

*“ I told them, that I joined the covenant of peace. It existed before war and fight”*

(George Fox; 24.01 Quaker faith and practice)

*“If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.”* (Rom 12, 18)

## **EMEYF Spring Gathering 2018**

### **“Creating community”**

**25/3/2018 – 2/4/2018 (Moyallon Quaker Center, Portadown, Ireland)**

Dear Friends,

We're excited to invite all F(f)riends to be part of the next European and Middle East Young Friends Spring Gathering in Ireland. Come and join us from Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March to Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2018 at the Moyallon Quaker Center, near Portadown. In times of Brexit, growing racism and the threat of new war we will gather as Young Friends and experience the theme “Creating community” in the area of Ireland and Northern Ireland, an area with a long Quaker peace building history. The event will include visits to Dublin and Belfast, connection to Irish (Young) Friends, an introduction to the Irish ‘times of troubles’ and Quaker peace work, workshops, business sessions, creativity, fun and free time.

More information about the Moyallon Quaker Center can be found here:

<http://www.moyallon.co.uk/>

### **Costs**

The fee for attending is 135 GBP / 150 Euro per participant.

EMEYF has funds available for bursaries, and no one should be prevented from attending for financial reasons. Please indicate on the registration form if you would like further information on this. We would strongly encourage you to seek financial assistance from your (local/Area/Yearly) Meeting, where available.

### **How to get there**

The nearest train station is Portadown. We are hoping to arrange lifts from the station to the Moyallon centre for those arriving by train. Please check the informations at the Moyallon Homepage for specific directions by road.

We invite all Friends to look for a sustainable way of traveling. You can ask for bursary if money is the problem to travel more sustainably.

We have created a platform for attenders to share their travel plans with other Friends to encourage travelling together, can share your travel plans at [https://etherpad.net/p/SG\\_Travelplans](https://etherpad.net/p/SG_Travelplans).

### **Food**

To continue our theme of sustainability we ask you to bring something to eat with a story behind it (although if you are flying watch out that the food is not in your hand luggage): bring a jam from your grandparents' garden, a food-saved peanut butter, your favorite vegan spread, honey from your own happy bees, your local specialty, food for the EMEYF Easter bunny or anything else which seems worth taking with you.

You can send the attached registration form to [springgathering@emeyf.org](mailto:springgathering@emeyf.org).

**Please register before 15/2/2018!**

Looking forward to see you!

The 2018 EMEYF Spring Gathering Planning Committee.

**Application for EMEYF Spring Gathering 2018**  
**25.3 – 2.4.2018**

**(Moyallon Quaker Center, Portadown, Ireland)**

The participation fee is 150 EUR or 135 GBP

Please send the filled out form to [springgathering@emeyf.org](mailto:springgathering@emeyf.org)

Registering early helps us planning and you to book your travel.

**Deadline for application is February, 15<sup>th</sup> 2018**

Name:	
Email Address:	
Home Address:	
Contact number:	
Emergency contact name and phone number	

Is this your first time at EMEYF?	
Do you need a visa to enter the UK?	
Do you need a visa to enter (the Republic of) Ireland?	
If you need either of the above, please be aware of the following; The Moyallon centre, where the gathering is taking place, is in Northern Ireland and so requires a UK visa. The programme includes a day trip to Dublin, which requires a visa for Ireland. This also means that you enter the UK multiple times. Depending on your travel plans and nationality, you may be able to make use of a visa waiver programme for Ireland. Please contact us if you need any help.	
Do you need financial assistance with the gathering fee or your travel costs? (If so, you don't need to pay at time of registration and we will be in touch about next steps)	
Which languages do you speak? (please indicate how well you speak each language from 1 = very good to 5 = very basic)	
Will you be bringing children with you? Please list their names, age and dietary requirements	
Do you have special dietary requirements? (meals will be vegetarian with flexibility where needed)	

Do you have any medical conditions/allergies/special requirements which we need to know about? Please give details:	
Will you need to arrive later than 25/3 or leave earlier than 2/4?	
Can you bring your own sleeping bag or will you need bedding from the Moyallon centre? (there will be an extra cost for bedding)	
Will you arrive by car and if yes, would you be willing to help with transport support during the week?	
We will have a session with workshops offered by participants. Are you able and willing to offer a workshop? Could be about anything you like, in any format you like, but ideally thematic, e.g. about peace work, alternatives to violence, ideas of community, forms of living together, Quaker communities ... – we will contact you! Please note that we may not be able to fit in every idea into the program.	
Aside from those bringing children, rooms will be shared between about 6 people. We ask you some question to try and arrange room sharing in a way that minimizes disturbing each other.	
When do you normally go to sleep?	
How many hours of sleep do you normally get per night?	
Do you prefer a Women/Men-only or mixed room?	
Have you got any further comments, ideas or needs?	

The participation fee is 150 EUR or 135 GBP (without bedding fee). The prices include accommodation, meals and a Registration fee.

Please pay via bank transfer at the time of registration (unless you are applying for a bursary), or tell us when you are going to pay if it is not possible at the moment.

If paying in euro :                   IBAN: BE84 2100 5595 0359  
   BIC: GEBABEBB

If paying in pounds:               Sort Code: 08-92-99  
   Account number: 65132612

Please use a bank payment reference that includes SG and your name, e.g. “SG George Fox”, so that we can identify your payment.