



IRELAND YEARLY MEETING 2026

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

Thursday 9th – Sunday 12th 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*

Yearly Meeting Office – Quaker House Dublin
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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 9th April

2 - 3pm Arrival and Registration – tea and coffee available in the Priory Retreat Centre, downstairs by dining hall.

3.30pm **Session 1 - blended**

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 (Retreat Centre, downstairs by dining hall)

Friday 10th April

7:30am Breakfast available for residents

8am Worship Sharing – Oratory, 1st floor (*Facilitated by Felicity McCartney*)

Bible Study – Rm 7, 2nd floor (*Facilitated by Emily Provance*)

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 (Annex R., by entrance door, Priory Centre)

11.30am **Session 4 - blended**

Bloomfield Hospital – John McNeilly

Session on Simplifying Quaker Process; including

1. Report on Revision of Book of Organisation and Christian Discipline - Denise Gabuzda and Will Haire
2. Safeguarding and Youth Support - Liz Dickson

1pm – 1.50pm Lunch [Dining Hall]

2.00pm – 3.30pm **Session 5 - blended**

Quaker Council on European Affairs speaker Andrew de Sousa, Director of QCEA

Peace issues; including Israel/Palestine and Report from Middle East Working Group

Support for Gaza children – Richard Kimball

3.30pm – 4.00pm Tea and Coffee (Annex R., by entrance door, Priory Centre)

4.00pm – 5.30pm **Session 6 – CREATIVE SESSIONS – In-person only**
Choose from the following (*note: sign-up sheets available at Reception. Numbers limited*):-

1. Art - led by Suzie Harty
2. Spirituality through Stitchery - led by Loretta O'Brien
3. Labyrinth- led by Caro Kelly (*outdoors*)
4. Photography- led by Kit Harty
5. "Public Worry" - a small engagement with Pauline Goggin

6.00pm – 7.00pm Evening Meal [Dining Hall]

7.30pm – 9pm **Public Lecture by Brian Maguire – In-person & webinar**

Title: *Events from the Real World*

9pm Tea and Coffee (Retreat Centre, downstairs by dining hall)

9.15pm – 9.30pm Candlelit Worship, Oratory, 1st floor, Retreat Centre
(Facilitated by Caro Kelly)

Saturday 11th April

7:30am Breakfast available for residents

8am Worship Sharing – Oratory, 1st Floor, (Facilitated by Rachel
Cave)

Bible Study – Rm7, 2nd floor (Facilitated by Margaret Fraser)

9.30am **Session 7 - blended**

Opening Worship

Speakers on Quaker Issues including Spiritual
Development:

Emily Provance

Zack Jackson – Thee Quaker podcaster

11am Tea and Coffee (Annex R., by entrance door, Priory Centre)

11.30am **Session 8 – Meet the Public Lecturer and Special
Interest Groups (IN-PERSON bar Meet Public Lecturer)**

Meet the Public Lecturer – [main Plenary Room/blended](#)

Special Interest Groups:

1. **Eco-spirituality and ecological crisis** (Retreat Centre, Oratory)
2. **“Live a listening life” – exploring the writings of Thomas Kelly** (Retreat Centre, Room 1)

1pm – 1.50pm Lunch [Dining Hall]

2pm – 3.30pm **Session 9 - blended**

Session led by Young Friends

3.30pm Tea and Coffee (Annex R., by entrance door, Priory Centre)

4pm **Session 10 – Free time and Special Interest Groups (IN-PERSON ONLY)**

There may be an opportunity to join a walk to local café where Brian Maguire's artwork is being displayed.

Special Interest Groups:

1. **Friends House Moscow** (Retreat Centre, Room 1)
2. **Quaker Peace Activism** (Priory Centre, Aula Magna)

6.00pm Evening Meal [Dining Hall]

7.30pm Reading of draft Epistle – **IN-PERSON ONLY and made available on IYM 2026 Padlet**

7.45pm – 9.00pm **Social Evening (Retreat Centre, Room 1)**
Dublin MM is pleased to invite you to enjoy an evening of poetry, prose, music, and fun at the IYM Edition of our ongoing Quaker Open Mic series.

9.30pm Candlelit Worship, Oratory, ground floor, Retreat Centre
(Facilitated by Young Friends)

Sunday 12th April

7:30am Breakfast available for residents

9am **Session 11 – blended (Retreat Centre, Room 1)**

Business session

Calais House project – Paris Weavers
Marian Baker – Quakers in Africa

11am – 12 noon Meeting for Worship

12.15am **Session 12 - blended**

Reading of Epistle

1pm Lunch [Dining Hall]

2pm onwards Departures

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SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (*all SIGs are in-person only*) – Saturday 11th 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

Jonathan	Adams	Britain YM
Magnus	Akselberg Iversen	Norway Yearly Meeting
Kathrin	Kemmler	Switzerland Yearly Meeting
Kirstie	MacQueen	Britain YM
Sophie	Naeye	Quaker United Nations

VISITORS

Johanna	Buchmann	German Yearly Meeting
Lia	den Daas	Jesus Lane Cambridge meeting in BYM
Janice	Domanik	Illinois YM
Felix	Klinghammer	German Yearly Meeting
Sasha	Lawson-Frost	Stillwater Friends in Ohio YM, USA
Finola	O'Sullivan	Cambridge Hartington Grove LM
Robert	Sloan	Philadelphia YM
Patricia	Stewart	Central Philadelphia Friends Meeting

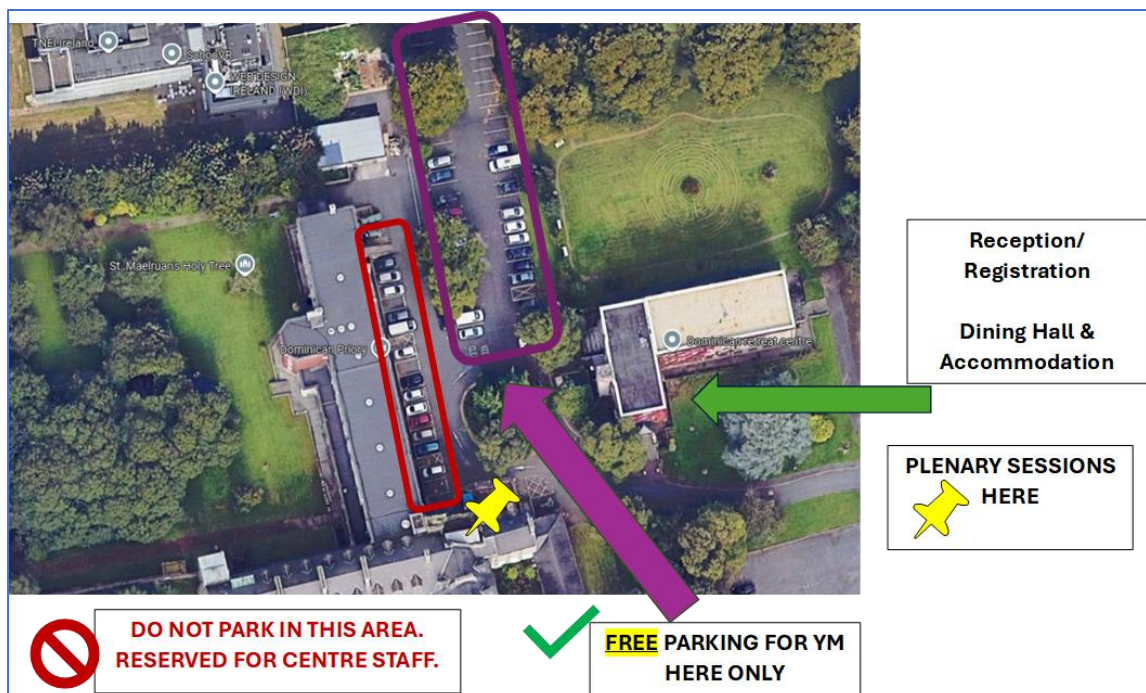
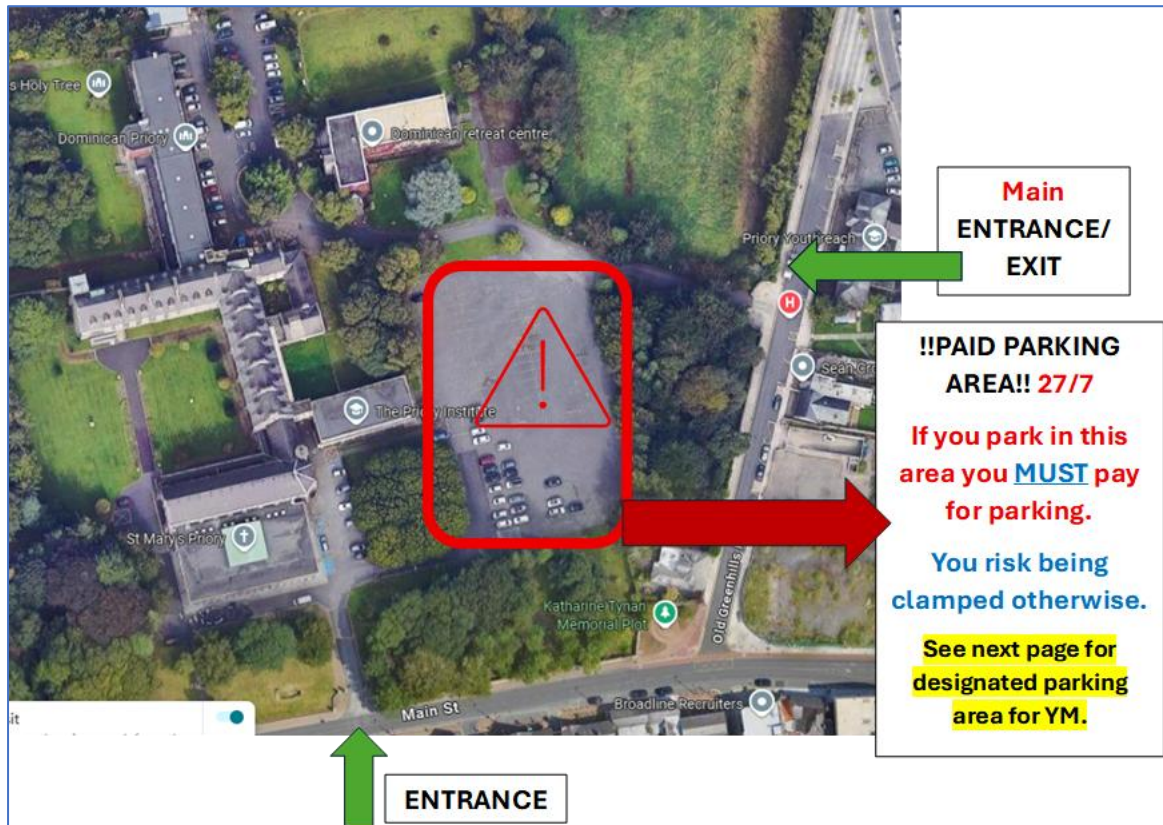
INTERFAITH VISITORS

Sylvia	Armstrong	Church of Ireland Rep
Kevin	Brogan	Baha'i Community
Fr. Kieran	McDermott	Catholic Church Rep
Barbara	O'Callaghan	Church of Ireland Rep
Michael	O'Kane	Humanist Society of Ireland

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.



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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

Clerk	William Haire
Assistant Clerks	Elizabeth Dickson, Bernard Quinn
Recording Clerk	Mary F. McNeilly
YM Ministry & Oversight Clerks	Bronwen Haire, Niamh Hardiman (Assistant Clerk)