

Minutes of Quaker Arts Network Annual General Meeting, held 27 June 2021, by Zoom

Present: June Buffery, Sylvia Claire , Liz Collins (Harrogate Meeting Arts correspondent) , Kate Green (assistant clerk), Kate Green (assistant clerk), Kay Horsfeld, Dorothy Jerrome, Elena Krumgold, John Lampen, Margot Lunnon, Anne McNeill, Kirstie Macqueen Linda Murgatroyd (clerk), Jasmine Piercy , Sue Tyldesley

Apologies: Tony Biggin, Judith Bromley Nicholls, Caroline Coode, Andy O'Hanlan.

1 Minutes

WeThe Minutes of the last AGM have been circulated.

2 Annual Report 2020-21

We accept the Annual Report and Treasurer's rReport. We thank Barry Mercer for examining the accounts.

3 Updates on QAN activities

• Loving Earth Project

We have heard from Sue Tyldesly about developments in the Loving Earth Project in the last few months. The project is developing well with exhibitions now starting up and we are now working with those organising fringe events around COP 26.

The project has been having a number of valuable spinoffs including deep conversations and sharing, both online and in person. Woodbrooke will be running workshops at YMG and further courses associated with the project.

The QAN is responsible for exhibitions going forward, and working with non-Quaker groups. Further volunteers to help with elements of this would be welcome. (Contact lovingearthproject@gmail.com)

• What can we say?

Kate Green shared news of events sharing how dance can be an expression of our spiritual lives and how it can be a witness. The Book of Discipline Revision Committee the has been actively interest in this initiative. We note that they will be running events using arts activities at Yearly Meeting Gathering.

• Yearly Meeting Gathering

We look forward to informal conversations at the drop-in Groups Fair of YMF on Sunday evening 25th July and a lunchtime gathering on thursday 5th August will offer a more structured opportunity to meet others.

A mixed programme on the theme of Truths and Diversities will provide entertainment and food for the spirit on the Tuesday evening.

[NB People need to register for YMG at <https://www.quaker.org.uk/ym> by 19 July to receive details of the programme and then sign up for individual events.]

4 QAN finances

John Lampen has given us a brief update on QAN finances. We encourage Friends to make donations or better still to ask their Meetings for small regular donations to QAN to support core costs including advertising.

5 What Next?

The QAN's existence as a way for Friends to communicate about the arts is valuable in itself and affirms the value of the arts. We can and do use arts to sustain us spiritually and this is to be further encouraged in our Meetings.

We hope to be able to arrange regular opportunities on Zoom for sharing our arts and related experiences in future, if organisers come forward.

6 Appointments

We appoint the following to the QAN committee until our next AGM.

John Lampen (Central England) - Treasurer

Kate Green (North East Thames) - Assistant clerk

Elena Krungold (Sussex West) newsletter manager

Sue Tyldesley (Central and North Lancashire) - Loving Earth Project

Linda Murgatroyd (Kingston and Wandsworth) - Clerk

Sylvia Clare (Hampshire and Islands) - social media.

7 Worship

The meeting closed as it had opened, with a period of silent worship.