

Follow up letter



Yearly Meeting of the
Religious Society of Friends
(Quakers) in Britain

11 July 2025

To members of Meeting for Sufferings

Meeting for Sufferings 5 July 2025

Dear Friends,

It was a delight to be with you again. We worked hard, but I think it was a productive meeting.

We spent some time on the challenges of engaging in direct action and the need to support our Friends who are paying the price for faithful witness. We also recorded the details of the police action at Westminster Meeting House against a protest group meeting on the premises. Included in this mailing is material from the workshop that you may wish to use with your area meetings.

We gave considerable space to consideration of a minute from Worcestershire and Shropshire Area Meeting regarding our response to the impact of the prevalent interpretation of the Supreme Court judgment in *For Women Scotland v. The Scottish Ministers* [2025] on trans inclusion. We reaffirmed our commitment to welcoming trans and non-binary Friends and to ensuring that we are able to continue offering safe spaces to everyone. We recognised, however, that we have some work to do as a community in our discernment of how best to realise a loving community that is accepting of each person.

We received our regular update on the work of Britain Yearly Meeting Trustees, who have started to work with Meeting for Sufferings on reviewing the strategic priorities of centrally-managed work. This will return to us for further discernment later in the year but in the meantime your comments are welcome and may be sent to bymtrustees@quaker.org.uk.

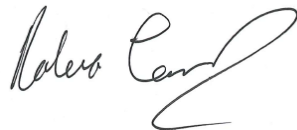
We reviewed the reallocation of the functions of Meeting for Sufferings once it is laid down, and approved the transition of General Meeting for Scotland to Quakers in Scotland, with the associated changes to *Quaker faith & practice*, as part of the changes being worked through by Friends in Scotland.

We also heard from the New Ways of Belonging working group of Quaker Life Central Committee, which outlined proposals for non-geographic membership arrangements. We look forward to the formal proposals returning to us for recommendation to Yearly Meeting. Again, feedback may be sent to the Group at supportmeetings@quaker.org.uk marked for the attention of the "New Ways of Belonging Working Group".

I look forward to seeing you again at our residential meeting at High Leigh from 3rd to 5th October. We hope that each area meeting and committee will be able to send a representative to High Leigh since, while we will enable online participation as much as possible, we have heard that it is unlikely to be as satisfactory. However you plan to attend, look out for details of registration coming soon.

Our meeting opened with the words of Isaac Penington quoted in *Quaker faith & practice* 10.01, which I repeat here as a reminder of the essence of our community: "Our life is love, and peace, and tenderness; and bearing one with another, and forgiving one another, and not laying accusations one against another; but praying one for another, and helping one another up with a tender hand."

In Truth,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Card', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robert Card
Clerk, Meeting for Sufferings

The following papers are included in this mailing:

- MfS minutes July 2025
- Functions checklist
- Faith in Action activities



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Religious Society of Friends
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At a meeting of

Meeting for Sufferings

Held at Friends House and by video conference 5 July 2025

Minutes

MfS/25/07/01 Opening Worship and welcome

We have begun our meeting in worship during which *Quaker faith and practice* 10.01 was read.

MfS/25/07/02 Agenda

The Clerk has introduced the draft agenda, and we have agreed to this.

MfS/25/07/03 Membership of Meeting for Sufferings

Since our last meeting we have received the following nominations and requests for release for Meeting for Sufferings until the rise of Yearly Meeting 2026:

Release requests received:

Andrew Bird – Cornwall AM alternate
Penelope Cummins – QCCIR representative
Jenny Gordon – Mid-Thames AM representative
Anne Heywood – Thaxted AM representative
Ruth Owens – South East London AM alternate
Hannah Stranex – Young Friends General Meeting alternate

Nominated:

Rachel Berger – West Wiltshire & East Somerset AM alternate
Andrew Bird – Cornwall AM representative
John Griffin – Mid-Thames AM representative
Judith Niechcial – South East London AM representative
Maggie Mason – Kendal & Sedbergh AM representative
Will Reed – Young Friends General Meeting alternate
Ian Tilley – South East London AM alternate
Jane Wilson – Mid- Somerset AM alternate

Visitors invited to represent area meetings/committees in the absence of the appointed representative or alternate:

Sue Crosfield – Surrey & Hampshire Border AM
Karl Gibbs – Thaxted AM

Finola O'Sullivan – Quaker World Relations Committee
Catherine Putz – Brighouse West Yorkshire AM

Apologies:

Craven & Keighley AM, Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire AM, Swarthmoor (South West Cumbria) AM, West Kent AM

Other visitors:

Lyndsay Burtonshaw – BYM staff, Faith in Action Coordinator
Ailish Carroll-Brentnall – BYM staff, Faith in Action Coordinator
Alistair Fuller – BYM staff, Team Leader (Quaker Community)
Zélie Gross – Quaker Life Central Committee
Cato Pedder – BYM staff, Media Officer

MfS/25/07/04 Appointments

Central Nominations Committee brings forward the following names for service or release as indicated:

Representatives to other European Yearly Meetings

- France Yearly Meeting in 2025: Grace Roberts, Young Friends General Meeting
- Nordic Yearly Meeting in 2025: Ingrid Greenhow, Luton & Leighton AM
- Ireland Yearly Meeting in 2025: Gordon Benson, Pendle Hill AM
- Central European Yearly Meeting in 2025: Jenny Tipping, Bournemouth Coastal AM
- Netherlands Yearly Meeting in 2025: Jasmine Piercy, West Somerset AM
- Switzerland Yearly Meeting in 2025: Joe Warren, Luton & Leighton AM

Book of Discipline Revision Committee

Release from service with immediate effect:
Rhianon Grant, Central England AM

Yearly Meeting Pastoral Care Group

Release from service with immediate effect:
Ade Couper, Worcester & Shropshire AM
Sasha Lawson Frost, Young Friends General Meeting

Yearly Meeting Agenda Committee

To serve from now until Yearly Meeting 2026, renominate:
Peter Grant, Hampshire & Islands AM
Amelia Schafer-Rutherford, Gloucestershire AM

Britain Yearly Meeting Trustees

Release from service with immediate effect:
Danielle Walker-Palmour, York AM
To serve from 5 July 2025 until 31 December 2028:
Ruth McTighe, Central Yorkshire AM

Pendle Hill Friend in Residence, Pennsylvania, USA

To serve as the Pendle Hill Friends in Residence Spring 2026:
Mark Holtom, Brighouse West Yorkshire AM

Catherine Putz, Brighthouse West Yorkshire AM

Quaker Peace & Social Witness Central Committee

Release from service from February 2025

Alan Keith, West Somerset AM

Quaker Life Central Committee

To serve from 2 May 2025 until 31 December 2027:

Rick Stuart-Shepherd, Norfolk & Waveney AM

Sean Jacke, North West London AM

We agree to these appointments and request for release.

MfS/25/07/05 Quaker Recognised Bodies

We have discussed the re-registration of the Quaker Socialist Society and have been reminded of the criteria used for registration of Quaker Recognised Bodies (QRBs).

We agree to:

- register The Claverham Meeting House Trust
- re-register Forward Africa Education Trust
- re-register Quaker Socialist Society

as QRBs for a period of five years (to be reviewed during 2030).

We note the trustees of Green Olive Trust UK are closing the charity and we agree, at the request of group, to remove it from the list of QRBs.

MfS/25/07/06 Prison and Court Register

Meeting for Sufferings records in the Prison and Court Register the names of Friends who have appeared in court or been imprisoned as a result of their faith and acting under concern.

Alison Meaton, Cornwall Area Meeting, Linda Patterson, West Wiltshire & East Somerset Area Meeting, Nick Francis, West Wiltshire & East Somerset Area Meeting, and Diana Francis, West Wiltshire & East Somerset Area Meeting, were arrested and found guilty, given conditional discharges, and they were each fined £300 towards prosecution costs and £26 to the victim support fund following witness at the Defence and Security Equipment International (DESI) arms fair in London in September 2023. Adrian Cook of London West AM was also arrested at the Defence and Security Equipment International (DESI) arms fair at the same time, appeared in court but found not guilty.

The following witness from Friends in Leeds Area Meeting in 2023 and 2024 has also been brought to this Meeting:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of action</i>	<i>Action</i>	<i>Charge</i>	<i>Legal proceedings</i>
Susannah Battley	13/11/2023	JSO* action, Earl's Court	Disruption of national public infrastructure/ Section 7	November 2026, Crown Court, 1 week

Susannah Battley	15/11/2023	JSO* action, Brent Cross	Disruption of national public infrastructure/ Section 7	August 2027, Crown Court, 10-15 days
Anna Marshall	15/11/2023	JSO* action, Tottenham Court Road	Disruption of national public infrastructure/ Section 7	November 2026, Crown Court, 1 week
Rosalind Monaghan	13/11/2023	JSO* action, Earls Court	Disruption of national public infrastructure/ Section 7	January 2026, Crown Court, 10 days
Rosalind Monaghan	15/11/2023	JSO* action, Brent Cross	Disruption of national public infrastructure/ Section 7	July 2026, Crown Court, 2 weeks
Rosalind Monaghan	08/08/2024	Drax – Reclaim the Power	Equipped to lock on	Plea Hearing 20/3/25 Leeds Magistrates Court
Rose Armitage	08/08/2024	Drax – Reclaim the Power	Equipped to lock on	Plea Hearing 20/3/25 Leeds Magistrates Court
Adam Woods	08/08/2024	Drax – Reclaim the Power	Equipped to lock on	Plea Hearing 20/3/25 Leeds Magistrates Court
Arlan Jones	08/08/2024	Drax – Reclaim the Power	Equipped to lock on	Plea Hearing 20/3/25 Leeds Magistrates Court
Jacob Arthur Solomon Bourne (Sol)	13/11/2023	JSO* action, Earl's Court	Disruption of national public infrastructure/ Section 7	18th May, 2026, 10am, Southwark Crown Court
Jacob Arthur Solomon Bourne (Sol)	15/11/2023	JSO* action, Brent Cross	Disruption of national public infrastructure/ Section 7	18th May, 2026, 10am, Southwark Crown Court
Evan Usher	13/11/2023	JSO* action, Earl's Court	Disruption of national public infrastructure/ Section 7	Guilty plea: £199 court fee and 80 hours' community service (in Leeds)

Sam King	17/11/2023	JSO* action, Whitehall		December 2024, Guilty. Conditional discharge. Court fee £350 to be paid in £50 x 7 instalments
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*JSO – Just Stop Oil

We agree to include these details in the Register and hold our Friends in the Light.

MfS/25/07/07 Quakers and protest

Further to minute MfS/25/03/14, we have welcomed Lyndsay Burtonshaw and Ailish Carroll-Brentnall staff members from BYM's Faith in Action Team.

We have engaged in a short workshop session to help us consider the challenges we or others around us might face when engaging in direct action. In particular, we have considered how this might affect the interpersonal dynamics in our meetings.

It is clear to us that we still have the right to protest despite the restrictions imposed by the recently introduced laws, in particular the *Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022* and the *Public Order Act 2023*. Such protest might take a variety of forms. We are reminded of the importance of both being clear in our discernment about why we are acting and in preparing for any direct action. To support our discernment on what role we might take in protest, we might consider our bias towards being a rebel, a citizen, a reformer, or a social change agent. By doing what is ours to do together, we can produce something beautiful. As Quakers, we need to have spiritually-grounded conversations to underpin our faithful action. How can our meetings facilitate these?

Throughout this exercise we have come to understand the importance of upholding in the Light those who may be in a dark place as a consequence of paying the price of faithful witness. We must cherish our prophets and support them as best we can. It is imperative that we continue to challenge what we perceive to be bad legislation.

“Respect the laws of the state but let your first loyalty be to God’s purposes. If you feel impelled by strong conviction to break the law, search your conscience deeply. Ask your meeting for the prayerful support which will give you strength as a right way becomes clear.” (Advices & queries, 35)

MfS/25/07/08 Police action at Westminster Meeting House

We have received minutes from London West, Leeds, Chilterns and Teesdale & Cleveland area meetings expressing concern at the police action at Westminster Meeting House in March this year. London West Area Meeting sent us the following minutes from Westminster Local Meeting:

2025.05.03 Reflecting on the forcible entry by police to Westminster Meeting House

On 27 March 2025, more than 20 police forcibly entered Westminster Quaker Meeting House, using Section 17 (1)(b) of the Police and Criminal Evidence (PACE) powers, and breaking the Hop Gardens door. They arrested six young people attending a welcome event organised by Youth Demand, who had hired the space. Police entered all rooms, disrupting events including a

life drawing class, a therapy session upstairs, and a Quaker planning meeting that had just finished opening worship. Fortuitously, one of our Elders, Mal Woolford, and a Resident Volunteer Friend were present and engaged with the police and reassured hirers. We are grateful to them.

We have heard that the six young women arrested have not been charged: some must report back to the police in June.

We send this minute of record to Area Meeting.

2025.05.04 Record of support received

Since the incident, we have received wide support. Many Friends from elsewhere joined a blended Meeting for Worship (MfW) on 30 March followed by worship sharing for the meeting. Five MPs, including three Quaker MPs, our Local MP, and another Green Party MP, joined MfW the following Wednesday. On 3 April, over 300 attended a MfW outside new Scotland Yard and many came back for tea at Westminster after. On 6 April, 85 Friends attended MfW in the Meeting House, with 9 online.

We have received nearly 80 messages from Friends around the world, other faiths, and people of no faith. These have been circulated amongst Friends. Many attached letters they had sent to local MPs, to High Commissioners (from Friends in Australia, New Zealand and southern Africa), the Home Secretary, and to the Mayor of London. Our Clerk has responded to each message received directly.

We are moved by these kind words and support for Westminster Meeting including from our own AM. We have heard too that our hirers have expressed their sympathy for Westminster Quakers and outrage at what happened. We have heard from Friends about support from many churches, pubs, and community groups across the country. And of messages from Friends across the UK and the world, including the Quaker Council of European Affairs, USA, Southern Africa, and Australia: some of whom Westminster Friends have worshipped with in person and online.

Some messages mention that they have made donations to help cover the cost of repairing our door. We believe some messages are from serving police officers and have been told of police officers attending worship elsewhere, or whom individuals have met, expressing their shame at the police action. Some of the most poignant messages are from Quakers in the USA who see worrying parallels between our experience and what is happening in their country.

We would like to thank our Clerk, those who helped on the night, the premises team, Elders, and all Friends who have been involved in responding to this incident.

2025.05.05 Record of follow up so far including action around the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 and the Public Order Act 2023.

A significant amount of work has been undertaken by Friends in response to the incident, and much work is ongoing. We thank all for their service.

Premises ensured that the building was made secure the night that the police broke the door and will arrange for further repairs in due course. They have followed up with hirers who were disturbed by the police, and we have refunded the hire charges for that evening to them: all have been very sympathetic.

London Quakers Property Trust (LQPT) trustees met and agreed that further hire planned to Youth Demand should go ahead subject to reconfirmation that they agree to our hiring terms that include a commitment to nonviolence, though we note that they already have a public commitment to nonviolence. Youth Demand have since met twice at Westminster Meeting House: on the first of those occasions three Friends spent the evening in the kitchen and found everything peaceful.

LQPT trustees and London West AM trustees have submitted a joint serious incident report to the Charity Commission. LQPT and Westminster LM have been in correspondence with the police who so far are justifying their actions and say that they are not required to pay for damage to the door because arrests were made. Our Clerk, an Elder and an LQPT trustee will meet the police later this month.

Britain Yearly Meeting has sought legal advice about support for, and hiring to, groups such as Youth Demand and will be providing advice on each of these to Quaker trustees soon.

Staff of Britain Yearly Meeting have been very active ensuring that what happened at Westminster received wide publicity. The yearly meeting has a long-standing concern about shrinking civil space following the restrictive Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 and the Public Order Act 2023. We are very conscious that many other communities and groups are much worse affected than us, and Quakers are seeking to use the privilege of our reputation and the public outcry about the police action to advance this concern.

Our Clerk wrote to the Westminster MP, Rachel Blake, and that letter was circulated at the time and with the agenda for this meeting. Rachel Blake invited BYM staff and our Clerk to a meeting this week and Rachel explained that she has already had meetings with the Deputy Mayor and police and will continue to follow up. BYM will work with Rachel Blake to feed into a planned post legislative review of the 2023 Public Order Act, and to seek to get a narrower definition of what is considered 'serious disruption'. We note with optimism that there has been movement on this latter point in the last couple of days. BYM will continue its long-term efforts to get repeal or reform of the 2022 and 2023 acts included in the next King's Speech.

LQPT and Westminster have sent a joint letter to the Mayor of London (that was circulated at the time and with this agenda). BYM staff and our Clerk were invited to a meeting with the Deputy Mayor where they raised concerns about the police action and its proportionality. The Deputy Mayor had already met the police, and she listened sympathetically to what we had to say.

We know that many LMs and individual Friends have written to their own MPs. Other churches have written too, and some are making joint submissions.

MfS/25/07/09 Supreme Court judgment in For Women Scotland v. The Scottish Ministers [2025] and trans inclusion

We receive minute 25.21.02 from Worcestershire and Shropshire Area Meeting along with a paper from the Recording Clerk referencing Yearly Meeting 2021 Minute 31 and BYM Trustees minute BYMT/25/05/02. Yearly Meeting 2021 Minute 31 confirms our commitment “to provide places of worship and community that are welcoming and supportive to trans and non-binary people who want to be among us. Belonging is more than fitting in.”

We note that interim non-statutory guidance from the Equality and Human Rights Commission on the interpretation of the Supreme Court’s ruling is being contested and subject to legal challenge. We affirm the importance of continuing to offer trans-inclusive spaces, as we seek to offer safe spaces to everyone. Where necessary we will speak out to ensure that the law allows us to do this. We believe that it is essential that the protections in the Equality Act are implemented fairly and equitably.

We have heard the pain and fear of trans people and their families as their rights are conflated with the fears of abuse from men against women. We also recognise that there are women who have fears for their own personal safety. We seek to find a way to be in loving community, accepting one another.

As a yearly meeting, we have a clear commitment to welcome trans and non-binary people in our meetings. The world is becoming more hostile for gender non-conforming people and we need to work hard to make our welcome real and model it for the world. We need to uphold one another as we seek truth, unity and love together, through our processes of Quaker discernment. Violence comes from fear, and love drives out fear. Spiritually-grounded conversations and opportunities for learning from our lived experiences will aid this; we hope that ways will be found to facilitate this.

MfS/25/07/10 Britain Yearly Meeting Trustees

We receive minutes from the most recent meetings of Britain Yearly Meeting Trustees held on 8 May and 6-8 June along with a written report (paper MfS 2025 06 10). The Clerk of Trustees, Marisa Johnson, and the Yearly Meeting Treasurer, Paul Whitehouse, have spoken to us today and answered our questions.

We have been alerted to the review of the strategic priorities of centrally managed work that Trustees have initiated. Further information will be included in the follow-up mailing.

We note that Trustees have established a Programmes and Priorities Committee to evaluate the work that is done on our behalf and to make decisions about how such work might be developed or whether it should be laid down.

We have been reminded of the yearly meeting’s policy on making public statements to ensure that they are in line with the discerned positions of the yearly meeting.

We have been informed that Octopus Legacy will assist Friends to write their wills free of charge. We hope that Friends may be able to take advantage of this facility in leaving a legacy to the yearly meeting.

We are grateful to our Trustees for their work in ensuring that our affairs are in right ordering.

MfS/25/07/11 New ways of belonging

Further to minute MfS/24/10/06, the New Ways of Belonging Working Group of Quaker Life Central Committee has provided us with a paper and Zélie Gross has introduced it to us.

We unite with the proposals brought to us and ask that formal proposals return to us in timely fashion, looking to send them to a future session of Yearly Meeting for consideration.

We send the report to Yearly Meeting Agenda Committee and the Yearly Meeting Agenda Planning Committee for information.

MfS/25/07/12 Governance in Scotland

We receive and note minute 25/06/09 from General Meeting for Scotland informing us of the creation of a new Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation called 'Quakers in Scotland', and asking us to approve the transition of General Meeting for Scotland (GMS) to Quakers in Scotland (QiS), planned for 20 September 2025. From that date forwards all Friends in Scotland will become part of QiS. GMS suggests that its current responsibilities as set out in *Quaker faith and practice* 5.03 become the responsibilities of QiS.

We give our approval for General Meeting for Scotland to transition to Quakers in Scotland, and agree that from the date of the final transfer of GMS to QiS, forwards, the GMS responsibilities stated in *Quaker faith and practice* 5.03, will pass to QiS.

The resulting laying down of GMS will require changes to *Quaker faith and practice*, and we will ask the Church Government Advisory Group to propose necessary amendments for Meeting for Sufferings to approve, on completion of the transfer to QiS. We ask GMS to inform Meeting for Sufferings of this.

We acknowledge changing our structures can be difficult but we are pleased to learn that GMS is excited by the opportunities arising from the transition to QiS. We hold Friends in Scotland in the Light as they go through this process of change, creating and finding new ways forward.

We send this minute to General Meeting for Scotland.

MfS/25/07/13 Functions of Meeting for Sufferings

We receive paper MfS 2025 07 13 setting out how the current functions of Meeting for Sufferings as specified in *Quaker faith & practice* 7.02 might be carried out when this body is laid down next year. Sarah Donaldson has spoken to this paper.

We are generally content with the proposals for who should take on the current responsibilities of Meeting for Sufferings. We have raised our concerns about some of the proposals and they have been noted by staff.

We are keen to ensure that Friends are well informed about Yearly Meeting decisions, and that individually and together in area meetings, they stay engaged with the Quaker central work.

MfS/25/07/14 Closing worship

We closed our time together in worship.

Robert Card
Clerk

Meeting for Sufferings: Functions Checklist (*Quaker faith & practice* Chapter 7.02)

	Requirement	July 25
A	To set the priorities for the centrally managed work	10
B	To issue public statements in the name of BYM	
C	To receive regular interim reports from BYM trustees	10
D	To receive the BYM trustees' annual report & accounts for information	
E	To make a report on its own activities to YM	
F	To determine the dates of YM	
G	To deliberate on how best to support the spiritual life of the yearly meeting and to further the development of its visionary and prophetic role	7, 9, 11
H	To keep under review and to test as appropriate the existing and new concerns referred to it by AMs and others	8, 9, 11
I	To foster communication throughout the yearly meeting	
J	To receive minutes from area meetings	8, 9
K	To make appropriate entries in the prison and court register	6
I	To appoint representatives to attend other Yearly Meetings	4
M	To receive information about changes in the composition or status of general meetings and gatherings	12
N	To make changes in the composition of area meetings	
O	To give assistance to area meetings in the amicable settlement of disputes	
P	To hear appeals against area meeting decisions	
Q	To give guidance on policy matters referred to it by the BYM trustees from time to time	
R	To authorise action and minute as required under other sections of <i>Quaker faith & practice</i>	
S	To set up an arrangements group and support and working groups to assist its own work as it sees fit	

BYM's Faith in Action Team workshop at Meeting for Sufferings

5 July 2025

Led by: Ailish Carroll-Brentnall and Lyndsay Burtonshaw

Activity 1

4 roles of social change

Individual reflection or in pairs

Which of these you most identify with:

- Rebel
 - causes 'creative tension', i.e. highlights the gap between what is and what should be
 - actions often disruptive
 - polarised world view
- Reformer
 - uses institutional means of getting real change
 - leads in dialogue with the powerholders
 - can get sucked into the way things are done
- Citizen
 - articulates a vision of the good society
 - achieves legitimacy in the eyes of ordinary citizen
 - trusts government
- Change agent
 - promotes a long-term perspective
 - interested in public consensus
 - often utopian visions

Complete these sentences:

I feel the role that most fits me is...

I notice when I think about the other roles I feel...

I think my meeting has a bias towards...

One thing I treasure about someone who embodies a role different to mine is...

Activity 2

Case study

In small groups

Brenda is known for bringing up social justice issues in meeting in a way that sometimes makes people feel uncomfortable. She takes action with Extinction

Rebellion, not her meeting. She blocked a road and is going to court. Local news stories have reported an ambulance couldn't get through due to the road block but Brenda says they cleared the way for emergency vehicles.

Many people are talking about this at meeting, with some people feeling the tactic caused harm and was not peaceful or constructive. Others are congratulating Brenda for being brave.

One day Brenda is teary at meeting – it turns out a parent has told their child they can't come to her teenager's sleepover because they don't want her mixing with 'people like that'.

- Q1. Why might Brenda have taken action without first coming to her Quaker meeting for discernment?
- Q2. What are the potential seeds of the conflict in the meeting between those who support Brenda and those who do not?
- Q3. What can your meeting do to support Brenda starting from now, at the beginning of a several-year journey to court?

Further resources

The Faith in Action Team at BYM can be contacted on:

faithinaction@quaker.org.uk

Guidance for Meetings for Clearness can be found here:

<https://www.quaker.org.uk/documents/clearness-meeting-guidance-2012.pdf>

We have been trying to work on a process to make it easier for local meetings to connect to activists who are awaiting trial. We have developed a form to aim to make this smoother. If there is someone in your meeting who needs support following arrest, [please complete this form](#) to help us connect them to a local meeting who might be able to help.

During the workshop, Ailish referenced 'Sanctuary Meetings'. The Sanctuary Everywhere project was a project which ran from 2017 – 2022. You can read more about it and access old resources on the [resources section of the Quakers in Britain website, under Migrant Justice](#).