

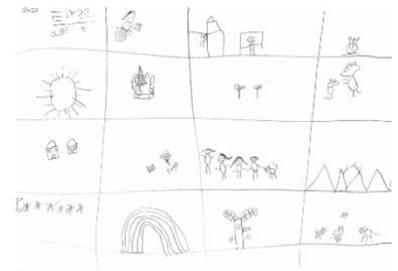
# Children and JYF Newsletter

September/October/November  
2020

## From the coordinators...

Hello from the Children and Junior Young Friends Committee, and the CJYF Coordinators!

On 27 September, we hosted our first Australia-wide Children's Meeting Online. We had nine children and several enthusiastic parents join us to learn more about Elizabeth Fry's life and work. We talked about Elizabeth Fry's care for marginalised people, and the "useful gifts" that she and her prison ship committee gave to women being transported to Australia as convicts, in the hope that they would earn a living by sewing when they arrived. We finished by drawing our own patchwork quilts, like the "Rajah Quilt" made by convicts as a gift for the prison ship committee.



Quilt drawings by Dana and Elyse Davies-Rapson



Clancy Shield (above) and Sally Hope (right) hold up their jar lanterns



In October, our Children's Meeting Online was all about George Fox. This online gathering was much smaller - only two enthusiastic participants. We viewed a video of the Faith and Play story, "George Fox's Big Discovery" and made our own tealight jar lanterns. And of course, we finished with the George Fox Song. In November, eleven children came & noticed different types of quiet.

Five-year-old Emily joined late due to timezone confusion - but in time to draw us a picture of her favourite light source. Now we want torches just like this one too!



Our next Children's Meeting online is on  
Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December 2020

**12 midday** NSW, ACT, VIC and TAS  
**11am** in QLD  
**11:30am** in SA and NT  
**9am** in WA

Email us to receive details and regular reminders.  
Tania and Gina [cjyfcoordinator@quakersaustralia.info](mailto:cjyfcoordinator@quakersaustralia.info)

Remember "**Families on the Fourth!**"

### Who's on our new committee?

As of July, we have a new Children and JYF Committee! Here are our members:

Emily Chapman-Searle and Sarah Davies (co-convenors)  
Restina Nininahazwe (JYF representative and treasurer)  
Alice Cameron (JYF representative)  
Geoff Greeves  
Maxine Cooper  
Gina Price and Tania Aveling (children and JYF coordinators)

Meet Geoff Greaves from Adelaide (SANTRM)

### What brought you to the Children and JYF Committee, Geoff?

I am searching for resources and fresh ideas for our children's classes at Meeting, that will sew seeds in our Quaker life journey. I would like young people to become more active at our Meeting House. In supporting young people who are Quaker networking nationally and internationally, I see the CJYF Committee being a place for developing Quaker material and being a hub where new ideas can be heard and explored.



### COLLABORATIVE LEADERSHIP webinar

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

**Sydney** 12:00-1:30 pm, **Brisbane** 11:00am -12:30  
**Adelaide** 11:30am -1:00, **Perth** 9:00am-10:30

Cost: FREE

Collaborative Leadership training helps us make decisions, share leadership, and make sure no one is ignored. Come and check it out!

Email: [cjyfcoordinator@quakersaustralia.info](mailto:cjyfcoordinator@quakersaustralia.info) to register

### What's coming up for Junior Young Friends?

The bad news is there is no January camp, which is very disappointing! The good news is we have something new to offer!! Do you see things that you would like to help change?

Do you get frustrated with hodge-podge approaches to working together?

**Collaborative Leadership** is a system to organise work and how we work together. It was first practised by a Quaker and has been tested for more than five decades. Organising ourselves around issues of climate, justice, community and so much more, is imperative! We all need to upskill and team up over the next critical decade. The webinar will be used to gauge interest in us offering Foundations of Collaborative Leadership training in 2021.

Gina *Children and JYF coordinator and trainer in Collaborative Leadership (aka Sociocracy) for 12 years.*