

# Bristol Quaker Camp 2022

Talgarth, in the foothills of the Black Mountains

Saturday 30th July to Saturday 6th August

This year we are pleased to be trying out a new site near Talgarth in Wales. The field is large, with a (fenced) stream at the bottom. The farmer is very friendly, there are footpaths directly from the site into the village and lots of walks and activities in the area. And of course, as usual, there will be plenty happening for all ages on the site.

## About Camp

Camp is a marvellous opportunity for children and adults to live together as part of a community in natural surroundings. People of all ages and circumstances are welcomed, with or without partners or children.

All share equally in camp life, including games, walks and camp fire, as well as essential jobs such as cooking, washing up, making cocoa or cleaning the loos. In between these there is plenty of time to sit in the sun (or rain), talk or simply relax.

Each camp has a different range of activities, depending on its location and the interests of the campers.

Daily meetings for worship are held mid-morning and again around the evening campfire. Camp elders steer these meetings and also facilitate the daily discussion groups.

Camp is a friendly and communal week. However, parents remain responsible for their children at all times unless they make specific arrangements with another trusted adult. Camp itself does not assume responsibility for children or provide childcare.

## How does camp operate?

Camp is powered solely by the effort of those attending it. Support is required from all campers before, during and after the actual event so please assist wherever you can: helping out at camp repair day, camp committee meetings, loading and unloading the lorry and doing your fair share of jobs at camp. Campers are left to consider their own sense of responsibility on this.

Camp equipment is shared with Gloucester Area Meeting (who will follow us at Talgarth this year). A marquee, gas stoves, cooking equipment, loos, tables and chairs are provided. There are a few of spare tents to borrow but if you have one, please bring your own.

## Camp Costs

Camp costs include all meals and campsite fees, plus the storage, repair, transport and hire fees associated with the communal camp equipment that we use.

As we are doing things slightly differently this year, the camp costs are likely to rise a bit more than previously. They are currently being calculated and will be provided asap. *(To give you an idea, at our last camp in 2019, they were:*

*16 years & over: £85*

*9-15 years: £50*

*1-8 years: £23*

*Under 1 year: free)*

We encourage people to attend for the full week. There is no reduction if people attend part of the week only.

## Bursary

Each year, any who feel able donate some money on top of their camp payment to provide bursary help for those who are not able to afford the full fee.

The bursary is shared between those who request help and, depending on the particular figures each year, can amount to up to about a half of their fees. For anyone for whom this assistance is not enough, please let us know; we can request further help from Area Meeting if you require this.

Please ask for bursary help if you need it. Bursary requests will be handled in confidence.

## Booking

Booking is online. The date on which booking will open and close, along with the link ([www.bristolquakercamp.weebly.com/booking](http://www.bristolquakercamp.weebly.com/booking)), will be included in the April edition of the Bristol Area Meeting Newsletter.

Camp does have a numbers limit and places are allocated on a first come first served basis. In the past, bookings have reached the limit very quickly so if you want to come, you should ensure that you are ready to book when booking opens.

If you have any questions, you can contact Nick, the Camp Convenor, on 07809757904 or by email at: [camp.convenors@bristolquakers.org.uk](mailto:camp.convenors@bristolquakers.org.uk)

Booking should be completed by the closing date, along with payment for either the full amount or the deposit (non-refundable) of £20 per person.

Medical forms are now included in the booking form.

Please book only if you are sure you intend to come as, if camp is over-subscribed, we don't want to find that we have turned people away unnecessarily. Please do not bring extra, un-booked people to camp.