

2023 Quaker Settlement Seminar Programme

Reaching out to our Communities: with a focus on Young People and Families

17- 19 February

Come enjoy a weekend to brainstorm and create programmes to attract seekers of all ages to our Meetings. Would you like to see your Meeting become a vibrant place where people of all ages and cultures feel welcomed and actively involved? Come share and find out how other Meetings are succeeding in their outreach efforts and be part of developing a coordinated effort throughout the Yearly Meeting. *Facilitated by the YM Outreach Committee.*

Autumn Fun @ Quaker Acres

17 to 19 March

A playful, productive and friendly weekend for all ages to get some autumnal Settlement jobs done together. Bonuses are great food, free accommodation, and temperatures still warm enough for swimming in the Pool.

WEST Board meeting

31 March to 2 April

Yearly Meeting

18 to 22 May

Yearly Meeting, hosted by Whanganui Monthly Meeting, will take place at the Settlement. The gathering begins on Thursday with a preparation day to help us come with hearts and minds ready for the Yearly Meeting business.

King's Birthday Work Weekend

2 to 5 June

The long weekend for winter jobs, in the Settlement tradition of working together.

Men's Weekend

9 to 11 June

Welcome all men and those identifying with their inner masculine - cis, intersex, non-binary, all included - to a Quaker Men's Weekend. Come to the circle and explore Quaker Masculinities and their intersections in our lives and communities. *Co-ordinated by Thomas Owen connecting via zoom.*

Family Fun Weekend

7 to 9 July

Come together for Puanga/Matariki celebrations. *Facilitated by Jos Rossell and others.*

Penal Reform

25 to 27 August

Friends continue the tradition of a concern for criminal justice and penal reform. This year we shine the light on issues that result in a disproportionate number of Māori in prisons. *Facilitators: Penal Reform Committee.*

Worship

8 to 10 September

If you have trouble with the word 'worship' this is the seminar for you. If you don't have trouble with the word 'worship' this too may be the seminar for you, as we look at what we understand by 'worship'. *Facilitated by Linley Gregory, Lesley Young, Jillian Wychel and David James.*

Te Tiriti Refresher and Weekend

13 to 15 October

For those with some background and also those new to Aotearoa New Zealand's Treaty history. The discussions and resources will help build our understanding of evolving Treaty relationships. The weekend starts with a refresher course on Friday morning. *Facilitated by the Treaty Relationships Group.*

Rainbow Weekend

10 to 12 November

This weekend will be for Rainbow Quakers and for Friends who are asking questions about their sexual and gender identity and orientation. As we listen to each other's stories and have fun together, we Rainbow Quakers can learn from one another, across differences in age and in sexual and gender identity and orientation. *Co-ordinated by Elizabeth Thompson.*

WEST Board meeting

24-26 November

For further information go to: <https://www.quakersettlement.co.nz/seminars> or contact the Quaker Settlement, 76 Virginia Road, Whanganui 4500, or email: settlement@quaker.org.nz

Participation by zoom will be arranged for most seminars. See the seminar's brochure for details. A charge of \$50 to zoom for the weekend helps the Settlement cover costs. The Settlement's pricing structure is "Pay as Led". For more information see the seminars webpage. In addition to Pay As Led, half of all accommodation, meal and registration costs for one seminar during the year per individual will be paid by the Quaker Education Fund (QEF), for Quakers, Attenders, and their family members participating in the seminar.