

Report to York Area Meeting

Name of course	Quaker Nominations: exploring good practice
Date and place of course	Swarthmoor Hall 2 nd -4 th June 2017
Your name	Gillian Darton
Your Meeting	New Earswick
Why did you apply?	It was suggested that as I was to be Convenor of LM Nominations in 2017, it might be helpful to attend the course. A Friend had previously been on it and highly recommended the course.
Who ran the course?	Woodbrooke
What was its purpose?	To enable members of both Area and Local Nominations Committees to consider best practice.
How was it structured?	There was a balanced mix of input from the facilitators, discussion, small group work and practical exercises/ games.
What did you learn?	I gained clarity as to the place of Nominations in the life of the meeting; how to best conduct meetings in a spirit of worship; what is and is not appropriate in terms of who does what; and came away with a general sense of positivity about future possibilities.
What can the Area Meeting learn?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When we have problems, we are not alone. • When there is difficulty filling posts, it is the responsibility of the wider meeting, not Nominations, to consider the best way forward creatively.

Gill's attendance was not paid for by the area meeting as she was attending in a local meeting capacity, but her report may be helpful for others in the area. JMcC