

## Young People

### Children's Meeting

All children are welcome to stay with their parents in the Meeting Room during meeting for worship, if that suits them. There is also a Children's Meeting for those aged 10 and younger. While we say it starts at 10 am, in reality it is helpful

for parents to bring their children to the Annex (which is located in the grounds of the Meeting House), a few minutes prior to 10 am so that parents may come into meeting for worship on time. Children are brought into the Meeting for Worship during the final 10-15 minutes before 'the rise of Meeting' at 11 am. They are then cared for during notices (until about 11:15). Parents are responsible for their own children from that point. Contact person for the Children's Meeting is Sue Stover (stoverwatts@gmail.com).

### Young People

All young people are welcome to participate in the Meeting for Worship. In addition, there is a monthly gathering of those aged 10 years or older. Nicknamed the '10 and ups', this group - which also includes parents and other interested adults - meets at 9 am on 3rd Sundays at a local café (currently i-Press Cafe, 421-425 Mount Eden Rd), and then moves by 10 am to the Mt Eden Meeting House for meeting for worship, as well as a time of reflection/discussion.

Contact person for 10+ group is Joel Hildebrandt (senorjoel@gmail.com).

### National Events

There are gatherings for young people occurring nationally including camps for Junior Young Friends (13-16 year olds) and Young Friends (16 years and up).

There are also national family-friendly gatherings including Summer Gathering

(which happens over New Years each year), and events at the Whanganui Friends Settlement. For more details about activities for families, children and young people, speak to the 'Elder on duty', contact the Friends Centre 09 630 6834, or email the contact people noted below.

## Contact People

Children's Coordinator (Sue Stover)	stoverwatts@gmail.com
Ten and Up Coordinator (Joel Hildebrandt)	senorjoel@gmail.com
Junior Young Friends Coordination Team	jyf@quaker.org.nz
Friends Centre (Resident Friends)	AK.friendscentre@quaker.org.nz

## Income Inequality and Poverty: a Quaker Response



Welcome to Mt. Eden Meeting for Worship. We meet from 10am - 11am on Sunday mornings (for additional meetings and activities, see overleaf). We gather in silence - open to the leadings of spirit. This may lead to vocal ministry (when someone stands to speak) or it may lead to a silent meeting for worship. Rather than having one Minister or Pastor, Quakers believe that there is that of God in each of us and that in the gathered silence, any of us may feel the call to speak.

From 11-11:15 we have announcements and notices, and this is followed by morning tea and hospitality - please feel welcome to participate. Children's Meeting and Programme for Young People: 10am -11:15 am in the Annex (the building behind this one). For more details, please see overleaf



## Calendar of Upcoming Events

These events occur in Winter of 2019 in addition to the regular events over the page.

<i>Sunday 16 June</i> 11:30am	Garey Russel leads discussion on the Living Wage Mt Eden Meeting House
<i>Sat 6 July</i> Late afternoon to evening	Mt Eden Matariki Celebrations Maungawhau/Mt Eden and Mt Eden Meeting House
<i>Sunday 7 July</i> 11:30 am	July Monthly Meeting for Worship for Business Mt Eden Meeting House
<i>Thursday 4 -Monday 9 July</i>	Young Friend's Camp Wellington
<i>Friday 12 July</i> <i>Sunday 14 July</i>	Women's Weekend: Dancing in the Light Quaker Settlement, Whanganui
<i>Sunday 21 July</i> 11:30 am	Quaker Asia West Pacific Section Meeting Hong Kong talk by Rosie Remmerswall Mt Eden Meeting House
<i>Saturday 3 August</i> 4:30-7pm	Whanau catch-up. TBA Contact Charlotte Gordon
<i>Sunday 4 August</i> 11:30am	Monthly Meeting for Worship for Business North Shore, Senior Citizen's rooms above Takapuna Library
<i>Sunday 18 August</i> 11:30 am	Child Poverty Action Group presentation Mt Eden Meeting House
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**Living Wage Movement**  
Aotearoa New Zealand



## Regular Events at Mt Eden Meeting

<b>Every Tuesday, 9:30am</b> meets at Friends Centre	Walking Group followed by morning tea
<b>Every Wednesday, 10:30am</b> in Friends Centre	Discussion group followed by Meeting for Worship at 11:30am, followed by a shared lunch at 12pm
<b>Every Thursday, 7:30pm</b> in Friends Centre	Worship followed by discussion
<b>Fortnightly on Thursday, 7:00pm</b> in the Annex. Contact Barbara (09) 836 5576	Women's Group
<b>First Saturday of the Month</b> (Except long weekends when moves to second Saturday) 5-7pm at the home of a Friend	Social event for families and F/friends. Charlotte 0273756143, or <a href="mailto:charlimaar@gmail.com">charlimaar@gmail.com</a>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sundays February to November, 9am</b> in Friends Centre	Prayer Support Group



"The long term  
prosperity of New  
Zealand utterly  
depends on **all of  
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reaching their  
potential."

Dr. Innes Asher (CPAG)

## Special Feature

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