

# Quakers in London

News Sheet 6

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## Joint London Area Meeting

It was a wonderful experience to come together on 7th March with the appointed QiL co-clerks – Kate Green (Wanstead LM), Tim Heath (Hampstead LM) and Paul Keenleyside (Streatham and Brixton LM). We spent the morning exploring our place within the new area meeting with friends reflecting on what their local meeting means to them and what their hopes are for the future.

In our Meeting for Worship for Business in the afternoon we heard reports from the QiL Nominations Committee and the 2025 report from the London Link group (which is clerked by two friends in their teens). We heard the reports agreed by visitors (and by the friends concerned) for two people seeking membership. The plan throughout 2026 is that preliminary arrangements for receiving letters of application and appointing visitors will continue as per each current area meeting's process. Final reports will be heard at each JLAM.

Draft terms of reference for trustees and draft descriptions of the proposed membership process for the new area meeting prompted wide ranging and deep ministry. There was also a minute from NE Thames AM asking friends to start considering what is the best and most supportive relationship we can develop between the new area meeting and the thirty-four local meetings. These differ greatly in size and energy.

A number of friends offered to help using the new 'Offer of service on the day' form that was sent out beforehand via LM clerks and through the new QiL mailing list. This list is replacing the previous London Quakers list – please sign up via the Quakers in London website. The minutes from 7th March are available on the website. (Click on menu item 'Area Meeting – Documents'.) A monthly electronic newsfeed 'The Quill' is starting soon.

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## Monthly London-wide Meetings for Worship

The initiative to enable friends in the Quakers in London area to get to know each other more got off to a good start at Bethnal Green Meeting on 15th March when friends came from six other meetings. *'We were very happy to have so many visitors, share our meeting and make new friends.'*

The next one is on the **3rd Sunday in April, 19th** hosted by **Blackheath Meeting** at Friends Meeting House, Lawn Terrace, London, SE3 9LL. The meeting is accessible to wheelchair-users with a hearing loop, accessible toilet and street parking on Sundays. Meeting starts at 10.30.

<http://www.blackheathquakers.org.uk/>

The scheme runs in rotation around the 34 local meetings in the Quakers in London area, in alphabetical order. This requires zero cost and effort by the local meeting as they are already holding a public meeting for worship. Some local meetings may invite people to join them for more on that day. The following two meetings will be at Brentford and Isleworth on 17th May and at Bromley on 21st June.



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## Future events

<b>May 1-4</b>	<i>Yearly Meeting</i> at Friends House and online
<b>June 13 Saturday</b>	<b>Joint London Area Meeting</b> at Westminster and online
<b>July 18 Saturday</b>	<i>Continuing Yearly Meeting</i> at Manchester and online
<b>September 12 Saturday</b>	<b>Joint London Area Meeting</b> at Wanstead and online
<b>October 11 Sunday</b>	<b>Joint London Area Meeting</b> at Friends House and online
<b>November 21 Saturday</b>	<i>Continuing Yearly Meeting</i> at Friends House and online
<b>December 13 Sunday</b>	<b>Joint London Area Meeting</b> at Friends House and online

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**For further information, talk to Friends in your local and area meetings!**

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