

Friends have been invited to visit:
QUAKER ISLAND (INCHCLERAUN) – LOUGH REE
FRIDAY 23RD AUGUST 2024

Numbers are limited so book early!

For those leaving from Dublin or environs ~ gather at agreed meeting point c. 10.00 A.M.
Board minibus/coach (to be arranged).

For Friends travelling from elsewhere, I will provide directions and whatever information Friends may require.

Arrive Barley Harbour, Newtowncashel, Co. Longford c. 12.30. Excellent bathroom facilities here.

Possible visit to adjacent Bogwood Sculptures studio where sculptor Kevin Casey and his father create extraordinary pieces from reclaimed bog oak. Kevin is very keen to welcome Friends to his workshop and studio.

Lough Ree Access for All boat will be at Friends' disposal, departing Barley Harbour c. 1.45 P.M. This craft is designed and operated to cater for people with mobility challenges. Passenger capacity 20/25.

Arrive Quaker Island c. 2.00 P.M. Friends who wish to participate in a walking tour will be brought inshore by RIB. Friends who wish to stay aboard will enjoy the boat tour around the island.

Included among the guests are representatives of Co. Council water heritage, organic farmers, ecologists, historians, rare cattle breeders.... And of course we will meet our host Herbert Farrell, farmer, teacher, custodian, steward, story-teller and, I believe, Quaker at heart. This invitation to Friends comes from the deepest place of that enormous heart and from Herbert's belief in and love for community, friendship and connection ~ Ubuntu.

The walking tour will include around five/six stops, where selected guests will speak on a topic connected with that place ~ Farrell's Quay, the monastic enclosure, Queen Maebh's Well..... At the ruins of the Fairbrother homestead, Meeting for Worship will be held for approximately twenty minutes.

At the conclusion of our visit, guests will gather for a picnic on the foreshore, sharing food in community as Friends have always done. Departure for Barley Harbour afterwards.

In all, it is expected that our visit will last between two and three hours. I have a feeling the memories will abide somewhat longer.

Tim Coughlan
Monkstown Meeting

Please contact either Tim or the Office to register – no later than Monday 12th August please.