



## IRELAND YEARLY MEETING 2024

**7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> July: Special Interest Groups, online**  
(**7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, 19.30 – 21.00, 10<sup>th</sup>, 19:00 – 20:30**)

**17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> July, Cork: IYM sessions (blended – in-person and online)**

# The Spirit of Ubuntu

***Live in love with one another as commanded by Christ, watching over one another for good, bearing with each other's failings, upholding one another prayerfully in times of difficulty and sorrow, and sharing with each other's joys.***

**- *IYM General Christian Counsel***

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All sessions of Yearly Meeting are open to all Members; with rare exceptions, all are also open to Attenders.

IYM Registration Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NV7SSK8>  
(***You will automatically be registered for the Public Lecture at the same time***)

## **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July**

- 14.00 – 15.00 Accommodation check-in at Dean's Hall opens.
- 15.00 – 15.30 Arrival and reception, tea/coffee
- 15.30 – 16.30 **Session 1 – Welcome and learning from each other (blended)**  
Opening Meeting for Worship  
Welcome  
Appointment of Friends to write an account of IYM  
Other appointments  
Letters of Greeting  
Talk on ecumenical/ interfaith activities  
Introduction of ecumenical and interfaith visitors
- 17.00 – 17.45 **Reception for visitors and those at IYM for the first time (in-person)**
- 18.15 – 19.15 Evening Meal
- 19.30 – 21.00 **Evening activity**  
  
**Learning from each other**  
  
Talk from ecumenical and faith visitors  
  
Talk by Larry Southard, Cork Meeting, on "Wayfaring"
- 21.00 – 21.30 Tea/Coffee
- 21.30 – 21.50 Candlelit Worship (facilitated by TBC);  
Parallel Zoom session (facilitated by TBC)

## **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July**

- 08.30 – 09.15 **Early morning activities (in person):**  
Sharing Bible passages that have influenced our lives  
[please come with ideas of passages to share!]  
  
Worship Sharing
- 09.20 – 09.45 Tea/Coffee

<b>09.45 – 11.00</b>	<b><u>Session 2 – The state of our Yearly Meeting (blended)</u></b> Opening Meeting for Worship Note on IYM reports received Report on Special Interest Groups Treasurer's Report and acceptance of accounts Report from Dublin Monthly Meeting on their Vision & Strategy Work by Gillian Armstrong, Rathfarnham Meeting
<b>11.00 – 11.30</b>	Tea/Coffee
<b>11.30 – 13.00</b>	Statistics and discussion of state of the Yearly Meeting; what does it tell us. Report on Epistles received by Munster Quarterly Meeting Friends Irish Quaker Faith in Action (IQFA) update on work EcoQuakers Ireland; overview of work to date
<b>13.00 – 14.00</b>	Lunch
<b>14.00 – 15.00</b>	<b><u>Session 3 – Our approach to Ubuntu and inclusion (blended)</u></b> Talk on theological issue relevant to Ubuntu (Madeleine Pennington <i>(via Zoom)</i> ) Talk on befriending activities with international protection applicants by Sylvia Wigham, Churchtown Meeting
<b>15.00 – 15.30</b>	Tea/Coffee
<b>15.30 – 16.30</b>	Initial meeting of Base Groups for discussion on Ubuntu themes
<b>16.30 – 17.30</b>	Quaker Council of European Affairs (QCEA) hands-on project and discussion with Tracey Martin, Director, QCEA
<b>18.00 – 19.00</b>	Evening Meal
<b>19.30 – 21.00</b>	<b>Yearly Meeting Ministry &amp; Oversight Session (blended, open to all) – <i>Exploring the health of our Meetings.</i></b>
<b>21.00 – 21.30</b>	Tea/Coffee
<b>21.30 – 21.50</b>	Candlelit Worship (facilitated by TBC); Parallel Zoom session (facilitated by TBC)

## **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July**

- 08.30 – 09.15**      **Early morning activities (in person):**  
Sharing Bible passages that have influenced our lives  
[please come with ideas of passages to share!]  
  
Worship Sharing
- 09.00 – 09.30**      Tea/Coffee available
- 09.30 – 10.45**      **Session 4 – Our Quaker Community (blended)**  
Opening Meeting for Worship  
  
Report on revision of Book of Organisation and Christian Discipline  
  
Base Groups discussion of key themes on revision
- 10.45 – 11.10**      Tea/Coffee
- 11.10 – 12.30**      **Session 5 – Serving the world (blended)**  
Talk on Quaker Service and other issues relevant to inclusion in Ireland (Jonny Currie, Trussell Trust)  
  
Briefing on plans for World Plenary, Simon Lamb, Clerk of Friends World Committee for Consultation
- 12.30**              Pick up packed Lunch (***must be pre-ordered***)
- 12.30 – 18.00**      **Free time to explore Cork area**
- 18.00 – 19.00**      Evening Meal
- 19.30 – 21.00**      **PUBLIC LECTURE (in-person/online, separate webinar Zoom link)**  
  
***Ubuntu: A Profound Universal Value and our Hope for World Peace – Nozizwe Madlala-Routledge***
- 21.00 – 21.30**      Tea/Coffee
- 21.30 – 21.50**      Candlelit Worship (facilitated by TBC);  
Parallel Zoom session (facilitated by TBC)

## **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

- 08.30 – 09.15**      **Early morning activities (in person):**  
Sharing Bible passages that have influenced our lives  
[please come with ideas of passages to share!]
- Worship Sharing
- Meeting for Worship for Healing
- 09.30 – 11.00**      **Session 6 – Peace (blended)**  
Opening Meeting for Worship
- Peace: Report from IYM Peace Committee and discussion session
- 11.00 – 11.30**      Tea/Coffee
- 11.30 – 13.00**      “Meet the Speaker” session on Ubuntu
- 13.00 – 14.00**      Lunch
- 14.00 – 15.30**      Discussions by Base Group on Ubuntu/inclusion
- 15.30 – 16.00**      Tea/Coffee
- 16.00 – 17.30**      **Session 7 – Outreach and Youth (blended)**  
Outreach and communication
- Report from Young People and JYM
- Reading of draft Epistle
- 18.00 – 19.00**      Evening Meal
- 19.15 – 20.45**      Social Evening (**in-person**)
- 20.45 – 21.15**      Tea/Coffee
- 21.20 – 21.40**      Candlelit Worship (facilitated by TBC);  
Parallel Zoom session (facilitated by TBC)

## **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

9.00 – 10.30	<b><u>Session 8 – Closing Session (blended)</u></b> <b>At Cork Meeting House</b>
	Reading of Epistle Reflections on Yearly Meeting Attendances at sessions Appointment of Clerks Closing Minute
11.00 – 12.00	Meeting for Worship ( <b>blended</b> )
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch
14.00 – 15.00	Departure

## **10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

Possible dates/venues for Hubs to connect Irish Friends to World Plenary Meeting?

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**SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS** (all online; same Zoom link as for other sessions of IYM)  
**Please note: SIGs will take place a week earlier than in previous years; on evenings of 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> of July.**

**1. "Toward Understanding George Fox formation and early message, 1624-1654"**

Facilitator or Speaker: Charles B Lamb, Roscrea

Date: Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> of July, 19:30

*Brief on event: Charles will consider George Fox's life forming experiences prior to 1652, and his early messages*

**2. Eyewitness Account from the Occupied West Bank**

Facilitator or Speaker: Máire Ní Mheibhric

Date: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> of July, 19:30

*Brief on event: Máire Ní Mheibhric served as a Human Rights Monitor with the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI). Máire was based in an area called Masafer Yatta in the South of the occupied West Bank during September and October 2023.*

*Máire will give an eyewitness account of what she witnessed of daily life of Palestinians living under Israeli occupation. She will also give a brief update of what's been happening more recently and suggestions of what each of us can do to advocate for an end to the occupation.*

**3. The International crime of Ecocide. What is Ecocide, and what are the promptings of our Quaker Faith and Testimonies when considering this urgent issue?**

Facilitator or Speaker: Kate Fletcher (EcoQuakers and South Belfast)

Date: Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July, 19:30

*Brief on event: This SIG will give us an introduction to the concept of an International Law of Ecocide, showing the history of its development and the current state of the campaign. It will explore the basis on which people of Faith might feel compelled to get involved. We will address what is happening in Ireland, and examine how an Ecocide lens can influence and move forward our collective journey to corporate and political accountability and sustainability.*

*There will be opportunity for small group discussion, using break-out rooms, and it is hoped that the awareness this generates will lead to an adoption by Irish Friends at all levels of an active position on Ecocide Law.*

**4. Fifth Day Worship . How Eustace St Thursday Meeting for Worship went Global**

Facilitator or Speaker: Thomas Quearney, Eustace Street (Dublin)

Date: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July, 19:00 (please note earlier start time for this SIG)

*Brief on event: This session will give a brief history to the original Thursday morning worship which changed to Thursday evening In 1988 and explain how it went online during Covid which led to its revival and to it going global. We will then get members of the worship group from US/Scotland/England/Brussels and other parts of Ireland to share their experience. It will finish up with a discussion on how we can use Zoom to aid our Worship in a changing world.*

*This session will begin with 30 minutes of silent worship.*



## OUR SPEAKERS

**REPRESENTATIVES**

**VISITORS**

**INTERFAITH VISITORS**

***(quote to be confirmed)***

***– author/name attributed  
to quote***

**CLERKS of Ireland Yearly Meeting**

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Sylvia Wigham, Hugh O'Farrell-Walsh

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