

QUAKERS IN SCOTLAND

To be held on two days:

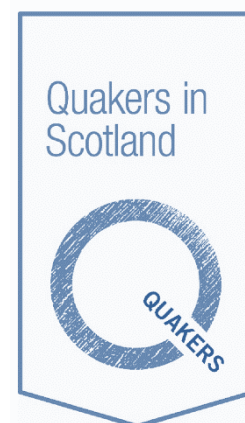
6th November (7:00pm) online only

and 8th November 2025, 11 am – 4:00 pm as a hybrid

Meeting to be held at Edinburgh Meeting House,

7 Victoria Terrace EH1 2JL, and by video conference.

See the agenda letter for the separate links to these days,
and the registration required for Saturday.



Proposed Agenda

Papers for this agenda are indicated under relevant items and can be found on the Quakers in Scotland website at

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

Where it says below that a paper is to come, it will be placed on the website when available.

More information will be in the draft minutes issued a few days before QiS.

Thursday 6th November from 7:00 pm to about 8:30 pm

1. Opening worship and welcome
2. Acceptance of the agenda for this evening
3. Reporter to *The Friend* and *Scottish Friend*
4. Record of new members and deaths, including transfers to QiS
5. Dates and venues 2026-2027 adjustments
6. Meeting for Sufferings report (**PAPER A**)
7. Local Development Worker Priorities for 2026 (**PAPER B**)
8. Transatlantic slavery: minute from SESAM (**PAPER C**)
9. Correspondence and events
10. Queries on the Saturday agenda (as in previous pre-meetings)

Saturday 8th November from 11 am to 4 pm

10.30 am Refreshments available at Edinburgh Meeting House

10:55 Housekeeping notices

11.00 am Open Worship (about 20 minutes)

We have Travellers in the Ministry visiting us and may hear from them (see

agenda letter).

11. Welcome to all present

12. Acceptance of agenda

13. Brief report on the business taken on the Thursday evening

14. Young Friends present - Mary Troup

15. Update from GMS Trustees, with interim draft budget for 2026 (introduced by Kate Gulliver, Treasurer (**PAPER D – to come**))

12.00 pm - We expect a short shuffle break at about 12.00 pm

16. Parliamentary Engagement Working Group report, including an update on Peace witness (**PAPER Ei**) and three year priorities for 2026-2028 (**PAPER Eii**)

17. Scottish Quaker Community Justice Working Group report (**PAPER F – to come**)

1.00 pm LUNCH BREAK

2.00 pm Afternoon Session

18. Appointments and Nominations Committee Report

19. Transition from General Meeting for Scotland to Quakers in Scotland – setting up Quakers in Scotland for when Area Meetings come in - report from Co-ordinating Group.

PAPER Hi – Minute from Meeting for Sufferings

PAPER Hii – Minutes from Area Meetings, with Local Meetings and appointments coming to QiS

PAPERS Hiii a & b – Memoranda of Understanding (General & Property)

PAPER Hiv – How Intermediate Meetings might work

PAPER Hv – How Eldership/ Spiritual Care might work

PAPER Hvi – How Pastoral Care might work (to come)

PAPER Hvii – Possible committee and appointments structure

PAPER Hviii – QiS Nominations Committee

PAPER Hix – Membership applications – visitor appointment procedure

3.00 pm Short shuffle break during agenda item 19

20. Future business

3.55 pm Concluding minute, closing worship and signing of the Minutes

4.00 pm tea

Michael Hutchinson

Clerk

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We ask Elders and Pastoral Care Friends present at QiS:

- To encourage Friends in the maintenance of an atmosphere that enables spiritual discernment and to prayerfully uphold the Meeting and ensure its right ordering
- To ask Friends to uphold the worship and or clerks if necessary
- To be available to clerks after the meeting for support, if necessary
- Be aware of any needs that may need to be met and alert clerks

South East Scotland AM have asked Elizabeth Allen and Rosamund Robertson to act particularly as elders for us at this meeting.