



# December newsletter

**17th December 2024**

## Updates to our Enquirers Service

Thank you all for your feedback about our service connecting enquirers to their Local Meetings. While we have been receiving a high volume of enquiries, we have noticed that some enquirers are not responding when their Local Meeting gets in touch with them by email.

So, we've made a few changes so that enquirers will have received more information before we ask if they'd like to be in touch with their local meeting:

(1) We now have an **Introductory Pack** which we offer to enquirers when they first get in touch with us, meaning they are more informed about what a Quaker Meeting is like. (If you'd like a printable version of this pack, please look at the next page!)

(2) As well as offering to put enquirers directly in touch with their Local Meeting, we now offer them the option to receive more information about their Local Meeting first, for those who might be hesitant to get in touch.

This means that enquirers have access to much more information before they choose to be put in touch with their LM contact person. We hope that these changes will improve the quality of enquiries that come through to LMs. We do expect that, as a result, the volume of enquiries sent to Local Meetings will go down, but the percentage of enquirers who follow through should improve.

## We are looking for a Volunteer Fundraising Lead to join our team

We are seeking a dedicated and organised Volunteer Fundraising Lead to help DQ with our fundraising efforts. This is a part-time (up to 4 hours a week), flexible role, working alongside other members of the Discovering Quakers team to help us secure support for our outreach work.

We plan to interview candidates in the first two weeks of January. For details on how to apply, **[visit the role description here](#)**.



## Our new printable brochure for enquirers has landed



We're excited to share a printable introductory pack for enquirers explaining what happens in a Meeting for Worship and where they can find out more about Quakerism.

We recommend printing this version, rather than our online version. The printable version is designed to be printed on double-sided A5 or A4 paper, and features QR codes which makes it easier for the enquirer to find out further information.

[Click here for a printable pdf](#)

## Guidance for contact persons

Wondering what to say in your first email to a new enquirer? We've written a template answer which you can copy and edit to provide details about your own Local Meeting. We recommend that you keep a copy to hand for any time an enquirer gets in touch.

You can access the template by [clicking this link](#).

## Can you support our work?

We believe we are making a real difference to Quaker outreach in Britain and need your help to continue our work. Our base operating costs are £32,000 per year which covers our paid team to sustainably deliver key elements of our work, supporting our volunteers, managing social media advertising, and paying for the technology to do all of these things. We hope your Local or Area Meeting will consider supporting us.

**If you want to find out more about our work, sign up for our service connecting enquirers to Local Meetings, or support our work please visit our website for Friends:**

[meetings.discoveringquakers.org.uk](https://meetings.discoveringquakers.org.uk)