

Quakers in London

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How will Quakers in London work in practice?

How might we develop Quakers in London as a living area meeting? On **Wednesday 29th July** there will be a [gathering on Zoom](#) from 8.00 to 10.00 p.m. to explore this, and a recommendation may be brought back to the next JLAM. The JLAM Clerks have asked that each LM sends representatives to the Zoom meeting – but it is open to all to attend. Current plans are to have committees that support Children, Young People and Families, and Outreach. Quakers in London does not yet have formal appointments with responsibility for Communications.

London-wide Meeting for Worship at Croydon

The next monthly London-wide meeting for worship is on **Sunday 16th August** at **Croydon Meeting House**, 60 Park Lane, Croydon CR0 1JE. The meeting house is at the southwest corner of Fairfield Halls roundabout, by the start of the Croydon flyover. Next to it is the **Adult School Hall**, a grade II listed building in the Arts and Crafts style that was built in 1908 and given to the Religious Society of Friends by C. Theodore Crossfield.

Meeting is from 10.30 to 11.30. It will be followed by tea, coffee and a light lunch of soup, bread and cheese and dips. During the lunch break there will be a chance to look around the Adult School Hall. Afterwards, from 1.30 to 3.00 there will be a screening of the film **People's Emergency Briefing**, followed by a discussion. The film sets out the implications of climate and nature breakdown, as presented in the National Emergency Briefing held at Westminster last November. Friends are welcome to come for the whole day, or just the morning or just the afternoon according to their availability and interest.



Buses: alight Fairfield Halls or Croydon flyover. Trams: alight George Street.

Stations: East Croydon ½ mile; West Croydon, ¾ mile; South Croydon, ¾ mile.

Entry to car park opposite police station – only from northbound carriageway of Park Lane.

Questions about the day: email croydonquakers@gmail.com

A meeting of elders and pastoral care friends

The one-day meeting at Friends House on July 11 felt like a 'toe in the water' of what the new London-wide entity will feel like, rather than providing a full picture.

The morning session, facilitated by Josh Selfe, allowed a lot of sharing about local meetings and the existing area meetings. There is a lot of variety in different relational patterns, such as how smaller meetings currently relate to their area meetings. There may be local meetings who have always been connected to each other because of geography or common interest but have been in different area meetings. The new structure could be very enriching and energizing in this respect. Discussions over lunch provided an opportunity for conversations about respective local meetings to continue in a less constrained way.

The afternoon session, facilitated by Julia Stacey, looked at how an 'all age community' can be developed. It acknowledged the value of spending time away, for example at residencies like High Leigh. It also thought about how to welcome families into meeting, and how to ensure that young friends in their later teens don't feel patronised; and it considered the possibility of additional meeting times for parents whose children play sports on a Sunday morning.

The day covered a lot of ground in the variety of questions it raised. It may take some time to find answers to them all.

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