

QUAKER VOLUNTARY ACTION WORKING RETREAT SLOVENIA

16th – 23rd September 2017

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

We shall be staying in Ljubljana, the green capital of Europe 2016, and Ljutomer, further to the east. Our main purpose will be learning from sustainability success stories across the capital and engaging in practical permaculture in a more rural region where we will also visit a thermal spa. There will be options to explore by hire bike, have an excursion on a solar bus, and participants are encouraged to travel to the project by train if this is feasible.

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**
- **Each day has a balance of practical learning, 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 mostly taken at local eateries**
- **Accommodation is shared, in simple comfortable hostels**
- **Activities vary to suit abilities and ages 18 to 80+**
- **The facilitators are Jasmine Piercy and tbc**

Cost £280

(includes all food, accommodation, talks etc – but not travel to and within the project)

For further details/application form please contact:

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