

Quaker Arts Network

Annual General Meeting 2020



Saturday 23rd May 2020 at 7.30pm Conducted by teleconference

AGENDA and agenda notes

1. Worship and welcome

2. Apologies

3. Minutes of last meeting AGM and any matters arising

These minutes are available at <http://quakerarts.net/documents/>

4. Annual Report

(Circulated) For approval

5. Treasurer's report and accounts

(Circulated) For approval

6. Fundraising

Further to the discussion of financial strategy at our 2019 AGM, Kate Green has prepared a fundraising leaflet - attached. We have not printed hard copies of this yet due to the Coronavirus outbreak.

We encourage Friends to make donations to QAN and also to invite their Meetings to do so. Now that QAN is a Recognised Quaker Body it is fine for Quaker meetings to give us donations. However as we are not a registered charity in our own right (but sit under the BYM's aegis) we are not in a position to reclaim tax on donations. A small regular stream of income would enable us to cover core expenses, such as the website, room bookings and travel expenses where necessary, without anxiety. Our reserves (largely resulting from a large 'legacy' donation from the Leaveners, in 2018) have enabled us to underwrite projects such as the *Seeking Routes* art exhibition, and to experiment with more frequent advertising in *the Friend*.

7. Grant making

We have not so far had any volunteers willing to make up a grant-making committee. If the committee receives requests for grants they are therefore being dealt with on an ad hoc basis, and tested against our agreed aims, with priority given to QAN projects.

8. QAN projects

Short presentations will be made on the following recent or current QAN projects with opportunities for questions:

- A. *Seeking Routes* exhibition 2019 and *Ways to kiss the Earth: Quaker artists explore sustainability* - book based on the exhibition 2019 Loving Earth Project
- B. Friends in Tune
- C. 2019 Loving Earth Project

9. Advertising and communications.

As agreed at our 2019 AGM, communications and building the QUaker ARts community has

been a priority this year.

Regular adverts in *the Friend* now serve to bring QAN to the attention of Friends, and our website and Facebook pages offer free advertising of Quaker arts projects and events and continue to be of value to enable projects, collaborations and commissions to develop. Instagram also offers opportunities to share.

We are pleased to have seen a variety of performances and exhibitions advertised on our website's events page and we encourage all Friends to use this free platform to advertise Quaker arts events. Key events and opportunities are highlighted in our e-newsletters and other contributions to the newsletter are welcome. Please email them to quaerartsuk@gmail.com as early as possible. The (private) Quaker Arts Network Group on Facebook has been a useful supplement to our @Quakerarts Facebook Page to enable us to share art works especially since the COVID-19 lockdown.

Friends are invited to comment on our communications and to offer further suggestions and support .

10. Revising the Book of Discipline

The Book of Discipline Revision Committee has been encouraged to be adventurous and to explore a range of materials and media which might supplement prose text. How might the Quaker Arts Network support the committee in their work?

We hope to be joined by a member of the Book of Discipline Revision Committee for a short introduction to its work, and abrief exploration of

11. Other projects or events

A brief report current or possible future Quaker arts projects. No firm plans for QAN future events are currently in hand. Suggestions are invited, especially if accompanied by offers to help take them forward.

12.Appointments

We will hear briefly from June Buffery, our treasurer, and Caroline Coode who have both served on the committee since the establishment of the Quaker Arts Network and have decided that the time has come for them to lay down this service. (June is willing to complete the 2020 year, working with her successor.)

In March 2020 Nessa Grimes was co-opted to the QAN committee.

Appointment of Friends to serve as clerk, assistant clerk, treasurer, and on the committee.

Nominations received by mid-April were as follows:

- Clerk: Linda Murgatroyd (Kingston and Wandsworth AM)
- Assistant Clerk : Kate Green (North East Thames AM)
- Treasurer: vacancy
- Committee : Alec Davison (North East Thames AM)
Nessa Grimes (Central England AM)
Elena Krumbgold (Sussex West AM)
John Lampen (Central England AM)

Further nominations would be welcome, particularly from parts of the country that will no longer be represented otherwise and from Friends with interest in poetry, music or performing arts.-
Committee meetings are infrequent and sometimes online.

Please contact quaerartsuk@gmail.com with any nominations or enquiries.

10.Any other business