

QUAKERS IN SCOTLAND

Agenda Letter

Dear Friends,

The AGENDA for the next meeting of QUAKERS IN SCOTLAND is attached with this letter.

The meeting will be on two days:

**On Thursday 6th November 2025 online from 7 pm – 8:30 pm
the usual pre-meeting will become part of the main meeting.**

(See the link at the end of this letter)

and

on Saturday 8th November, at the Edinburgh Meeting House, 7 Victoria Terrace EH1 2JL, and online by Zoom, 11 am – 4:00 pm (drinks 10:30).

The link for this is through registration (see below).

The Quakers in Scotland meeting is an opportunity to meet together with Friends from across Scotland. In a spirit of worship, we attend to our church affairs, and matters concerning the spiritual life and witness of Quakers in Scotland.

AGENDA & PAPERS

This letter follows up the calling letter sent out earlier in the month in the *Scottish Friend* (available on the QiS website).

Our agenda for the first full meeting of Quakers in Scotland, reflects both continuity and change. We will work with our trustees and working groups on ongoing work but also start engaging together on how we foster our Scottish Quaker community in this new situation. We expect three Area Meetings to be laid down on or by the 8th November.

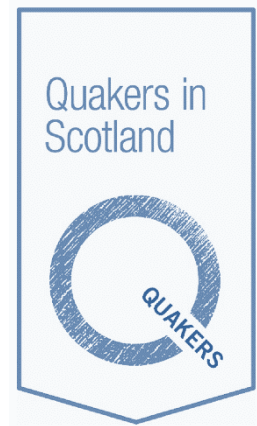
The agenda and guidelines for young people attending are attached and the papers are to be found on the GM website:

<https://www.quakerscotland.org/documents/1747>

Let us know if you can't find or access the papers.

SATURDAY TIMETABLE & LUNCH

Central Edinburgh / South East Scotland Friends will be providing hospitality for those coming. **A soup and bread and cheese lunch, with hot drinks, will be provided but please bring your own lunch if you want other things.** After preliminary refreshment from 10:30 am, we will start with open worship at 11.00,



break for lunch from 1.00 pm to 2.00 pm and our afternoon session will finish by about 4.00 pm, following which there will be tea.

REMINDER: PLEASE REGISTER IN ADVANCE for the Saturday, if you haven't already done so, for security online and to help plan hospitality at Edinburgh. Use this link, however you attend:

<http://bit.ly/48l0omB>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

***Please note** that you will receive Zoom login details even if you have registered to attend face to face - this is a default setting of the registration set up. It assists in planning for the number of people expecting to come. Note the registration form shows that zoom will be open from 10 am, but the meeting doesn't start until 11.)*

Contact our Administrator, Jane Booth (scotfriends@gmail.com or 07747 396456) if you need any assistance.

TRAVELLERS IN THE MINISTRY

On Saturday we will have with us Friends travelling in the ministry, Matt Rosen and Peter Blood-Patterson. Matt writes:

I'm a young adult Friend and member of Stillwater Monthly Meeting, Ohio Yearly Meeting (Conservative), and Peter is a member of Mt Toby Monthly Meeting, New England Yearly Meeting, and a teacher at Pendle Hill Quaker Study Center. We have felt a drawing to visit you all in love, to see and feel how the Divine Teacher is working there, and to see if we might be of use by following the leadings of that Teacher among you.

Peter and I would hope to visit you for your general meeting, not with any agenda or plan, but just to learn with you all from our dear Guide. We know that traveling in the ministry in this way has become uncommon among Friends, so we'd be glad to share with you all about what this means for us and what we've been learning along the way, if an opportunity for that arises.

Matt and Peter will be supported by Lia den Daas, who has felt a leading to join Matt and Peter in visiting us. Lia is a young adult Friend from Jesus Lane Meeting in Cambridge.

The clerks have encouraged our visitors to speak to us as the Spirit moves them. This may be in the Saturday opening worship or at another time in the session. Information about the nature of travelling the ministry may be found in *Quaker faith & practice* 13.21-13.32.

THE BUSINESS BEFORE US.

Transition from General Meeting to Quakers in Scotland

Much of Saturday's business will reflect the continuing transition to the new Quaker body for Scotland, with three area meetings being laid and their local meetings

coming in directly to Quakers in Scotland. We are beginning the process of thinking about how we operate together in the new situation. There is much information and papers prepared for us by our Co-ordinating Group and Trustees. We don't have to do everything at one meeting and the business will pick out decisions we can make at this meeting and stipulate what we might need to do at following ones.

The link for the Thursday evening meeting follows:

Topic: Quakers in Scotland first part

Time: Thursday November 6, 2025 07:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87604072179?pwd=N3AlvID6EctEH4P1g7Pc2WH4SGDTyg.1>

Meeting ID: 876 0407 2179

Passcode: 326134

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If you have any questions, please contact me, your clerk, by email scotfriendsclerk@gmail.com or telephone 0141 770 7865. Also email the clerk if you need instructions on how to get to the Meeting House, etc.

Our Administrator, Jane Booth, can also add you onto the emailing list if you are not already on it (scotfriends@gmail.com).

Michael Hutchinson
Clerk

Susan Mitchell
Assistant Clerk