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# Quaker Arts News

## Spring 2022

**QAN's AGM on Sunday, 8th May at 5pm**



Please join us on Zoom - email [quakerartsuk@gmail.com](mailto:quakerartsuk@gmail.com) for the link.

At this important meeting we hope you will agree a new constitution <http://quakerarts.net/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/QAN-Draft-constitution-for-2022-agm-.pdf>

This follows the decision at last year's AGM to become a registered charity. Kate Green would be happy to clarify in advance of the meeting any questions or concerns Friends have about the constitution or charitable status

- [kategreen@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kategreen@yahoo.co.uk).

*Picture: Newspaper cutting about the Irish tour of Loving Earth Project*

Would you like to serve the Quaker Arts Network, or do you know others who might? Some long-serving Friends need to step back from some of their QAN responsibilities shortly, so we are looking for a future treasurer and clerk, as well as other Friends who would be willing to help. We'd like to maintain an evolving group of Friends with diverse skills and arts interests (not necessarily all practising artists) to help support and connect Friends ministry through the arts. Please get in touch as soon as possible (and before the AGM) if you have names to suggest, with a few words about the Friends.

### **Draft AGM Agenda**

1. Opening worship
2. Annual report and accounts - <https://quakerarts.net/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/QAN-2021-Annual-Report-1-1.pdf>
3. Constitution - <http://quakerarts.net/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/QAN-Draft-constitution-for-2022-agm-.pdf>
4. Membership
5. Loving Earth Project update -<https://quakerarts.net/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Loving-Earth-Project-Report-for-2021.pdf>
6. Appointments
7. Brief comfort break
8. Future events and activities brainstorm (small groups and then plenary)
9. Endings (AoB if needed; closing worship).

Any significant updates to this agenda will be at <http://quakerarts.net/event/qans-agm/>. We hope the formal business will be completed fairly quickly, and then we will turn to the future.

## Have you confirmed your membership of QAN?

We don't think the new constitution will change the way we work day to day. However the introduction of a way for members to call an Extraordinary General Meeting, should the need arise, does mean we need to know who our members are. As we have no membership fee, our mailing lists are out of date and include people who have died or no longer interested.

So we have asked Friends to confirm your wish to remain a QAN member.

If you have already responded, thank you.

If you haven't done so, please email Sylvia Claire

at [sylvia.clare@btinternet.com](mailto:sylvia.clare@btinternet.com) with the title - **QAN member** to confirm your continuing membership. Thanks.

At some point we will stop sending newsletters to those we don't hear from. We will ask you to do confirm your membership again from time to time. Of course if you would like to stop receiving the newsletter or being a QAN member, please email [quakerartsuk.net](mailto:quakerartsuk.net).

## 400 Years of George Fox in 2024

Friends World Committee for Consultation has initiated a consultation about how we might celebrate 400 years since the birth of George Fox. They will be holding a second online meeting to brainstorm ideas on May 6th at 4 to 5.30 pm. All will be welcome.

Details at <https://fwcc.world/event/planning-for-george-foxs-400th-birthday-2/>

Whilst many Friends are not keen on celebrating some people rather than others, and anniversaries are not usually our thing, this does offer an opportunity for special connections and concerted Quaker outreach and we hope that the arts will be able to contribute.

In the second part of our AGM on 8 May we will have an opportunity to share any ideas we might have about this, as well as other possible activities.

## Quaker Arts Events

Quaker arts events in May include

May 6th: Curiosity, Creativity and Climate: A Loving Earth conversation (in Sedburgh and online)

8th May: QAN's AGM (online).

22nd May: QAN at BYM (Online event) , sharing responses to textile artworks about the environment.

Various Arts Retreats at Congénies in the South of France

Details are at <http://quakerarts.net/events/>.

*PLEASE SEE OUR [EVENTS PAGE](#) FOR DETAILS OF THIS AND OTHER EVENTS, AND DON'T FORGET TO [ADD YOUR OWN EVENTS](#).*



### **Loving Earth Project**

Loving Earth Project exhibitions continue in Sedbergh (Cumbria, and in four venues in Fife (Scotland). After that, exhibitions and events are planned in Grange over Sands (Cumbria), Jordans (Buckinghamshire), Slovenia and at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. More information about these are on the <http://lovingearth-project.uk/events-2/> and a separate newsletter is produced by the Loving Earth Project . See <http://lovingearth-project.uk/category/news/>

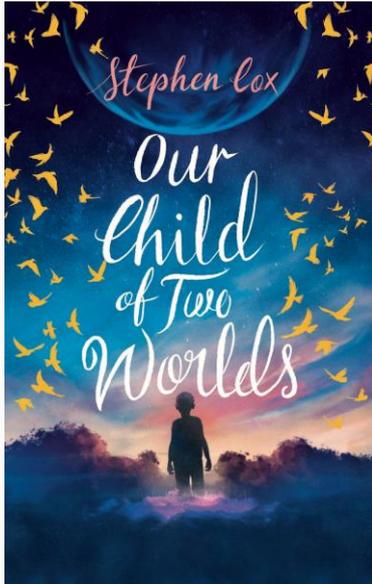
Please keep sharing news of arts events with Quaker connections on our website.

You can upload events yourself at <https://quakerarts.net/events/community/add>

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A number of other spirituality and arts events are organised by [www.livingspirit.org.uk](http://www.livingspirit.org.uk).

### **Publications news**

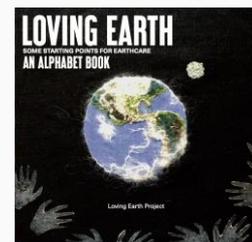


**Stephen Cox's second novel Our Child of Two**

**Worlds** was published on the 31 March. It also appears in eBook and audiobook in the US and Canada. Quaker bookshop should have it and also can be ordered from any good retailer. Stephen writes: "The first book was much liked among friends. A ... story of a couple in 60s USA who adopt a charming alien boy Cory and keep him safe from militarism by keeping him a secret. The second book deepens the peril and faces the family with a new dilemma. If Cory's people come to save him and the earth, will his human parents lose him forever?"

It was reviewed by Sue Hampton as follows.

"It may be shelved under Sci-Fi but for me, *Our Child of Two Worlds* is a stirring novel about family and home. Rich with humanity, it explores our species; tendency to damage ourselves, our relationships and Planet Earth. And at its core, it gives us Cory, the young, vulnerable 'purple'; ... who powered the original novel by making us love him. A powerful, sad but satisfying sequel"



## Loving Earth : An Alphabet Book. Some starting points for Earthcare

This little book is selling like hot cakes, and we have already had a reprint. Copies can be bought direct from via <http://lovingearth-project.uk/shop/>. Please enquire about discounts, available for bulk orders (10 or more copies) to sell or give away. We hope it will soon be stocked by the Quaker Bookshop too.

*PS - Don't forget to keep an eye for news on the website and to put your events up there, and to post and share Quaker arts news via Facebook, if you can.*

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