



SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

October 2021



Tour of Britain cycle race in Holyrood Park

MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP

Meetings every **Sunday 10.30-11.30 am** at the Open Door. You may also join by Zoom.

The **last garden meeting of 2021** will be on **Oct 3**, weather permitting. We are Zoom-connected to those at the Open Door and at home, though audibility is subject to seagulls, local gardening, etc. Please contact neilturn@gmail.com if you have not been before, so that we can let you know if it is cancelled.

Joining information for our meetings is sent via our South Edinburgh Announce email list. To be added, see <https://quakerscotland.org/south-edinburgh>. If you have technical problems with Zoom, Martin Burnell offers help.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Our collection in October is for **Strengthening Communities for Race Equality Scotland (SCORE)**, which addresses the causes and effects of racism. Aiming for full participation of minority ethnic communities in all aspects of civic life. Based in Wester Hailes. Deirdre Armstrong will speak to this. www.scorescotland.org.uk for further info; there is a Donate button on their home page.

QUAKER EVENTS

October seems quiet. More events and news on the back page. But this starts 1st November:

Diversity and Inclusion: Continuing the Journey. Gender and Racism. A Woodbrooke course just for us, via Zoom, building on what we did last year. Three sessions in November:

Mon 1 Nov 7.30-9 pm; **Mon 15 Nov** 7.30-9 pm; **Sat 20 Nov** 10-12.

South Edinburgh Friends are very welcome to join the following Edinburgh Central Meeting events. These are now happening in person wherever possible, but *numbers limited and arrangements may need to be changed at short notice: please contact Rachel Frith* if you would like to attend, phone best, alternative rachel.frith@waitrose.com

Singing Group – meets every first Tue at 7.30 pm, at Victoria Terrace.

Coffee –at Rachel Frith’s house on first and third Thursdays, from 10.15 am.

Book Group – 12.15 (after Central MfW) on 4th Sundays. **Oct 24**, *Deacon King Kong* by James McBride



Friends we haven't seen in a while. David Turner, via Alastair Cameron, and Peggy Bartlett with croquet friends at Lauriston Castle, from her daughter Penny.

NEWS

Failte Edinburgh is our local community project to sponsor and support the settlement of a refugee family, led by our Area Meeting. We are looking for people to join the Core Group or volunteer time and skills after the family arrives.

We are particularly looking for people with health and mental health experience, training and employment advice, benefits guidance, for volunteer befrienders willing to undertake specific training modules which will include safeguarding. And fundraisers. Do you know people outside Quakers who might be interested?

A bank account is being set up to simplify donations. Please contact Lynne Barty, Gareth Rae, or Esther Shreeve for further information.

Preparation for COP26 – the UN Climate Change Conference taking place in Glasgow **1-12 Nov**. For some ways to influence and participate, see <https://quakerscotland.org/cop26> or for broader than just Quaker, <https://climatefringe.org>

Christmas Hampers: Edinburgh City Mission is running these again this year. Bank details to follow, or you can send a cheque made out to Esther Shreeve and she will transfer the money. Each hamper costs £40.

Can you help with delivery? please let Esther know. But the hampers are heavy, car essential.

Online recommendations from Alison

The **Friends Journal** is transatlantic, but also ‘a lighter read with less heavy stuff’, and a great joy. Free at <http://friendsjournal.org> but Alison gets a paper copy(!) which she is happy to share.



www.window-swap.com shows several-minute segments of comment-free video from people’s windows around around the world. Magnetic, calming, cooperative, beautiful. This one from NZ.

Who wore it better?

18th century flashback from [@FITfashionstory](https://twitter.com/FITfashionstory)



2003 Roberto Cavalli outfit; 1894 William Penn statue ready for the top of City Hall, Philadelphia. ‘The largest and heaviest bronze statue on any building in the world’ was created by Aberdeen-born sculptor Alexander Milne Calder (<https://bit.ly/3tWCW97>). More info there and at the Fashion History Timeline <https://bit.ly/3hSkEB6> where there are other less or more outrageous comparisons. Penn statue photo is from the British Library’s Mechanical Curator collection via Flickr. William Penn’s Wikipedia page receives 1,015 views/day.

Quaker relevance: well now

Suspicious content

AUG. 10

Suspicious activity. A deputy observed a person slumped behind the wheel of a vehicle parked in a lot in the 300 block of St. Croix Trail. It was determined that the person was napping while waiting for their child to finish dance class.

From the Police Activity Report in a Minnesota local newspaper. Via our MN correspondent [@rheault_m](https://twitter.com/rheault_m)

Sadly few local newspapers now report such gripping news. Surely a modern newsletter should have more items like this.

Our newsletter is susceptible to publication on the last Sunday of each month. Speed your spottings of suspicious activities to neilturn@gmail.com Find this edition, plus archives of previous, at www.quakerscotland.org/south-edinburgh