

# Programme of QLSD Seminars for 2026

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## Summer Work Weekend

**13-15 February**

Bring the family to a fun weekend on the land. Get your hands in the soil. Warm enough for a swim!

## John Woolman, Mystic and Activist

**20-22 February**

A weekend at the Settlement to explore the many facets of John Woolman's life and his relevance for us today.

*Peter Watson and Val Bone*

## Men's weekend

**6 – 8 March**

**In person at Friends House Waiheke.**

Theme: The absence of the father

*Michael Ocean + Josef Beauvais*

## Resilience for Activists

**15-17 May**

A weekend to come together at the Settlement and share our experiences of activism. Learn from each other practices that can help prevent burn out and keep spirits high in challenging circumstances.

*Liz Remmerswaal and Val Bone*

## Work Weekend

**29-31 May**

Autumn jobs – pruning, clearing prep for winter. Talent show. Do you dare to go for the Polar Plunge?

## Non Violent Communication

**12-14 June**

Living a conscious, loving, compassionate and connected life.

A two-day foundation workshop to learn, or refresh our understanding of the basics of this life-changing practice.

*Wayne Prince + Deb Hipperson*

## Rainbow Gathering

**19-21 June**

Coming together at the Settlement for a weekend of fellowship, sharing and fun. Could this group be for you? *Peer facilitated.*

## Deepening Worship

**Thursdays 9, 16, 23 July**

**Online**

Exploring different ways to 'centre down' and deepen our experience of and contribution to Meeting for Worship  
*Ann Banks +*

## Living our Quaker Values

**Weds 5, 12, 19, 26 August**

Newcomers, long timers, all are welcome to study ***Advices and Queries*** over 4 interactive sessions. What is our present response here and now to this guide for our Quaker lives in Aotearoa New Zealand?

**Online**

*Helen Kingston and Jude Zwanikken*

## Who? What? Where is God?

**11-13 September**

In person/hybrid online Wellington Friends Complex

Ideas, doubts, disbelievers, all welcome so come and share/swap notes  
*Murray Short, Janet McKean*

## Aspects of Penal Reform

**9-11 October**

An opportunity to update interested participants in Restorative Justice and other explorations in the penal reform space.

*Garry Buckman + Kyle van de Bittner*

## Caring for the World we Love

**23 – 26 October**

Practical, enjoyable, inspirational and spiritually nurturing activities - connecting with local conservation projects, hosting speakers on climate, environment and resilience issues, and drawing on the 2019 Swarthmore lecture to anchor our spiritual basis for action in the world.

*Phillipa Fletcher, Ronis Chapman, Marion Sanson*

## Women and Crafting

**27 November**

In person at Mt Eden Meeting House, Auckland

*Jan Aubrey +*

**Watch out for details of:**

Opportunities in late summer/early autumn for harvesting and preserving produce from our abundant fruit and nut trees. Check out <https://www.quakersettlement.co.nz> for the best times to come.

The following seminars/workshops have yet to be finalised. Your expression of interest is helpful in ensuring they will be well-attended. Offers of facilitation very welcome. Email: [clerk@qlsd.quakers.nz](mailto:clerk@qlsd.quakers.nz)

**'Write (writing?) your way Home'**   **Date to be arranged**

**Settlement.** Writing marathons are a way of focused writing which can free up any inhibitions around writing and open us up to a deeper connection with the creative source.

*Fliss Newton, Garry Buckman*

**Midweek Retreat**   **Date to be arranged**

**Settlement in person**

**Prayer**   **November**

**In person at Dunedin/Christchurch**

**The Lord's Prayer in Aramaic**   **7-9 August**

**Settlement**

**Colour key**

Red – events at the Settlement, Whanganui

Green – in person in other parts of the country

Blue – online/hybrid

Orange – Settlement land activities

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**Seminars and Workshops for 2026**

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