

# 2019 Quaker Settlement Seminar Programme

## Penal Reform (including Quaker Lecture)

Feb 08-10

Quaker prison reformer Elizabeth Fry, saw hope for everyone. Let's aspire to walk the same path. Assisted by visiting speakers, we discuss Māori perspectives on the criminal justice system and how reconciliation may happen. We also explore the Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) and how it can change individual's lives. On Saturday 9th, Terry Waite will present the Quaker Lecture for 2019 on the theme of "Crime and Punishment". *Facilitators:* Penal Reform Group.

## Summer Weekend @ Quaker Acres

Feb 22-24

A playful, fun, productive, and friendly weekend for all ages to get some Summer Settlement jobs done together. The bonus is great food, free accommodation and swimming.

## WEST board meeting

Apr 26-28

## YEARLY MEETING (Hosted by Whanganui Monthly Meeting)

May 17-20

## Queen's Birthday Work and Fun

May 31 - Jun 03

The fun and work weekend with a wonderful tradition of working together. Again, great food and free accommodation.

## \* Individual infallibility and Community Discernment

Jun 28-30

How did early Quakers move from reliance on their own "inner light" to an emphasis on community discernment? How can we benefit from strong individual leadings and shared community understandings? Explore the Quaker approach to discernment, the importance of listening, communicating, and sensitivity to others so that each individual's interpretation of direct experience of 'the truth' is shared and tested.

*Facilitator:* Murray Short

## Women's Weekend: Dancing in the Light

Jul 12-14

As women, what is it that brings us into the light. How do we express this and share this with the world? We will draw on historical perceptions and writings and compare these to our own practices and beliefs. Together we will explore a range of creative mediums and share our journeys of living and dancing in the light.

*Facilitator:* Christine England

## \* Enquirers' Weekend: Quakerism 103

Aug 09-11

Faith, worship, concerns, structure. How, what, why, where? Come together to hopefully get some of the answers to your questions, in a weekend of sharing our faith, learning about us, getting to know others involved with Friends and having fun together. Suitable for those new to Quakers and for more experienced Friends.

*Facilitators:* Linley Gregory, Lesley Young, David James, Jillian Wychell

## Peace Tax

Sep 20-22

We will take a look at the history of War and Peace Taxes and focus on how we can work towards a Peace Tax in Aotearoa New Zealand. Quaker and non-Quaker participants warmly welcomed. *Facilitators:* Deborah Williams, Stephanie Du Fresne, Edwina Hughes

## AVP (Alternatives to Violence Project) (Advanced)

Sep 27-29

An opportunity for anyone who has completed a Basic AVP workshop to experience the next level workshop. For more information on AVP see <https://avp.international/>. To find out about Basic workshops to be held around the country earlier in 2019, contact [avpaotearoane@gmail.com](mailto:avpaotearoane@gmail.com). *Facilitators:* Facilitated by trained AVP facilitators

## \* Treaty Issues

Oct 11-13

Join the Treaty Relationship Group in a weekend of presentations, discussions and working sessions designed to update and enhance participants' understanding of what Te Tiriti/The Treaty of Waitangi means, its status, likely developments and possibilities for action. *Facilitators:* Treaty Relationships Group.

## WEST board meeting

Nov 15-17

## AVP (Training for Facilitators)

Nov 22-24

An opportunity to train as an AVP facilitator. To attend this workshop a requirement is having completed a Basic and an Advanced AVP workshop.

*Facilitators:* Facilitated by trained AVP facilitators

For further information see <http://www.quakersettlement.co.nz/seminar-programme>, contact Quaker Settlement, 76 Virginia Road, Whanganui 4500, or email: [settlement@quaker.org.nz](mailto:settlement@quaker.org.nz)

\* Accommodation and meal costs for seminars marked with an asterisk (\*) will be paid by the Quaker Education Fund, for Quakers, attenders, and their families. This funding is available for one seminar during the year per individual.