



Invitation for EMEYF Annual Meeting

23.11.-26.11.2017 in Brussels

Dear Friends,
Join us for European and Middle East Young Friends Annual Meeting!

Where and when?

This year AM will be held from **23.11. - 26.11.2017 at Quaker House in Brussels** (Belgium). The programme will start on Thursday afternoon/evening, first shared activity being dinner, and will end on Sunday around 14.00 after Meeting for Worship with local Friends and lunch. You can also arrive later, if it is not possible for you to be there on Thursday.

What will happen?

We will **discern** business for EMEYF/hold meeting for worship for business, **cook together** and enjoy the impressive Brussels for a bit. We will rekindle old f/**Friendships** and hopefully make new ones and **score the EMEYF Living Archives!**

This year, we will start one day earlier than usual, which will give us time on Thursday and Friday to get into more than 30 years of experiences and stories of Young Friends.

Together we are going to build on the materials that are already part of it - like minutes, reports, personal letters from the 30 years of EMEYF, but there will also be an opportunity to add to the archive by responding to the material, conduct interviews and by making stories available through various media.

Everyone is welcome, regardless of whether you have been involved with EMEYF in the past or not, and regardless of your skills and background. The more diverse our group of Living Archivists, the more the material speaks. The aim is to connect with former EMEYFers, but also to challenge

our ourselves and get to know each other and ourselves better: Where do we stand today, what does it mean to be a (Young) Friend in this changing world?

Practicalities

The event will happen at Quaker Council for European Affairs (QCEA), Square Ambiorix 50, B-1000 Bruxelles in the beautiful, old Quaker house situated prominently in the prominent Brussels. Worth a visit in any case! ;-)

Here you can find detailed information on **how to get there**: www.qcea.org/home/qh/location/
The venue has some mattresses, but if possible you should bring a sleeping bag and mats. If not, please tell us in the registration and we will find a solution.

The event is **self-catered**, and the food will be vegetarian, if you have additional dietary requirements, please let us know in your registration.

Costs

We try to keep overall costs for the weekend to a minimum. We will split the overall cost of food between us all, **probably around €15** per person for the weekend, to be paid at the weekend.

You will have to arrange and pay for your own travel. We recommend a donation to EMEYF for compensation of the ecological cost of your travel (€1/5/8, for travelling by train/car/plane).

If you struggle with the costs, do not hesitate to contact Silja and ask for support before 09.11.17, financial reasons should not prevent you from coming.

Registration

To register for Annual Meeting, please e-mail silja.p@posteo.de and remember to mention dietary requirements and whether you can bring a sleeping bag and mat. Do not hesitate to ask any questions you may have. In addition, do book your travel as soon as possible to get the best value for your journey! Please send us your expected arrival and departure times too, as soon as you have confirmed them.

Preparation

Annual Meeting is an opportunity to discuss all EMEYF business -big and small. If you have any items for the agenda please contact the clerks Kirsten and Renke (kirsten.ackermann@quakers.net and renke_meuwese@yahoo.com)

Documents in advance including draft agenda and role descriptions for nominations required will be circulated closer to the gathering.

Hope to see you all there!

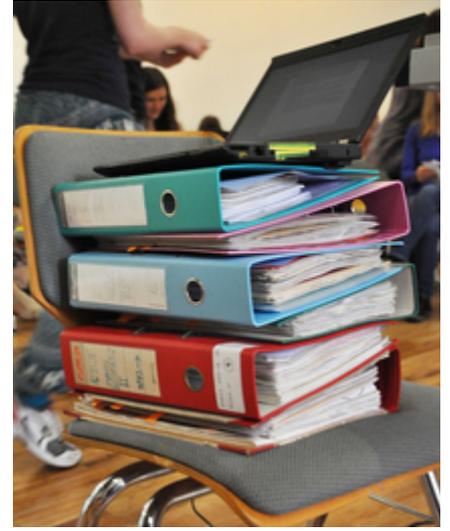
In Friendship,

EMEYF Communications Committee:

Laurina, Renke, Evan, Kirsten, Rose, Dilia, Silja and Emmie



Meeting for worship at Sping Gathering 2017 in Poland



A small part of the archives – full of interesting stories and input