

QUAKER VOLUNTARY ACTION



RAMALLAH WORKING RETREAT

15-26 October 2018

**An opportunity to combine practical work with
spiritual reflection, learning and fellowship**

A study tour and encounter programme in and around Ramallah, Jerusalem and Tel Aviv supporting community activities including during the olive harvest. This is a unique opportunity to learn about Israel-Palestine in a Quaker context. We work in collaboration with Ramallah Friends Meeting, and a preparation day will be held in Birmingham on Saturday 8th September.

Our theme for reflection focuses on prayer: individually and in unity with others. Whatever form our faith may take, we are free to pray in a way that is true for us. Drawing on inspirational texts, other resources and our own stories, we can share what we have discovered so far on our journeys. There will be opportunities to explore our joys, challenges, dilemmas and hopes, through creative prayer.

The event is open to Quakers, those in sympathy with Quakers or who wish to learn more about the Quaker way. There is a balance of practical work, encounters & listening, reflection sessions, social time, shared meals and some free time:

- There are half hour Meetings for Worship each morning, and evenings close with an Epilogue
- Food is vegetarian and either provided by our hosts, cooked communally or taken at eateries along the way
- Accommodation is in simple hostels and a family guest house with shared bathroom facilities. Please note there are no single room options

- All travel is arranged and paid for separately by participants
- Work activities vary to suit abilities and ages 18 to 80+
- Your facilitators will be Hannah Brock (former Ecumenical Accompanier in Bethlehem) and David Grundy (currently Friend in Residence at the Friends School, Ramallah).

Cost: £550

(This includes meals, accommodation, talks and other charges. Does not include travel to and within the project. There are bursaries available! Please get in touch)

For further details and an application form contact:

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