

TRUSTEES REPORT (oral) for QiS 7th February 2026

From the Clerk of Quakers in Scotland Trustees

Trusteeship is about stewardship, and we started with the new Trustees Body from January, building on our inheritance from General Meeting and enlarging our responsibilities with taking in the three area meeting functions From East Scotland, North Scotland and West Scotland AMs that are now laid down.

We owe the Foundation Trustees, who oversaw the detail in setting up the new charity and the effective merging of three area meetings, a great debt for all their time and significant effort on our behalf. We are particularly grateful to the clerks, for keeping the show on the road so well, and must not forget the significant input from ████ and the Co-ordinating Group, who remain available to us. Some Foundation Trustees continue with the now fully operational QiS Trustee body, and their experience and knowledge will be invaluable. ████, ████ and ████ have left and we are grateful to them.

A full list of current Trustees is on the QiS website, as are the minutes of our meetings, so you can see what we are doing on your behalf. We had a Handover Meeting for the Foundation Trustees to brief and give over the continuing work on 15th January. Our first meeting as the present Trustee body is on Monday, so there is not so much to tell you now.

Priorities for us are to work with South East Scotland AM Trustees over their engagement with Quakers in Scotland. A minute from SESAM will come to our QiS meeting on the 28th February but included the section: "We want to work with QiS in developing our relationship. We ask our Trustees to continue to explore risks and provide a review of options in due course and explore a written agreement (between SESAM and QiS). To this end we have invited the clerk of SESAM trustees to an initial meeting with us on Monday to explore this in preparation for any consideration by QiS in session.

Other priorities for us at this time include

- assessing the work Trustees need to deal with this year to allow the proper functioning of the QiS charity
- setting up Employment and Property Committees alongside our Finance Committee
- seeing to the final details of laying down East, North and West Scotland Area Meetings and the Dundee Friends Property Trust
- looking at how Local Meetings are to be supported in the new system
- continuing to organise our finances for the new charity

- working with local treasurers, safeguarding co-ordinators and health and safety representatives
- assessing digital technology requirements
- reviewing the policies inherited from AMs that we require to update for our present circumstances.