

2020 Quaker Settlement Seminar Programme

Summer Weekend @ Quaker Acres

Feb 21-23

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.

* Our Testimony to Equality

Mar 13-15

We understand “that of God” to be in each person so all are equal. This has always been a challenge to Quakers - some once owned slaves. Recent Quaker concerns include gender and economic inequality. Woodbrooke tutors will provide video input on the history of our testimony to equality and on current discussions of the issue of “privilege”.
Facilitators: Ronis Chapman, Michael Searle, Marion Sanson & Woodbrooke Tutors

WEST board meeting

May 08-10

Taking inner peace to prisons and communities

May 22-24

Quaker Elizabeth Fry gave compassion to those in prison. How can we? We look at: The Peace Education Program in prisons to discover one's inner resources; Insights from Te Kaipo Ahuriri, an ex-prisoner and gang member; and Criminal justice with Vincent Wijesingha, Quaker and social policy analyst with The Salvation Army.
Facilitators: Penal Reform Committee

Queen's Birthday Work and Fun

May 29-Jun 01

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

Demilitarisation of Aotearoa

Jun 26-28

Learn about what happens now in Aotearoa. What do we do with this information? What ways can we work towards de-militarisation of Aotearoa?
Facilitators: Ian Upton, Rick Kooperberg, Claire Gregory, Linley Gregory, Michael Fairhurst with PMA (Edwina Hughes) as a resource person

What can we say about Jesus?

Jul 17-19

What is the evidence about the historical Jesus? How do you or I respond to Jesus? Open to all Friends willing to listen to one another. *Facilitator:* Elizabeth Duke
This is the first of two consecutive weekends on our Christian heritage, with a series of one-day sessions in-between. Come to one weekend, or both, and any of the single days:

[**Mon 20th** A people shaping their life: the Hebrew Torah; **Tue 21st** Voices in the wilderness and the city: the prophets; **Wed 22nd** Emotion and reflection: psalms and other writings; **Thu 23rd** Free day; or New Testament Greek for beginners; **Fri 24th** The world turned upside down: *Acts and Epistles*]

Quakers and Christianity

Jul 24-26

Explore attitudes of Friends over time to Christianity, and the diversity of Friends today.
Facilitator: Elizabeth Duke

* Building our Community – what part do I play?

Aug 14-16

Explore the role of all of us especially those who think that they are not main role holders in their worship group or their Monthly Meeting. What is our role within a group that is a do it together religion? How do I help build the meeting community?
Facilitators: Linley Gregory, Alistair Hall

* Intergenerational Nature Weekend

Oct 02-04

A weekend to support people of all ages to connect deeply with nature. Activities will be suitable for both the young and older members of our community. This will be a lovely event for families, grandparents with grandchildren and for anyone else who wants to connect with nature. *Facilitator:* Children & Young People's Committee

Te Awa Tupua

Oct 16-18

This seminar is a collaborative venture between the Quaker community and Ngā Tāngata Tiaki o Whanganui, the governance body for the Whanganui River Treaty Settlement. The seminar will explore the innovative Te Awa Tupua provisions including Treaty partnerships based on Iwi ancestral values, and the River's legal personhood. The seminar will be preceded by a Treaty Relationship Group workshop on Friday 16 October, 11am - 5pm. *Seminar co-ordinator:* Peter Horsley.
More information is available at: www.facebook.com/WhanganuiAwaSeminar

WEST board meeting

Nov 27-29

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

* Half of all accommodation, meal and registration 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.