

AM Residential Pioneer Centre 14-16th February 2020

Booking Information and Form

The biennial Area Meeting Residential (14-16th February 2020) will again be held at the Pioneer Activity and Adventure Centre in Cleobury Mortimer (www.activity-centres.naycacuk.co.uk/pioneer-centre).

Theme

This year's theme will be around the current challenges to our environment and how we as Quakers can respond to the variety of climate threats constructively and with hope, as a group and as individuals. The programme will be loosely based on ideas raised in the book "Active Hope" by Joanna Macy and Chris Johnstone.

Format

In past years we have had a separate children's programme, and have included a selection of guest speakers. This year we are taking a slightly different approach, which we hope will be truly inclusive, and which honours the richness within our Area Meeting. The programme will be designed for all ages to engage together, with fewer scheduled "speeches", some more collaborative "hands-on" projects, and resourced from the wealth of skills we have within Area Meeting itself. There will be the usual "concert" on Saturday evening and plenty of unscheduled time for informal chatting and cake.

You will see on the booking form that there is space for you to fill in any skills you have which you would be prepared to share. This may include offering a pre-breakfast yoga session, leading a session in crafting, puppet making, singing, dancing or spiritual development, writing a play, guiding a day or night walk, or "other"....! We would really welcome offers of skills-sharing.

Accommodation

The Pioneer Centre has reserved 24 rooms for us, all ensuite. Two rooms have two single beds, the rest are four beds in the form of two singles and a bunk bed. This is fewer than in previous years and therefore we hope that in order to be able to accommodate all Friends who would like to come we would ask that Friends be prepared to share with others. Single rooms *may* be available once we know how many people are booking, but cannot be guaranteed, and do incur a higher charge.

Clearly we would try to allocate people to shared rooms who are likely to get on, which is why on the booking form you will see that we have asked you for names of people outside of your booking party you would be particularly willing to share with.

We also recognise that some people may struggle with accessing a top bunk, so we have asked you to tick if you are able and prepared to be allocated a top bunk.

Pioneer Centre-Led Activity Option

In past years, the children's programme has included a 90-minute activity session led by the Pioneer Centre. This has included archery, high ropes, zip wire, caving, obstacle course, and archery. This year we would like to extend this option to adults. The Pioneer Centre charges an additional £12 per person for these activities (AM covers this cost for children). If you are an adult and are interested in taking part in a Centre-led activity at a cost of £12, please tick the box on the booking form. This does not commit you to this option at this stage, but will inform us as we select specific activities on offer. For those not participating in the Pioneer Centre-led activity, alternative sessions will be offered.

Payment

The cost of the weekend will be £115 for adults. Area Meeting pays for children. The single room supplement is an additional £52.50. This cost covers all meals from Friday supper to Sunday lunch. Bed linen is provided but not towels.

This time we are eager that all payments are made before the weekend, so as to make most use of our precious time at the Centre.

A deposit of £25 is requested from each adult, to be received by (or at) the Area Meeting on 9th November (2019).

The remainder of the full payment is requested by (or at) the January Area Meeting, or earlier if you prefer (and are happy to ease the Committee's administration and AM finances!)

Payment should be made by cheque, payable to Southern Marches Area Quaker Meeting, sent with this booking form to Linda Green.

Limited bursaries may be available from your Local Meeting. Please contact them direct.

Transport

Given the theme of the weekend, it would be great if Friends can attend by public transport or by shared car. Nearer the time we will issue a list of participants so that you can team up with others where possible.

Best wishes, from the "Organising Committee" (Morag, Ursula, Charlotte, Kate).

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To guarantee your place, please return this form together with your deposit of £25 per adult (cheques payable to Southern Marches Area Quaker Meeting) to Linda Green, 2 Thomas Hill Close, Llanfoist, Abergavenny, NP7 9FJ, by **Saturday 9th November.**

Contact Details

Name	
Email	
Home phone	
Mobile	
Address	
Local Meeting	

People you are booking for (including yourself)

Name	Age if under 18	Dietary Requirements	Pioneer Centre Activity @£12? (Y/N)	Able to access top bunk? (Y/N)	Skills on offer*

*If you prefer, you can email your ideas to Morag on morag.sinton@btinternet.com.

Room Accommodation

This year we have limited rooms available to us and therefore to maximise the number of Friends able to attend, we hope Friends will share with others. Some single rooms may be available when we know who is coming, but cannot be guaranteed, and would incur the Pioneer Centre's additional single supplement of £52.50.

Type of room preference (Single/Pair/Shared)	
Other Friends (for whom you are not booking) with whom you would choose to share	