



Quaker Voluntary Action

SWARTHMOOR HALL, UK: 23-27 September

QVA provides practical opportunities to put faith into action. Join us for a working retreat at this historic Quaker centre.

Swarthmoor Hall, the cradle of 1652 Quakerism in the beautiful Lake District, hosts us for a working retreat with elements of pilgrimage, with the option of visiting nearby Quaker sites such as Brigflatts, Firbank Fell or the Quaker Tapestry. Daily work activities will be based in the garden and grounds, or in the historic house. It's a chance to dig deep into both our Quaker roots and the earth, combining practical work with spiritual reflection, fellowship and fun.



Food is vegetarian and we cook together. Accommodation is in single or twin en suite rooms. As well as our work together, we'll share reflection sessions, meetings for worship, and epilogues to end the day. QVA's theme this year is 'God in the movement of peoples'. In our reflections we will consider our own stories of migration, and themes of home, displacement and belonging. We'll gather on Thursday evening and close on Monday morning. Your facilitator will be Simon Watkins, a garden designer, permaculturalist and experienced facilitator.

Read '[This Earth is a Garden](#)', a poem by Anneke Kraakman inspired by last year's working retreat at Swarthmoor.

Accessibility info

There is wheelchair-accessible accommodation on site. Much of the work will be physically demanding, but we can accommodate participants with varying mobilities. It would be helpful if you could share your needs on registration.

Our events are open to Quakers and all who wish to learn more about the Quaker way.



Cost: £180

(Bursaries are available - please ask. This includes accommodation, food, administration and a contribution towards facilitation. It doesn't include your travel to the project.)

To apply write to info@swarthmoorhall.co.uk