



FWCC Triennial Update

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Who's who: participants line up



International event inspires Friends

Fifty Dublin Friends attended a very special international evening to find out more about Quakers around the world. Starting with a shared meal, Helen Fanning made a huge cake to celebrate FWCC's 70th birthday this year, and the chocolate money was a hint that help with fundraising is still greatly appreciated!

Carolyn McMullan, Helen Fanning, Doreen Dowd, Alan and Sue Pim and Bronwyn Harwood shared their first-hand experiences of Friends in a variety of other countries, the differences and that which we hold in common. All in all, an interesting and enjoyable evening was had by all, and it was a great way to be part of the build up to this summer's Triennial!

If your local meeting would like ideas and help with an international evening, contact Jonathan Pim on 01 496 1126 or jono@indigo.ie

As the final places are filled, the picture of who will be coming to the Triennial in just a few months' time is starting to emerge. The Triennial is shaped by those who take part, and it is in our interaction with each other, the concerns and experiences we bring that the divine moves. So who will be there?

- Yearly Meetings around the world will be represented, with Friends making the journey from India, Kenya, South Africa, Japan, Mexico, Bolivia, the Antipodes, Canada, the USA, Finland and Italy among many other countries.
- Participants have a wide age spread, with about 20 people in their 20s attending. At the other end of the spectrum, around 50 participants are older than FWCC itself, which is marking its 70th birthday this year! All the age groups in between are represented.
- Staff of Quaker organisations like the Quaker United Nations Offices, Pendle Hill and Woodbrook study centres, publishers and FWCC itself will be there to share about their work

They will be joined by 38 Irish Friends, who will have a number of roles. Unfortunately due to a technical error in the last issue, some people's names got left off the list. Very sorry, but here they are:

Grange: Lynn Benson, Kathy Stephenson
Limerick: Janet Goberman, Pauline Goggin, Anne Goggin, Caroline Goggin, Ian Goggin, Charles B Lamb
Clare Conboy Stephenson, Richhill: Charles G Lamb, Nigel Hampton and Simon Lamb
South Belfast: Brid Coady Weekes, Myra Skipper, Felicity Boyd
Waterford Meeting: Alan Pim, Sue Pim

Help us give a warm welcome

With over 300 people arriving in Dublin over a few short days in August, making sure Triennial participants safely reach King's Hospital School will be no mean feat. That's why the Local Arrangements Committee has nominated Helen Fanning of Churchtown Meeting to co-ordinate our welcoming operation.

Some Friends will never have travelled overseas before, never mind to Europe or Ireland. Many will have long journeys and jet lag to contend with. All will be glad to see a friendly face welcome them to Ireland.

We're going to need a team of welcomers at the airport, drivers to transport people to the school and people with a spare room for those who have to arrive early or leave late (some of whom can't pay the cost of accommodation). We will need to be on stand-by for those who's plans fall through or who encounter difficulties at immigration. And above all, need to plan in advance for the influx of Friends, by lining up willing volunteers who will be available in August.

We're not just trying to twist your arm when we say this is a great opportunity to meet Friends from overseas on a one-to-one basis. It really is a special chance for Irish Friends to make friends from all over the world and to find out for yourself about their lives and communities.

We will be relying on the generosity of Dublin Friends, but others throughout the country should let us know if they would be willing particularly to host people.

Please contact Helen Fanning with your contact details and availability during August or complete the form opposite.

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FWCC at Yearly Meeting

Local Arrangements Committee members were at Yearly Meeting to keep spreading the word about the Triennial, along with FWCC staff Margaret Fraser (Section of the Americas), Nancy Irving (World Office) and Lee Taylor (Triennial co-ordinator).

Many thanks to all those bought T-shirts, mugs, pamphlets, pens and marmalade, and gave donations. Friends also made 120 St Brigid's crosses for participants, which was great.

FWCC General Secretary, Nancy Irving also gave the Public Lecture on the theme 'Translating and Transforming'.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Mobile: _____

Email: _____

I am available to help meet and/or transport Friends in the Dublin area

Most welcome activities will take place 9-12 Aug and 19-20 Aug.

Dates available: _____

I am able to host before

I am able to host after

Dates available (or which you are not available)

Beds available (eg single, twin etc)
