



SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

November 2021



Die-in at Faslane on 26 Sep (Deirdre Armstrong)

MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP

Meetings every **Sunday 10.30-11.30 am** at the Open Door, in person or remotely by Zoom.

Joining information for 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 November is for **Aid and Abet**, which offers peer-led support to those released from prison, working in Edinburgh, Lothian, and Glasgow. Alastair Cameron will speak to this. An annual collection since 2018. www.aidnabet.org has further info, and a 'donate' link in the top menu.

QUAKER EVENTS

Diversity and Inclusion: Continuing the Journey. The planned Woodbrooke course isn't going to happen in November, but we are going to hold two meetings ourselves by Zoom on **Mon 1 Nov** and **Mon 15 Nov**, 7.30 pm. Details in emails.

A Woman's Perspective on the Climate Emergency – extending a concern from West of Scotland AM. All day **Wed 3 Nov**, Victoria Terrace and Zoom. Book at <https://bit.ly/3GmfoAj>

COP26 – Glasgow **1-12 Nov**. See previous issues and info hub at <https://quakerscotland.org/cop26> On **Sat 6 Nov** there is a **COP26 Global Day of Action** <https://cop26coalition.org/gda> with a March and other events in Glasgow. But travel routes may be very busy.

Local Meeting for Business will be held after Meeting for Worship at the Open Door and on Zoom on **Sun 7 Nov**. Notes from last time on p3.

General Meeting for Scotland is scheduled for **Sat 20 Nov**. It was to be hosted by Edinburgh Central, any in-person options are still to be confirmed.

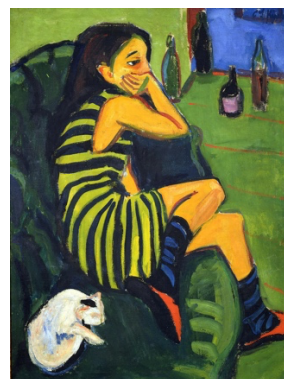
Area Meeting will be held on **Sat 27 Nov**. Planned as a hybrid event with some Friends at Victoria Terrace, others on Zoom; details in emails.

These Edinburgh Central events are open to South Edin too, and are now happening in person, *but please contact Rachel Frith to confirm numbers.*

Singing Group – meets every first Tue, this month at **3.30 pm** on Tue 2nd, at Victoria Terrace.

Coffee – at Rachel Frith's house on first and third Thursdays, from 10.15 am, limited to 10 Friends.

Book Group – 12.15 (after Central MfW) on 4th Sundays. **Nov 28**, *Luckenbooth* by Jenny Fagan.

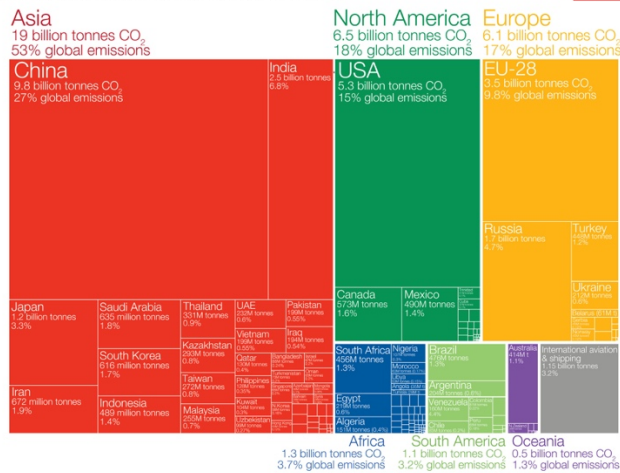


An open water swimmer considers the prospects for November. (Really, *Female Artist* by German Expressionist Ludwig Kirchner, 1910. So 111 years old.)

COP 26 images

Who emits the most CO₂?

Global carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions were 36.2 billion tonnes in 2017.

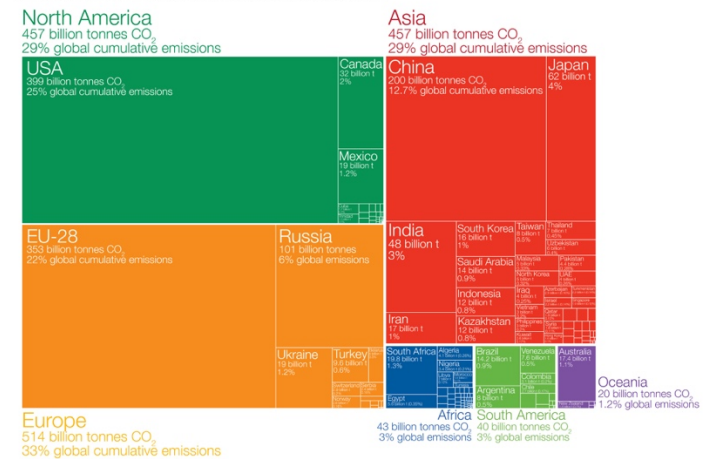


Shown are national production-based emissions in 2017. Production-based emissions measure CO₂ produced domestically from fossil fuel combustion and cement, and do not adjust for emissions embedded in trade (i.e. consumption-based).
Figures for the 28 countries in the European Union have been grouped as the 'EU-28' since international targets and negotiations are typically set as a collaborative target between EU countries. Values may not sum to 100% due to rounding.
Data source: Global Carbon Project (GCP).
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Who has contributed most to global CO₂ emissions?

Cumulative carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions over the period from 1751 to 2017. Figures are based on production-based emissions which measure CO₂ produced domestically from fossil fuel combustion and cement, and do not correct for emissions embedded in trade (i.e. consumption-based). Emissions from international travel are not included.



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From <https://ourworldindata.org>

Warm museums for the winter weather

Two short free exhibitions in free museums, and one paid longer one

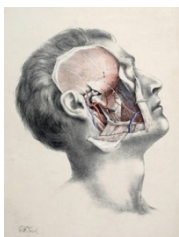


Alison Watt, a Portrait Without Likeness, at the National Portrait Gallery.

Till 9th Jan. Beautiful recreations of single objects from paintings by Allan Ramsay. Each with a story, or thoughts.

The Typewriter Revolution at the National Museum of Scotland

Till 17th April. Hidden away at the West end of Level 3, but telling a fascinating history. Typewriters began to become available in significant numbers in the 1890s, around the same time as bicycles. The rapid technological development, the jobs that came from making them, the impact on office life, and on jobs for women, can be mentioned. And their enabling effect on the Votes for Women campaign. There is an excellent history and miscellany online at <https://bit.ly/3CsOgNI> but there's more in the display. If you search 'collections' you will see photos of the more than 100 that the museum holds.



Surgeons Hall Museum. This fascinating if sometimes gruesome place has had a makeover, so if you haven't been for a few years, take your visitors at Christmas. Various discounts. At the moment there is a temporary exhibition of models used to teach anatomy and explain dissection. Often these, and sometimes actual dissection, were open for public viewing, partly to allay fears about dissection, and partly for the income generated.

Local Meeting for Business, Sunday 5 September 2021

13 Friends joined our first blended MfB, at the Open Door and via Zoom. Full Minutes have been circulated by email, please ask for a paper copy if you do not receive emails. Here we note key points.

- It was agreed to continue with a blended format for Meeting for Worship, but we are missing the reduced involvement of children.
- Meetings for Learning about Diversity and Inclusion – announced on page 1 (though our intention to have a Woodbrooke-led course have been frustrated; it is hoped this can be revisited in 2022).
- We discussed the roles of Elders and Overseers, and Nominations. Elder and Overseer roles are combined in our meeting.
- We heard a report of a meeting with our MSP Daniel Johnson, and that a meeting with our MP Ian Murray is being planned.

GARDEN MEETINGS

A usually small group of Friends met in Helen and Neil's garden most weeks from the 9th of May. Occasionally prevented by weather, but only defeated mid-meeting once. On 26 Sep (below left) there were eight attendees on a beautiful and unexpectedly warm day. Our last scheduled garden meeting of 2021, on Oct 3, was attended by five hardy friends in jumpers and coats. Afterwards with coffee we shared Alison Hardie's delicious bramble and apple jelly, made with apples from the garden.



Biscuit reviews reviewed

Andrew Green's top ten: Erudite and Welsh, and with shameless bias towards chocolate varieties. Unsound views on the Garibaldi. But the latter cleverly slips into his top 10 largely through its name. Then the librarian salvages his extreme views to some extent by finishing with Quakerish words of recommendation for the almond biscotto at <https://bit.ly/3bo1ob3>

Dry and hard, biscotti can rescue the inner puritan from sinful indulgence in the more vulgar, chocolaty varieties of biscuit.

An impressive variety of other interests is demonstrated at <https://gwallter.com>, including not only libraries but also walking, authoring a book about how to hold meetings. He uses this and other tricks shamelessly to boost his ...

Quaker relevance: 18%

NEWS

THE MISTAKE by Michael Mears: Reading of this play about the first atomic bomb, by award-winning actor/playwright Michael Mears with You-Ri Yamanaka. **Sat 13 Nov** at 2.30pm, St. Cuthbert Parish Church, 5 Lothian Road, EH1 2EP. Free tickets from <https://bit.ly/3Ge5SiF> Donations on the door welcome.

Simply roles – explanations of Quaker roles, business method, other questions, in 90 minute online sessions from Woodbrooke. £10 each. www.woodbrooke.org.uk/product/simply-roles

Conciliation, how to – this course and many others are on the menu from Woodbrooke this year www.woodbrooke.org.uk

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!

Internets

Our **Twitter account of the month** is graphic artist **Andy Arthur** [@cocteau triplets](https://twitter.com/cocteau triplets) (6,543 followers, 107,300 Tweets!), fascinating and humorous aficionado of Edinburgh history especially industrial/ modernish. Go for the erudition, stay for *ESPC Carpet of the Day*.



Recent topics including cycling, street hatches (this one for the Edinburgh Gas Lighting Co), and in time for COP26: *Are modern SUVs as big as WW2 tanks?* (A: very nearly).



Topical: exquisitely detailed account of Edinburgh 1970s interceptor sewage project, which ended the pumping of untreated sewage into the Forth.

Via <http://magnificentoctopus.com> examples of his work include mapped military debris, cycling, Scottish cataloguing, Friends of the Earth.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

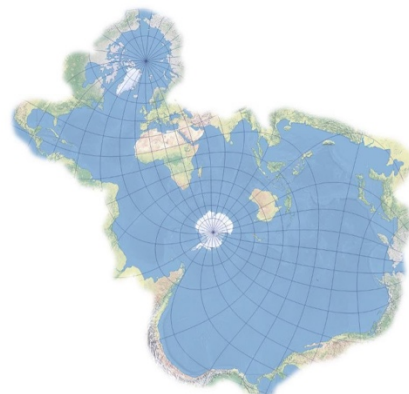
To **Ted**, who will be 11 on the 24th



To you, this Quakerly feast, plus these Terrible Maps:



Reddit [r/technicallythetruth](https://www.reddit.com/r/technicallythetruth)



World map according to fish [@TerribleMaps](https://twitter.com/TerribleMaps)

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