

Quakers in London

News Sheet 2

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Working towards a London-wide area meeting

44 Friends met online on 30th September to ask questions and hear more. Short summaries were given of three [papers](#) on governance, legal advice and staffing; finance, nominations and the membership process were also mentioned. People felt they were now being given information in a way that was easier to understand. The online meeting felt exceptionally well grounded. Everyone had read and understood the papers, and listened to each other.

Then, in the [Joint London Area Meeting](#) at Westminster on Saturday 4th October around 90 Friends met in person and online to consider these matters more formally. It was agreed that the new charity would be called **Quakers in London**, and that all Quakers in membership in London would be members of it. The fact that it is an area meeting will be covered in the articles of association. We accepted that we would use London Quakers Property Trust, which is already a charitable company, as the initial legal structure as this would be the simplest, cheapest route, and we could transfer it into a charitable incorporated organisation later if we wished.

The London Development Group's staffing proposal was accepted, and the transfer of responsibilities from the seven current area meetings was discussed. A tentative timetable for handing over different functions would begin with membership, as from January 2026.

Five young people were present and enjoyed crafting, games and discussions about the challenges and joys of school.

Newcomers course

There has been an encouraging increase in newcomers coming through our doors throughout the city. A number of these have asked for a course to explain some of the ins and outs of Quaker living. Initiated by our Local Development Worker for London, Josh Selfe, a pilot course was run at Bunhill Fields Meeting House. It was oversubscribed, with a waiting list of dozens! The course featured sessions on Quaker worship and ministry, our life and testimonies, how we organize ourselves and conduct business, and a final session on our history and our future. The course was received very positively and another one has already been run at both Wimbledon and Westminster Meeting Houses, such is the demand. Walthamstow will be a venue in 2026.

Children and young people's events

London Link Group and Julia Stacey, the London Children and Youth Development Worker, organise residential and day events for 11-18 year olds, London Teenage Quaker Meeting (13-18s) at Westminster Meeting House 2-4 pm on the 4th Sunday of every month, and Preteen Meeting (10-14s) held at different meeting houses 2-4 pm on the 2nd Sunday of the month. Two special interest events are being held for 11-18s: 'Links Through Time' in Friends House Library, an opportunity to get up close to historic Quaker objects and hear stories of Quakers across the ages; and a Making Music event at Golders Green Meeting House, Saturday 6th December 10-5 pm.

London-wide Meeting for Worship

After a successful event held in April by Westminster Friends a second invitation was made to all Friends in London in October to join worship at Wanstead Meeting House, E11, followed by a vegan and vegetarian shared lunch. The meeting was blended, with a Children's Meeting at the venue. Friends enjoyed meeting old friends and making new connections.

Joint London Area Meetings in 2026

January 11 Sunday	Friends House
March 7 Saturday	Wandsworth
June 13 Saturday	Westminster
September 12 Saturday	Wanstead
October 11 Sunday	Friends House
December 13 Sunday	Friends House

These are all-day meetings, with mornings spent either in learning or worship, and with business taking place in the afternoon.

For further information, talk to Friends in your local and area meetings!

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