

Quaker Life Representative Council
Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre
14-16 October 2016.

REPORT TO YORK AREA MEETING 12TH NOVEMBER 2016

“Becoming the Change We Want to See.”

1. Much of the weekend was concerned with our position on ‘Sustainability, as individuals, Meetings and the wider Society of Friends.
2. Many Friends could not see the need for a separate testimony to Sustainability as the other testimonies all contained elements of this concept.
3. We shared ideas from the practical (solar panels) to the spiritual approach that could take us to a deeper level.
4. We were encouraged to look at our interconnectedness and our interbeing - highlighting our connectedness with all creation.
5. We were encouraged to “bee the change we wanted to be.” If we live our faith there would be no separation.
6. Many Friends found the workshops on related themes, in smaller groups ,very powerful.
7. We were encouraged to consider the resources that QL was producing for Young Friends. (See QLN emails and contact QL)
8. QL is going through a radical reorganisation of teams and leadership but is keen to maintain support for AM and Local Friends. Some resources for Outreach are being revised.
9. QL and QPSW are moving closer together and sharing ideas.
10. Helen Drury (General Secretary QPSW) now serves as secretary to both Central Committees.

Friends are very welcome to ask for support and guidance from QL staff.

Andrew Burns October 2016.