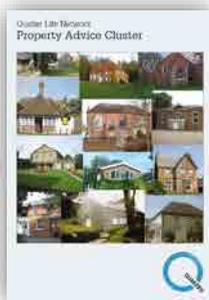


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The Network has been developed by Quaker Life to help in its work supporting Quakers and meetings around Britain. By nurturing the connection between Friends, meetings and Quaker Life, the Network helps to nourish the spiritual life of Britain Yearly Meeting. Network clusters, groups within the Network, support many areas of Quaker work.

Clusters welcome new Friends who can further their work.

1652 Cluster

Supporting Friends wishing to visit the region in which George Fox travelled in the 17th Century. The 1652 cluster offers advice on where to stay and what to visit. Friends from this cluster give talks and provide guides for groups and individuals.

Area Meeting Clerks Cluster

Providing a forum for area meeting clerks to share ideas and experience with an active channel of communication for Friends in key roles.

Chaplaincy Cluster

The chaplaincy cluster is a place where Quaker chaplains of all kinds can share approaches, learning, insight and inspiration. There is an online space and there are opportunities to meet from time to time.

Children and Young People's Work Trainers

Children and young people's work training develops knowledge and understanding of children and young people's work in meetings. The trainers provide a variety of opportunities for meetings to learn, reflect, practice and plan, in ways that are accessible, friendly, challenging and flexible. This work is overseen by the CYP staff.

Conflict in Meetings Cluster

Quaker Life staff work with members of the conflict in meetings cluster to assist meetings that need support from outside their local and area meetings. Experienced Friends visit and spend time with meetings to help explore ways to resolve conflict. Members of the cluster meet periodically so that their work is upheld.

Godly Play Cluster

Sharing with meetings the opportunity of storytelling as a theological reflection. Developing kits and learning and advocating this approach to engage children and young people with Bible and Quaker specific stories.

Island Quakers Cluster

This cluster works to connect Friends living on islands. They are often isolated from Quakers outside of their local (sometimes very small) community. The cluster is email based and is accessible even if internet speeds are slow.

Mental Health in Meetings Cluster

Quaker Life has established a mental health in meetings cluster to support meetings that experience difficulties relating to mental health or well-being, and mental distress or illness. To help when it is hard to respond to that of God in everyone, the Cluster is developing resources and opportunities for meetings.

Outreach Cluster

The outreach cluster group is a space for facilitating conversations about outreach at both local and national levels. The cluster acts as a sounding board and provide a reality check in terms of capacity and resources. The group will also help to develop meaningful ways of measuring success in outreach.

Peace Education Cluster

Sharing of ideas and experience to develop peace initiatives, resources and events for working with children and young people in a variety of settings. Plus opportunities for training and action to challenge militarisation.

Property Advice Cluster

The cluster acts as a point of contact for requests for support from meetings. It offers informal but experienced advice to Friends on property matters relating to purchase, alteration, extension, sale, lease, redundancy, demolition, historic buildings, repair and maintenance of existing and new buildings belonging to Quaker meetings.

Quaker Committee for Christian & Interfaith Relations (QCCIR) Cluster

The QCCIR cluster is for those Friends involved in, or who are interested in interchurch and interfaith work through and with their local Quaker Meetings. Friends can connect and link up with Friends who have experience and insights to offer.

Quaker Life Representatives Cluster

This is an email group that helps QL reps to connect with each other between councils. It creates the opportunity for idea sharing and a forum for advice giving and receiving.

Quaker World Relations Cluster

This email network is a place for discussion between British Friends on any world-related issues of interest to Quakers in Britain. It is an interactive space where the wider world of Friends, and Britain's relationship with it can be explored. The aim of the network is to bring expertise together as much as possible, enabling QWRC to share and enrich their experience and learn from others.

Safeguarding Cluster

This is an online forum for area meeting safeguarding co-ordinators to ask for advice and support in a safe space with people serving in similar roles.

Get involved

There are many ways that you can get involved in the work of the Quaker Life Network:

Subscribe to the monthly email

www.quaker.org.uk/qlnetwork#subscribe

Fill in a Quaker Service Information form

<https://forms.quaker.org.uk/qsif>

Ask about the work of and how to join clusters

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