

CONGENIES: FRANCE

MARCH 20 – 27 (Sat to Sat)

The QVA Spring season begins with a visit to the recently re-founded 19th century Quaker Centre in the South of France. We will help with the development and redefining of areas in the grounds including patios, walls and the historical burial site.

£120 / €130

AIRTON & SAWLEY: UK

APRIL 17 – 24 (Sat to Sat)

This project brings together two early Meeting Houses on the Yorkshire/Lancashire border. We will stay at the Airton Meeting House hostel on the Pennine Way and explore local Quaker history through walks and talks. Work will include restoring a floor and gardening activities.

£120 / €130



*"I stand alone... in peace, yet...
I'm surrounded by creation's cacophony
My life hums... to the rhythm of silence
In the bustle I jostle for my place
And find it... inside."*

Sale, Cheshire 2009

QUAKER VOLUNTARY ACTION WORKING RETREATS 2010

We celebrate the 350th anniversary of the declaration of our Quaker Peace Testimony and draw on its vision and historical influence for our reflective and creative shared explorations in each project.

SWARTHMOOR: UK

May 10 - 14 (Mon to Fri)

Enjoy a Spring project in the Lake District. Working in Swarthmoor's extensive grounds can include anything from gentle weeding to building a rockery or managing the meadow.

£90 / €100

MOYALLON: IRELAND

JULY 17 - 24 (Sat to Sat)

The Quaker Retreat Centre in a beautiful rural area near Belfast will host us for a summer week of mainly outdoor tasks and complementary reflection activities. There will be opportunities to engage with the Northern Ireland Peace issues.

£120 / €130

ASHFORD: UK

August 20 - 23 (Fri to Mon)

For this long weekend, we will be staying with local Friends of this Meeting in Kent. The work will be decorating the old library and schoolroom.

£60 / €65

SWARTHMOOR: UK

OCTOBER 17 - 22 (Sun to Fri)

We make an Autumn visit to Swarthmoor Hall where Quaker roots go back to the 17th Century. Seasonal gardening tasks are likely to include tree work, and evenings around the bonfire or indoor log fire will help warm our spirits! For the afternoon off, you could visit the nearby historic market town of Ulverston where George Fox arrived in 1652

£125 / €135

RAMALLAH: PALESTINE

OCTOBER 27 – NOV 5 (Wed to Fri)

Building on our pioneer project in 2009, we return to the region and will be based at the Friends International Center in Ramallah near Jerusalem. Work will include supporting the olive picking harvest. There is a strong study element and balanced encounter with the Palestinian/Israeli situation in this event.

£280 / €310 (inc. guesthouse accommodation)



"Enlightening & enriching about other cultures and their struggles. It was a joy to meet people, share stories, show empathy"

Ramallah 2009

