

Quaker Life Representative Council

Dear Friends,

Emily Lawrence is the Sussex West representative on the Quaker Life Representative Council which is meeting in **April 2017** and she has asked if you might wish to reflect on and respond to the questions below.

Quaker Life produces publications and works with local meetings to provide inspiration and motivation to and for local meetings to make Quakers accessible and to answer some of today's current issues facing society and the secular community.

The question posed is:

Helping Seekers Find Quakers - Being Worth The Finding!

1. What is it about being a Quaker that excites or inspires you? Is that reflected in your experience of local and area meeting? Do your meetings nurture the spiritual development of young people? How do they do that?
2. Do the people around you know that you are a Quaker? How do they know that? Do you have the confidence to be Quaker and do Quaker? What is the source of that confidence? What do you need to be confident in sharing your Quaker faith with others?
3. How do visitors find your meetings? Do you ask visitors how they found Quakers? Do you have a sense that your local and area meetings welcome visitors? How do they do that? Have you recently spoken to a newcomer? Let us know how it goes when you do.
4. Do you understand the role of Quaker Life in supporting meetings in their outreach and in-reach? Are your meetings being supported by Quaker Life? What tools do you need to reach out to individuals and communities?

Please send your responses to Emily Lawrence

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