



RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)
South East Scotland Area Meeting

Edinburgh Quaker Meeting House - Background Information

The Meeting House is one of two owned and managed by South East Scotland Area Meeting and is situated on a terrace which runs above Victoria Street in the heart of the Old Town, just off the Royal Mile and not far from the Castle. The building dates from 1865, was built as the 'Original Secession Church' and has been the Quaker Meeting House since 1988.

It provides a home for Central Edinburgh Local Meeting (one of four Quaker Meetings in Edinburgh) and is well used throughout the week as a venue for charitable organisations, training courses, leisure classes, etc.

Opening hours match the bookings, and we are open many days from 8.30 or 9.00 am to 10.00 pm. The building contains four main rooms: the Meeting Room on the second floor and the Hall and Library on the first floor as well as the small Bow Room on the ground floor. There is a well-equipped kitchen, a foyer and several back room spaces.

The aims and objectives of the Edinburgh Quaker Meeting House are not formally part of the job description but may be useful to you in informing yourself about the role. They are:

- To provide a welcoming space for Friends and visitors alike to worship, and to gather and grow in faith, love and community.
- To contribute to an income stream that helps to enable the environmentally sensitive stewardship of our historic building and contributes to Area Meeting resources.
- To create friendly, accessible meeting spaces for a wide range of groups, thereby contributing to the social capital of our local (and wider) community.
- To use our building as a tool for outreach, to build awareness of Quakers and of the issues that are important to us and to share our values.
- To be an example of an ethical workplace run by an employer with integrity.