

Quakers and Business Group – 10th Annual Business Conference 2014

Wednesday 5th November 2014, at Friends House, 173-177 Euston Road, London. NW1 2BJ

FOOD

There's a story behind everything we eat

The conference will focus on what is happening in the production and distribution of our food and will help you to think about what you can do to encourage good practice and discourage the bad.

The day will be led by four speakers, each sharing their aspirations and practical experience of the realities we face in bringing food from the field to the home. With an impact upon our climate, our seas, our fresh water and fuel resources, we will be addressing some of the major food and farming challenges including access to food, the impact of changing diets and changing land use. We will be asking where the opportunities for real change lie, particularly in the changing world of the retail sector.

What influence can we, as Quakers, have upon the way our food is produced? How can we bring about change where it is needed? You will leave the conference with a fresh perspective about the good things that are happening and with an opportunity to become part of the change that is needed.

Also, we will use the event to demonstrate the possibilities of smartphone video reporting and to suggest why we might want to become citizen journalists in our communities.

9.00-9.30 Registration, with an opportunity for Networking and setting up the Q&B Marketplace

9.30 Worship

9.45 Welcome from Q&B members John Meadley and John Turner; Health & Safety, Introductions

9.50 Setting the Goals and Outcomes for the Day

10.00 Presentations:

1. John Turner - farmer and one of the founders of the Pasture-fed Livestock Association
2. Philip Lymbery – chief executive of Compassion in World Farming and author of the recently published and well-reviewed book FARMAGEDDON – the true cost of cheap meat.
3. Colin Tudge – author of many books on food and farming and one of the founders of the Oxford REAL Farming Conference. His latest book is WHY GENES ARE NOT SELFISH AND PEOPLE ARE NICE.
4. Sally Bagenal – Organic dairy farmer and the first CEO of the Organic Milk Supply Cooperative, omsco.co.uk

11.20 Refreshments, with an opportunity for Networking and visiting the Q&B Marketplace

11.45 Discussion session

12.15 Patrick Chalmers – author of the book FRAUDCAST NEWS, and ex-Reuters reporter.

12.30 Lunch, with an opportunity for Networking and visiting the Q&B Marketplace

1.15 Worship

1.25 Revisit Goals & Outcomes

1.30 Group discussions and workshops

3.00 Refreshments, with an opportunity for Networking and visiting the Q&B Marketplace

3.15 Worship Sharing and Discernment

3.45 Showing the 'Citizen Journalists' film, based on the day's conference

4.00 Reading the Minute

4.10 Worship

4.25 Notices and Farewell, for 4.30 Close & Depart