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Outreach Week

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Throughout Britain Quakers are organising local events during the **week beginning 23rd September** to let people know about contemporary Quakerism. In meeting for worship we sit in silence and, as the silence deepens, one or two may be led to offer brief ministry. Contemporary Quakers are far from the image of dour people in grey. We celebrate life and seek to answer that of God in everyone in various forms of social witness. As an early Quaker said, "True godliness doesn't turn us out of the world but excites us in our endeavours to mend it".

Glasgow Meeting - badges, stickers and posters will be distributed on Sunday 16th September and we hope that Friends will wear them and display them, particularly during Outreach Week. As part of the publicity for our own 'Quaker Human Library', we have a photo call arranged after meeting on Sunday, 16 Sep 07, for journalists from The Big Issue and elsewhere. The **Human Library will be held on Saturday 22 September and Saturday 29 September** from 10am to 4pm. We have leaflets for this event in the Library at the Meeting House and we hope that Friends will each take a few to distribute in their workplaces, etc. Elders have organised an **Enquirers' session 2-4pm on Saturday 29 September**.

Aberdeen Friends are organising events on **Thursday 20th September** at 6:15 pm and **Saturday 22nd September** at 3:00pm at the Quaker Meeting House at 98 Crown Street. On Thursday evening the meeting will start with a short meeting for worship (half an hour), followed by informal discussion and refreshments; or come just to the

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discussion at 6:45pm. On Saturday afternoon we will start with discussion and refreshments and then, for those who wish to stay, finish with a short meeting for worship.

Dundee Meeting is putting up posters in the Wellgate Centre and Library and distributing leaflets. The Meeting House will be open all week. The Friday Hunger Lunch will be extended to include more outreach and there will be a **Doors Open Day on Saturday 22nd September**.

Angus Meeting's events are being organised by a three person committee. The main event is on **Saturday 22nd September**, when there will be a "Meet the Quakers" information stall in Montrose. Materials have been received from Friends House and Radio North Angus has been contacted. A localised leaflet will be produced and they hope to purchase a joint advertisement in the Dundee Courier with the other three meetings.

St Andrews Meeting House will be open from 2.00 to 4.30 every day with a Tea Room and an introduction to Quaker Silence in the meeting room. There will be a continuous power point display, and the children will be displaying special collections. Leslie and Sarah will be manning a stall at the University Societies' Fair. There will be an invitation to sign up to an Enquirer's Day to be held later in the year. We ask St Andrews Meeting to keep us informed of the details of this event.

Perth Meeting is holding an **Outreach Event in the High Street on 23rd September**. They have purchased copies of Quaker Faith and Practice to donate to the AK Bell Library in Perth (2 copies) and 7 local libraries. A local contact number and the Quaker website address will be in the branch copies and they hope to get publicity in local newsletters. They have purchased 50 copies of Advices and Queries to be taken by Members of the Meeting and used for individual Outreach.

Inverness Quakers will have an information stall in the **Inverness**

Victorian Market on Saturday**September 22**, 10.30am to 2pm.

Quakers will be there to answer queries and offer leaflets. On **Saturday**

September 29 there will be a **Quakers At Home** afternoon, from 2 to 4pm in the Quaker Meeting House, Scaniport, 4 miles out of Inverness on the Dores Road. The public is invited to join us for a short talk about being a Quaker, followed by a 30 minute Meeting for worship. There will then be time for tea and biscuits and time for questions, with an opportunity to look at books and information in our Library. Co-Clerk of Inverness Meeting, Eleanor Fairclough said: "It's about more than oats!"

Edinburgh: each **Monday evening from 1st October to 3rd December at 6pm** there will be a weekly series **In Search of the Spirit (Quaker Quest)** held at the **Quaker Meeting House at Victoria Terrace** Edinburgh. This is for enquirers interested in exploring their spiritual journey and finding out about the Quaker way. There will be a light meal at the start then 3 Quakers will share their experience of one of the issues below;

- Worship and God
- Christianity and the Bible
- Equality
- Peace
- Truth and Integrity

This will be followed by a period of informal discussion and an opportunity to ask questions. The evening will finish with a short quiet meeting for worship followed by an opportunity for further informal chat and a chance to browse through books.

Life is a puzzle: meet fellow puzzlers.

Download poster and leaflets with information below (pdf files). Organised by South East Scotland MM.

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