

Living Witness Project
Report on Activities September 2010
Report on period December 2010 to February 2011

Highlights

- We have recruited a new RP, Jenny Meade from Arran. Some RPs have left in the last few months and we now have a group of seven: Alan Allport, Zee-Zee Heine, Harriet Martin, Jenny Meade, Gwen Prince, Martin Quick, Gill Westcott. Six of them attended the gathering at Bamford in February, and Jasmine has been working with them to compile resources for use in meetings. Requests for events in meetings continue to be quiet, with just one in Bedford in the last three months, and a couple more coming up.
- We are planning a variety of activities at YMG, including a stall, two day workshops on the Wednesday, and probably some other workshops through the week, to be delivered by RPs.
- Dee has been working on the website, which she has now relaunched. It includes the resources and other material that were on the old website, but has generally been updated and the look much improved. Dee will now be responsible for maintaining the website.
- Dee has also been editing her first edition of *earthQuaker* which should be finalised in the next couple of weeks.
- Collaboration with Woodbrooke, QPSW and NFPB continues via the Sustainability Group. Jasmine is working with Pam Lunn and the Transition Network to deliver a course on *Quakers and Transition* in June.
- Anne Wheldon, Marion Winslow and Laurie have been working with QPSW staff to produce the *Sustainability Toolkit*, now named *Greening Your Meeting*. It brings together a number of updated LW resources with some new ones, including case studies of Friends' initiatives and a new set of session plans for use in meetings. It is to be published by Quaker Books in June. We plan to use it pre-publication at the May Link Group meeting. It will be launched at YMG, probably with some workshops introducing Friends to the resources.

Diary

Events and meetings since the last Trustees meeting include

- 18-20 February, RP Gathering at Bamford (Alan and Jasmine)
- ? February, BYM Sustainability Group in Oxford (Alan, Jasmine, Lesley?)
- 21 February, meeting with QPSW to finalise toolkit (Anne, Marion, Laurie)
- 26 February, short talk for Northern Friends Peace Board meeting in Chesterfield (Laurie)
- 5 March, event for Luton and Leighton AM at Bedford FMH (Harriet)
- 5 March, workshop at QCEA conference in York (Laurie)

Forthcoming meetings and events include

- 21 March, Trustees meeting
- ?? Sustainability Group
- 10 April, workshop for Rochester Meeting
- Date to be arranged, workshop for Portsmouth Meeting
- 20-22 May, Link Group gathering at Earlswood Log Cabin (Zee-Zee to facilitate)
- 24-26 June, Quakers and Transition (Jasmine)
- 30 Jul to 6 Aug, Yearly Meeting Gathering in Canterbury (all RPs available)
- 3-10 September, Working retreat joint with Quaker Voluntary Action at Bamford (Jasmine)
- October, Link Group Gathering at Bamford, YMG follow-up
- 4-6 Nov RP gathering, venue tbc