



# **A Friendly Introduction to Quakers in Scotland**

## **12 October 2019—Call for Participation**

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### **1. What's this about?**

You may have been coming to Quaker Meeting for a couple of weeks or a couple of years. Sometimes it's difficult to find time after Meeting to have the further discussions about Quakerism you would like: this day is a chance to have deeper discussions and ask questions. You might be looking for a chance to discuss what happens for you in Meeting for Worship and whether it's the same as for other people, or you might want to chat about putting faith into action. You might be interested in how your experience of Quakerism so far fits in with Quakerism across the country or across the world or how over 400 years of Quaker history has got us to where British Quakers are today. You may be interested to find out more about how Quakers organise and make decisions. We aim to answer your questions and to create a safe space to have these discussions. We hope that by the end of the event you will feel more confident calling yourself a Quaker, or at least have a broader understanding of the breadth of beliefs and practices within Quakers today.

All of the above is happening on Saturday 12 October in Stirling. If you live near enough, or can manage to stay somewhere nearby, please also consider joining us for Meeting for Worship at Dunblane Meeting on Sunday morning, followed by an opportunity to discuss our experiences over a simple lunch courtesy of Dunblane Friends.

### **2. Who is it for?**

Anyone who has been attending a Quaker Meeting for Worship who is interested in finding out more about Quakers.

### **3. Where and when, exactly?**

The main event is on Saturday 12 October in Stirling, from 1030 to 1730. We're meeting in the McCallum Room at Stirling Baptist Church, 67 Murray Place, Stirling, FK8 1AU. Stirling rail and bus stations are very close. Meeting for Worship in Dunblane is at 1030 on Sunday 13 October at the Braeport Centre, Braeport, Dunblane, FK15 0AT. The Braeport Centre is a short walk from Dunblane rail station.

### **4. Will it cost money?**

Yes, but you don't necessarily have to pay this yourself. The cost of the day will be £25 including lunch and refreshments. You can talk to an elder or overseer at your Local Meeting or your Area Meeting about bursary help to cover the cost if you require financial support (including travel costs). Or if you don't feel comfortable to do this, or don't know who to talk to, let us know in the registration form. We don't want cost to be a barrier to anyone attending, and we hope we can find support for all who need it.

## 5. How do I register?

Just send email to [enquirers-weekend@quakerscotland.org](mailto:enquirers-weekend@quakerscotland.org) with "Friendly Introduction to Quakers" in the subject, tell us you're interested, and give us the following details:

**Name (or names if you'd like to register for more than one):**

**Local Meeting, Area Meeting or Worshiping group you have been attending, or how you have gained an interest in Quakers:**

**Do you have any specific questions or things you'd like to discuss? (We can't guarantee to cover everything but we'd like to try to answer people's questions):**

**Costs:**

- I will cover the costs myself [ ]
- I will ask my local or area meeting to help me to cover costs (this is usually best approached through an overseer) [ ]
- I would like financial support to attend but don't know who to ask (we'll try to help as we don't want costs to be a barrier to anyone attending - this includes travel and accommodation if required) [ ]
- I don't understand these options, please get in touch with me to explain them [ ]

**Dietary requirements:**

**Do you have any accessibility requirements or preferences (physical or otherwise) which would help you get the most out of the day** (for example if you find it difficult to interact in large groups or you would like large print versions of any hand outs):

If you don't have email, please just post your answers to Henry Thompson; Quaker Meeting House; 7 Victoria Terrace; Edinburgh; EH1 2JL (as well as the above answers, please provide us with contact details for yourself)

## 6. Can I ask some questions?

Of course—just send email to [enquirers-weekend@quakerscotland.org](mailto:enquirers-weekend@quakerscotland.org) and ask us.

## 7. Who's responsible?

It was Southeast Scotland Area Meeting's turn to organise this for General Meeting for Scotland, and they asked us: Mariot Dallas, Rici Marshall Cross and Henry Thompson.