

2024 Quaker Settlement Seminar Programme

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Rainbow Weekend

16 to 18 February

This weekend is for Rainbow Quakers and for Friends who are questioning 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. Contact: rainbow@ym.quakers.nz Facilitated by Jessie Bukholt-Payne and Jan Aubrey.

Autumn Work Weekend

8 to 10 March

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

Supporting Spiritual and Pastoral Wellbeing 17 to 19 May

Looking afresh at the way Spiritual and Pastoral Care committees can encourage their Meeting to live "in community with one another by acknowledging and responding to that of God in each other" (Query E6), especially with our awareness of diversity, the climate crisis, and new opportunities in technology. Facilitated by members of Wellington Monthly Meeting.

Winter Wonderland Weekend

31 May to 3 June

Experience the delight of Winter at the Settlement over the Long Holiday Weekend – chatting around the log fire, hot soup and star watching. Help out with winter jobs in the Settlement tradition of working together.

Men's Weekend

14 - 16 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 Joe Beauvais*

Quakers and Climate

19 to 21 July

A weekend of conversation, contemplation and connection at our Quaker place to help inform and encourage our climate action and environmental engagement. Bring your knowledge, experience, and creativity to deepen our commitment to the task, learn, share and inspire one another. Hosted by Philippa Fletcher (YM Climate Emergency Correspondent).

A Weekend for Enquirers and Attenders 9 to 11 August

Perhaps you have attended only a few Quaker Meetings for Worship, or you have been attending for some time and now want to be more widely involved or to learn more about Quaker faith, concerns, structures and processes. This is the seminar for you. Facilitated by Lesley Young and others to be confirmed.

Compassionate Communities 20 to 22 September

Supporting those facing death and their support network takes a community. This weekend will explore the aroha (compassion), whakanui (respect), tapu o te tangata (dignity) of this journey, and the practical and spiritual aspects through the lens of the international movement of compassionate communities whose aim is to empower communities to give everyone a chance to live their lives fully to the end. Facilitated by Val Bone and Anthea Michaelis

In Touch with Nature

4 to 6 October

An inter-generational nature weekend which uses our senses to heighten awareness and deepen our enjoyment of natural beauty. The Settlement's beautiful surrounds are the perfect backdrop to activities which generate joyful enthusiasm, leading seamlessly to a more reflective engagement and sense of our place in nature. Facilitated by Cathy Macfie with the help of Young Friends.

Images, Insights, and Inspiration

7 to 11 November

Explore how using contrasting images can help insights and inspiration emerge around any area which may be troubling, needing greater understanding or to be healed. This is a deeply spiritual process. Although this will be a creative workshop you don't need any artistic skill, just some curiosity and a willingness to experiment and have fun! Ann Banks and Jan Aubrey.