



## IRELAND YEARLY MEETING 2026

Special Interest Groups will be held, **in-person only**,  
on Saturday at the venue (Sessions 8 and 10)

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

Dominican Retreat Centre, Tallaght, Dublin:  
IYM sessions (blended – in-person and online)

# DEEPENING OUR SPIRITUALITY

*“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” Peter, 4:10*

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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: [Use this link to register your attendance, book accommodation, and meals for IYM 2026.](#) (*You will automatically be registered for the Public Lecture at the same time*)

## **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April**

- 2 - 3pm Arrival and Registration
- 3.30pm **Session 1 - blended**
- Greeting to Middle East Yearly Meeting (Zoom)**  
**Opening Worship**  
**Agreement of Arrangements for Yearly Meeting**  
**Summary of Epistles; Leinster QM**  
**Welcome of Guests**
- 5pm **Welcome reception for all guests and Friends**  
*(Room 1, Retreat Centre)*
- 6pm Dinner [dining hall, basement, Retreat Centre]
- 7:30pm – 9:30pm **Session 2 - blended**
- Ministry & Oversight Session: “Simple, Radical, Spiritual”**  
**Business of Ministry & Oversight**  
**Worship Sharing to close session: *Drawing Closer to the Divine***
- 9:30pm Tea and Coffee [location tbc]

## **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April**

- 7:30am Breakfast available for residents
- 8am Worship Sharing – Oratory, 1<sup>st</sup> floor (Facilitated by TBC)  
Bible Study – Room 7 or 8 2<sup>nd</sup> floor (Facilitated by TBC)
- 9.30am **Session 3 - blended**
- Business Session: dealing with finance reports, statistics, report from YMC, and other IYM business (such as Triennial Nominations)**
- Concern about Cuba Yearly Meeting – Margaret Fraser
- 11am Tea and Coffee [location tbc]



9.30am	<p><b><u>Session 7 - blended</u></b></p> <p>Opening Worship</p> <p>Speakers on Quaker Issues including Spiritual Development:</p> <p><i>Emily Provance</i></p> <p><i>Zack Jackson – Thee Quaker podcaster</i></p>
11am	Tea and Coffee [location tbc]
11.30am	<p><b><u>Session 8 – In-person only</u></b></p> <p><b>Special Interest Groups</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Meet the Public Lecturer</b></li> <li>2. <b>Eco-spirituality and ecological crisis</b></li> <li>3. <b>“Live a listening life” – exploring the writings of Thomas Kelly</b></li> </ol>
1pm – 1.50pm	Lunch [Dining Hall]
2pm – 3.30pm	<p><b><u>Session 9 - blended</u></b></p> <p>Session led by Young Friends</p>
3.30pm	Tea and Coffee [location tbc]
4pm	<p><b><u>Session 10 – Free activities and Special Interest Groups</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Friends House Moscow</b></li> <li>2. <b>Quaker Peace Activism</b></li> <li>3. <b>Guided walk in the immediate area</b></li> </ol>
6.00pm	Evening Meal [Dining Hall]
7.30pm	Reading of draft Epistle – <b>in-person only and made available on IYM 2026 Padlet</b>
7.45pm – 9.00pm	Social Evening ( <b>Retreat Centre, Room 1</b> )
9.30pm	Candlelit Worship

## **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

<b>7:30am</b>	Breakfast available for residents
<b>8am</b>	Worship Sharing (Facilitated by TBC) Bible Study (Facilitated by TBC)
<b>9am</b>	<b><u>Session 11 – blended (Retreat Centre, Room 1)</u></b>  Business session  Calais House project – Paris Weavers  Marián Baker – Quakers in Africa
<b>11am – 12 noon</b>	Meeting for Worship
<b>12.15am</b>	<b><u>Session 12 - blended</u></b>  Reading of Epistle
<b>1pm</b>	Lunch [Dining Hall]
<b>2pm onwards</b>	Departures

**Exhibition Area:** location to be confirmed.

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## **SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (*all SIGs are in-person only*) – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April**

### **1. Eco-spirituality and ecological crisis**

**Speakers:** Sue Saunders (Monkstown Meeting) Niamh Hardiman (Churchtown Meeting)

Climate breakdown is the most serious problem facing all of humanity and what is needed to bring about the necessary transformation of human and political priorities is a profound change in moral, cultural, and spiritual values. The transformation of priorities that the world needs can grow from a deep engagement with the spiritual and cultural resources that are at the heart of all the world's great religious traditions. The purpose of this Special Interest Group is to explore some aspects of the transformative potential of contemplative spirituality in the context of systematic environmental degradation.

### **2. Live a listening life' – A Meeting for Worship for Learning exploring the writings of Thomas Kelly**

**Lead by:** Megan Corrigan and James Nelson

This SIG will offer an occasion for participants to gather in a reflective manner to inquire together, listen deeply and share insights into the writings of the Quaker mystic, Thomas Kelly. As well as an opportunity for deepening individual spirituality participants may find in the format something they can take back to their own PMs to explore the spiritual growth of their meeting.

### **3. Friends House Moscow**

**Speaker:** Sergei Nikitin.

Sergei has written extensively about the Quaker Aid missions to Russia in the terrible years after WW I and the Russian Revolution. He has a particular interest in an Irish Friend, Dorice White, who was the last Quaker in Stalin's Russia. She left Moscow (where she held down the first incarnation of Friends House Moscow) only in 1931.

### **4. Quaker Peace activism**

**Speaker:** Adam Grennan

This will start with a short film, outlining the origins of the Golden Rule Project and more recent developments in the story involving Quaker involvement in an anti-nuclear movement that began in the late '50's and continues to this day, ultimately leading to the formation of Greenpeace.

## **OUR SPEAKERS**

### **Public Lecture - Brian Maguire**

Brian Maguire is an artist, born on Bray, who studied at the National College of Art, Dublin 1969 -1974, works from studios in Dublin and has been exhibited widely internationally. In his lecture Brian will discuss his motivations and observations on his work, focusing on a number of his paintings over the 40 years of his career.

### **Andrew de Sousa, Director, Quaker Council for European Affairs**

Andrew joined QCEA in June 2025. Andrew has been engaged in peace and solidarity movements for more than 25 years and has vast experience in the non-profit sector in Asia, North America and Europe. He has focused on research, advocacy and popular education in human rights, peace, climate and economic justice, primarily in the Global South. He has recently been leading the EU advocacy work for Human Rights Monitor and spent a decade with Peace Brigades International.

**REPRESENTATIVES**

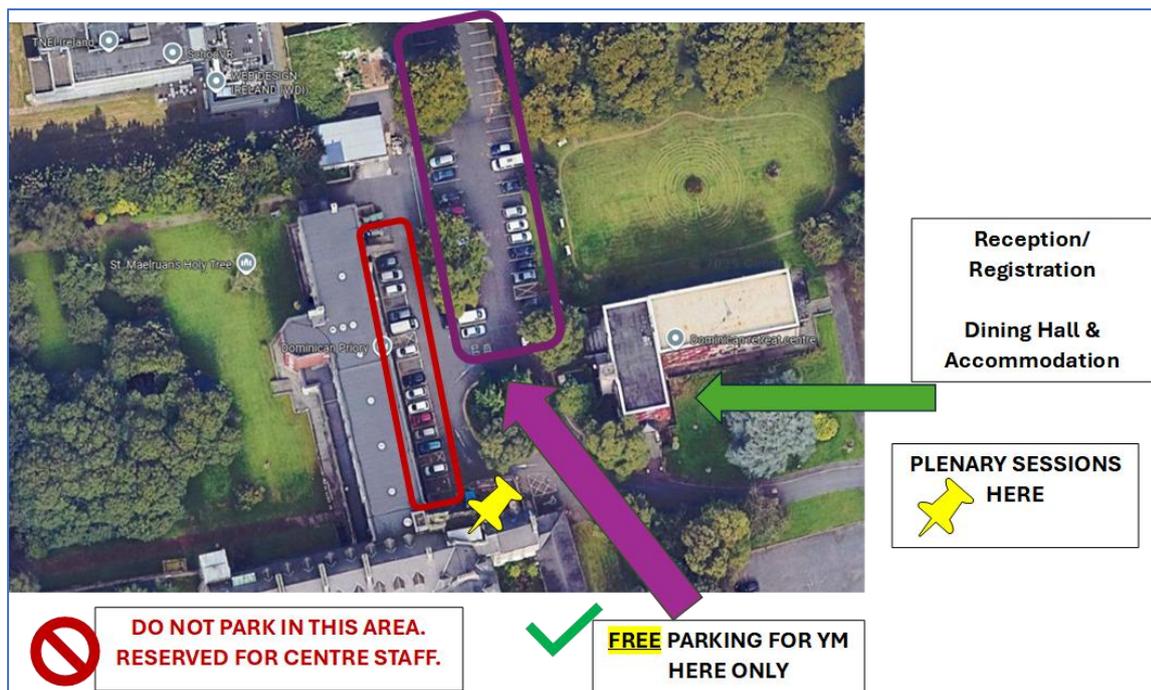
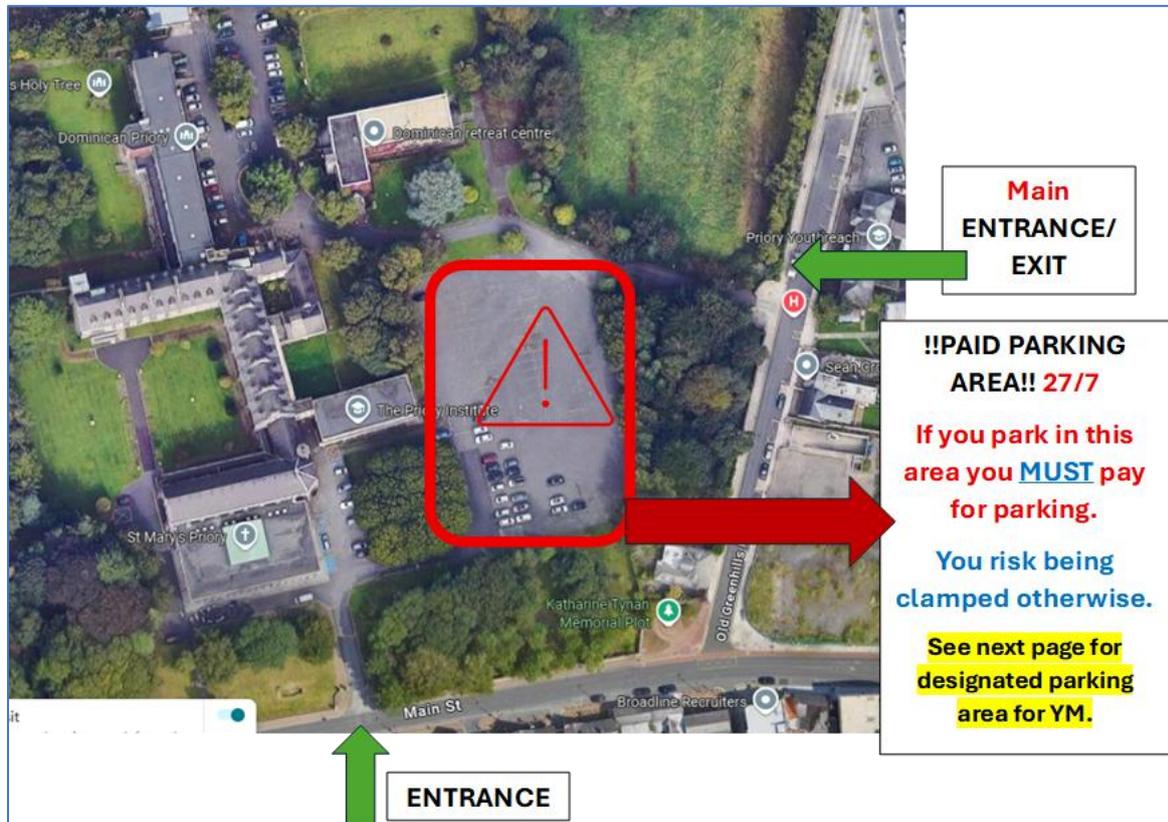
**VISITORS**

**INTERFAITH VISITORS**

## PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON SITE:

Please note that there is limited free parking available and use of public transport is encouraged.

There is a large car park to the front of the main building, however, this is paid parking (24/7) and cars will be clamped if fee unpaid. See second image for free parking area.



**NOTES PAGE:**

**The artist and the Quaker are on the same internal journey. Each is seeking a relationship with the Divine, and each is seeking a way to express that relationship. There are just many different ways of expressing it.**

**Janet Mustin, 1992  
American Quaker and artist**

### **CLERKS of Ireland Yearly Meeting**

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