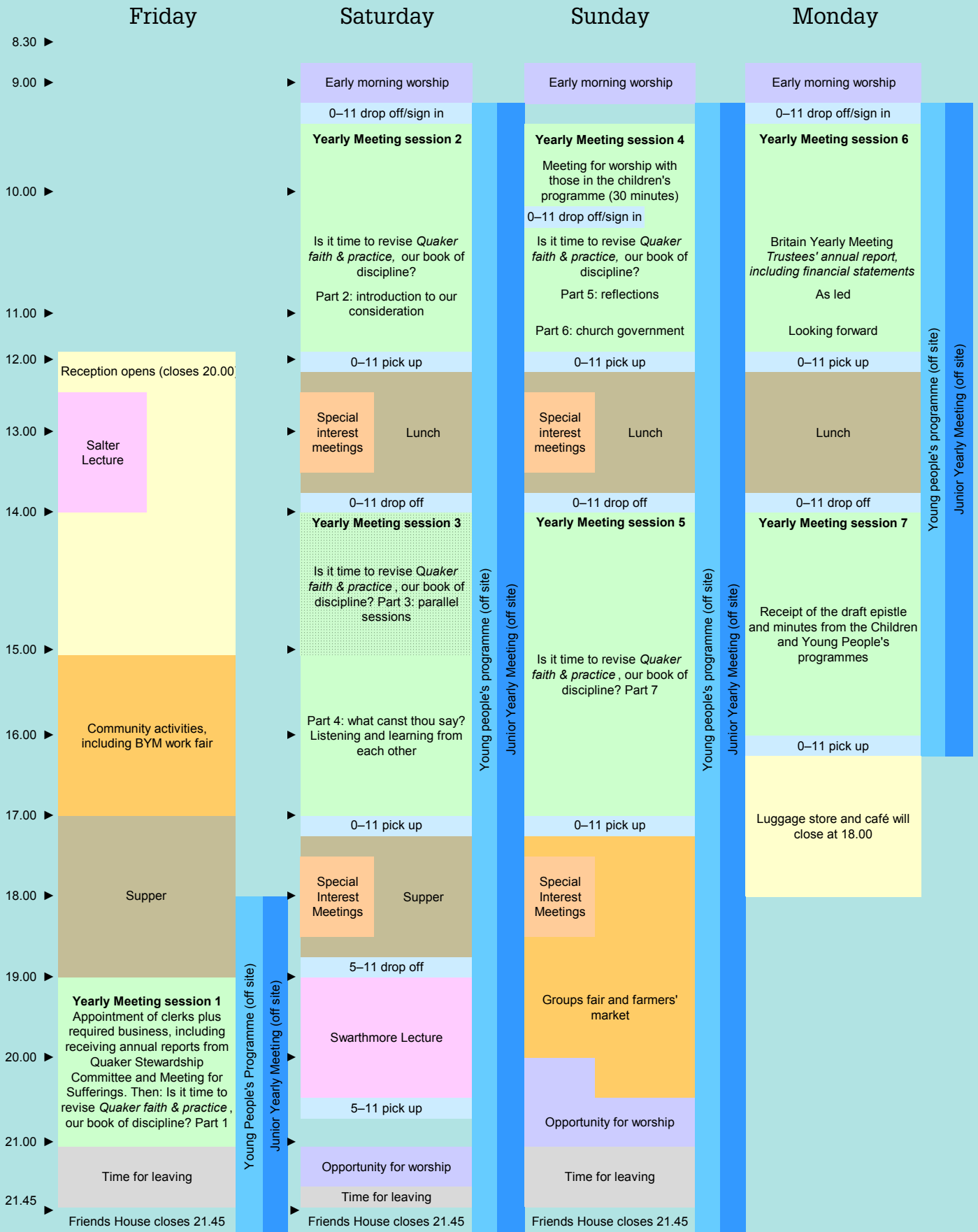
**On Sunday evening, the following groups will be taking part in the Groups Fair. A plan of where to find each group is on the opposite page.**

Britain Yearly Meeting	East Corridor	E2
Experiment with Light Network	North Corridor	N3
Friends Community Development Trust (Uganda)	Ada Salter Suite	A4
Friends Fellowship of Healing	North Corridor	N2
Friends Historical Society	Ada Salter Suite	A1
Friends House Moscow	Ada Salter Suite	A5
Friends of Hlekweni	Ada Salter Suite	A2
Friends Southern Summer Events	Large Meeting House	L13
Friends World Committee for Consultation	Large Meeting House	L12
Glenthorne Quaker Centre	North Corridor	N5
Quaker Action on Drugs and Alcohol	Large Meeting House	L3
Quaker Asylum and Refugee Network	Large Meeting House	L11
Quaker Community at Bamford	Large Meeting House	L15
Quaker Concern for Animals	Large Meeting House	L2
Quaker Concern for the Abolition of Torture	Large Meeting House	L1
Quaker Congo Partnership UK	Ada Salter Suite	A3
Quaker Council for European Affairs	Ada Salter Suite	A6
Quaker Disability Equality Group	Large Meeting House	L9
Quaker Gender and Sexual Diversity Community	Large Meeting House	L5
Quaker Mental Health Group	Large Meeting House	L8
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Quaker Social Action	Large Meeting House	L7
Quaker Socialist Society	Large Meeting House	L16
Quaker South Asia Interest Group	North Corridor	N6
Quaker United Nations Office Geneva	Ada Salter Suite	A7
Quaker Universalist Group	North Corridor	N1
Quaker Values in Education	Large Meeting House	L4
Quaker Voluntary Action	Large Meeting House	L6
Quakers and Business	Large Meeting House	L14
Quakers in Criminal Justice	Large Meeting House	L10
The Friend Publications Ltd	North Corridor	N4
The Peace Museum with Give Peace a Chance Trust	Ada Salter Suite	A9
Woodbrooke	East Corridor	E1





# Yearly Meeting timetable



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