



IRELAND YEARLY MEETING 2023

9th – 12th April: Special Interest Groups (19.30 – 21.00, online)

13th – 16th April: IYM sessions (blended – in-person and online)

Building Community Together

***... let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.
– Hebrews 10:224-25.***

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Registration Link - IYM: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/ireland-yearly-meeting-2023-building-community-together-tickets-507674918347>

Registration Link – Public Lecture: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/hospitality-the-pilgrim-a-quakers-reflection-on-communion-and-community-tickets-512923667497>

Thursday 13th April

- 14.00 – 15.00 Arrival and reception, tea/coffee
- 15.00 – 16.30 **Session 1 – Connecting communities (blended)**
- Opening Meeting for Worship (*Reading – xxx*)
- Welcome
- Quaker Connections – Shane Whelehan (Quaker Service)
Title TBC – Ruth Garvey–Williams (Vox magazine) [online]
Fostering Community through Inter-Church and Inter-faith
Encounter – James Nelson
- 16.45 – 17.45 Reception for visitors and those at IYM for the first time (in person)
- 18.00 – 19.00 Evening Meal
- 19.30 – 21.00 **Yearly Meeting Ministry & Oversight Session (blended, open to all)**
- To be determined
- 21.00 – 21.30 Tea/Coffee
- 21.30 – 21.50 Candlelit Worship (facilitated by xxx;
parallel Zoom session facilitated by xxx)

Friday 14th April

- 08.30 – 09.15 **Early morning activities (in person):**
Bible Study (facilitated by xxx)
Worship Sharing (facilitated by Felicity McCartney)
- 09.15 – 09.45 Tea/Coffee available
- 09.45 – 11.00 **Session 2 – Running our Community:
Finances and Reports (blended)**
- Opening Meeting for Worship (*Reading – xxx*)
Record of Reports Received

Minute of record – Online Special Interest Groups
Summary Treasurer's Report and Acceptance of Accounts

11.10 – 12.00

Session 3 – SIG follow-ups (in person)

The Goffs of Horetown – a Typical 18th c. Quaker Family
Quakers and a Peace Testimony – an Exploration
Food for Thought – a Conversation about Food and the
Food System

12.15 – 13.45

Lunch

14.00 – 15.30

**Session 4 – Quaker Community Past and Present
(blended)**

Letter of Greeting from Britain Yearly Meeting
Short report of Epistles from other Yearly Meetings – LQM

The Community of Early Friends – Stuart Masters
(Woodbrooke)

QCEA – Tracey Martin (QCEA)

15.30 – 16.00

Tea/Coffee break

16.00 – 17.30

Session 5 – Exploring Community Together

Art Workshop (TBC)
Poetry Workshop with Niamh Twomey
Life Reflections workshop with Dan Flynn
International folk dancing with Denise Gabuzda

18.00 – 19.00

Evening Meal

19.30 – 21.00

**PUBLIC LECTURE (in-person/online , separate webinar
Zoom link)**

**Hospitality and the Pilgrim: a Quaker's reflection
on communion and community – Harvey Gillman**

21.00 – 21.30

Tea/Coffee

21.40 – 22.00

Candlelit Worship (facilitated by xxx;
parallel Zoom session facilitated by xxx)

Saturday 15th April

- 08.30 – 09.15** **Early morning activities (in person):**
Bible Study (facilitated by xxx)
Worship Sharing (facilitated by xxx)
- 09.15 – 09.45** Tea/Coffee available
- 09.45 – 11.00** **Session 6 – Nurturing Community (blended)**
- Opening Meeting for Worship (*Reading* – xxx)
- Supporting Community through Social Media – Fiona
Murdoch
- The Friendly Podcasts – Hugh O’Farrell–Walsh
Hosting a Ukrainian Family – Ainda Andress
- 11.15 – 12.45** **Session 7 – Preparing for Peace (blended)**
- How can we prepare for peace?
Florence Foster (QUNO – Geneva)
Iain Atack (Irish School of Ecumenics, retired)
- Discussion/discernment
- 13.00 – 14.00** Lunch
- 14.30 – 15.15** **Session 8 – Our Young People’s Community (blended)**
- IYM Junior Programme
Junior Yearly Meeting Epistle
Young Friends’ Community
- 15.15 – 15.45** Tea/Coffee break
- 15.45 – 16.45** **Session 10 – Meet with our speakers**
- Room 1:** Tracey Martin – QCEA
Room 2: Harvey Gillman – Meet the Public Lecturer

17.00 – 18.00	<u>Session 10 – Meet with our speakers (cont'd)</u>
	Room 1: Florence Foster & Iain Atack – Preparing for Peace
	Room 2: Stuart Masters – Early Quaker Community
18.30 – 19.30	Evening Meal
20.00 – 21.15	Social evening (in person)
21.15 – 21.40	Tea/Coffee
21.40 – 22.00	Candlelit Worship (facilitated by xxx); parallel Zoom session (facilitated by xxx)

Sunday 16th April

9.00 – 10.30	<u>Session 11 – Closing Session (blended)</u>
	Reading of Epistle
	Attendance at IYM
	Reflections on IYM
	Appointment of Clerks
	Closing Minute
11.00 – 12.00	Meeting for Worship (blended)
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch
14.00 – 15.00	Departure

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SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (*all online; same Zoom link as for other sessions of IYM*)

1. The Goffs of Horetown – a Typical 18th c. Quaker Family

Speaker: Claire Bradley
Sunday 9th April 7.30pm

Claire Bradley traces the Goff family from the mid-18th to the end of the 19th century. The talk will show how separate and distinct Quakers were from the rest of Irish society, yet how they left a big legacy. Followed by a Q&A session.

2. Life Reflections

Facilitator: Daniel Flynn
Monday 10th April 7.30pm

Who are you? Where do you want to go? What do you want to do? How do you get there? This session offers tools for self-discovery and future direction. Together we will practice silence, reflection and sharing our learning.

3. Quakers and a Peace Testimony – an Exploration

Facilitators: Will Haire and others
Tuesday 11th April, 7.30pm

In this SIG we will consider the origin and development of our Peace Testimony and provide a space for people to discuss what the Peace Testimony might mean for us today.

4. Food for Thought – a Conversation about Food and the Food System

Facilitators: South Belfast EcoQuakers
Wednesday 12th April, 7.30pm

Our food system contributes hugely to the planetary climatic and ecological emergencies. This SIG will take you on a journey of learning and discernment, guided by Quaker commitments to simplicity, stewardship, and sustainability.

Our life is love, and peace, and tenderness; and bearing one with another, and forgiving one another, and not laying accusations one against another; but praying one for another, and helping one another up with a tender hand.

– Isaac Penington, 1667

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