

## Report to York Area Meeting

Name of event	Conference 'Sanctuary Everywhere'
Date of event	1st to 3rd December 2017
Your name	Sally Bourton
Your Meeting	Acomb
Why did you accept nomination?	I am the Chair of Refugee Action York, a charity supporting asylum seekers, refugees and migrants in the York area, and wanted to expand my knowledge of Quaker and European responses to the global situation.
Who ran the event?	QCEA / QPSW
What was its purpose?	To consider how we can work to create a 'continent of sanctuary', to consider Quaker work on forced migration, the impact of 'Brexit' on the refugee crisis.
How was it structured?	Key note addresses followed by a choice of workshops, an Action Forum to share individual or local projects, reflection and learning.
What did you learn?	So much and I am still pondering this. In practical terms, overall I learnt how much Quakers are doing in the UK and in Europe to support refugees, and how important it is to work with other organisations - that we cannot be effective on our own.
What can the Area Meeting learn?	To be aware of Quaker involvement in what is a global issue, to continue to support those working in this area - I myself feel very supported by my Meeting and by York Area meeting - and to be prepared to support new projects e.g if any Meetings wish to become a Sanctuary Meeting;