

QUAKER VOLUNTARY ACTION RAMALLAH WORKING RETREAT ISRAEL & PALESTINE

9th – 20th October 2017

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

A challenging study tour and encounter programme in and around Ramallah, Jerusalem and Tel Aviv supporting community activities including the annual olive harvest. We work partly in collaboration with Ramallah Friends Meeting and this is a unique opportunity to learn about the Israel/Palestine situation within a Quaker context. A preparation day will be held in Birmingham on Sat. 19th August.

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 Friends and those in sympathy with Friends 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 the evenings close with a gathered 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 guesthouse 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+
- The facilitators are Michele Gerard and David Grundy

Cost £520

**(Includes all meals, accommodation, talks and other charges
except travel to and within the project)**

For further details/application form please contact:

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