

Experiment with Light Network Annual Report for August 2017 to May 2018

This most recent period in our history started off on a high note, with much positive feedback received for our 'larks' and 'owls' sessions and two workshops at Yearly Meeting Gathering in Warwick. We were able to introduce a great number of new people to our discipline.

We held two introductory workshops at Quaker Centres - Glenthorne and Woodbrooke - and three local workshops in Ross-on-Wye, Southern Marches, and Swarthmoor. We were pleased to hear that Experiment with Light was used at a retreat on Margaret Fell in Svartbäcken, Sweden.

Three more editions of our Journal were published. In addition to our presence on the web and on facebook, we now also have a wikipedia page.

In August we sent out an appeal to all our supporters for - preferably regular - donations. While we still have a little way to go to become fully self-funded, we felt encouraged by the response.

Our Steering Group met twice, in October and at the end of January. The October meeting was the last for Susie Tombs after six years on the Steering Group. Susie has made a crucial contribution to the Experiment with Light Network during this time, especially in connection with the workshop teaming and the Journal. We are very grateful for all she has done and for all she continues to do for the Network - and for having instigated and, to a large extent, organised our most recent conference at Glenthorne.

Unlike our previous Glenthorne conference in 2011, the one held from 26-29 March 2018 was not about making decisions; it was an opportunity to join together in deep worship and to stimulate and encourage each other to further develop our discipline. One practical outcome was the circulation of a Light group review process.

The Glenthorne conference also saw the launch of the book on the history of Experiment with Light, Klaus Huber's *Mind the Light - the story of a Quaker discipline*. Just prior to the conference, Craig Barnett and Klaus had visited Rex Ambler in Silverdale to record a 10-minute video introduction to Experiment with Light which has been put online at the end of April.

Last not least, it should be mentioned that, on 2 December 2017, Meeting for Sufferings approved our application to become a Quaker Recognised Body. This acknowledgement that Experiment with Light is rooted in the Quaker way brings us a lot closer to our declared aim "to facilitate the acceptance of Experiment with Light as a core Quaker spiritual practice." (quoted from our Network's Partnership Agreement)

Klaus Huber
Clerk of the Experiment with Light Network Steering Group
May 2018

EwL Performance against Budget, 2017

		2017	2017
		BUDGET	ACTUAL
BALANCE B/F		6,385	6385.21
INCOME			
Grants	JRCT	0	0.00
	Edith Ellis (not conferences)	0	0.00
	Francis Camfield Trust	0	0.00
	Other charities, appeals	3,000	3190.70
Payments	Workshops	0	280.00
	Gatherings	0	0.00
	Individuals	0	0.00
	Quaker Centre Events	0	0.00
	Intn'l Gatherings / bursaries (from Budget-Gatherings)	0	1200.00
Sales (net)	Book & CD sales & royalties	600	635.44
	Newsletter & pamphlet sales	400	431.20
Bank Interest		5	1.96
Loans			
TOTAL		4,005	5739.30
EXPENDITURE			
Overheads	SG Meeting costs	Accommodation & meals	1,000 854.00
		Travel expenses	1,000 912.72
	Regional Gatherings	Planning meetings	100 0.00
		Facility hire	100 0.00
		Facilitator travel	300 0.00
	National Events	Planning meetings	100 0.00
		Training places	0 0.00
		Elder acc. & travel	500 0.00
	Bursaries		750 0.00
	Workshop Administration	Travel, communication, accom	450 280.00
	Occasional Gatherings	(from Budget-Gatherings)	0 0.00
	Teaming	Planning, travel, other	0 0.00
	Support/Nurture	Newsletter	500 682.00
		Web-site	60 0.00
		EwL Introducers Pack	0 0.00
		Publications - Booklets & CDs	900 406.20
	Fundraising	Planning, travel, other	50 0.00
	Promotion/advertising	The Friend etc.	400 458.32
	Office costs	Print, copy, post, stat, tel.	300 185.31
	Extra-ordinary		
TOTAL		6,510	3778.55
SURPLUS/LOSS		-2,505	1960.75
BALANCE C/F		3,880	8345.96



Experiment with Light Accounts for 2017

I am satisfied that there are no material issues which have come to my attention in connection with my examination of these accounts, which in my opinion should be brought to the attention of the Trustees.

Questions I considered:

1	How many bank accounts are there?	2		
2	Are all transfers between these two accounts? Do transfers add up to zero?	Yes	£1000 = £1000	
3	Do opening balances match closing balances at last year?	Yes	£6385.21	
4	Do closing balances match accounts?	Yes	£8345.96	
2	Receipts – Do the documents match the figures?	Some missing documentation – I am satisfied with explanations given		Advice given as to the avoidance of this in future.
	Does the analysis make sense?	Yes		
3	Payments – Do the documents match the figures?	Yes		
	Does the analysis make sense?	Yes		

EWL should note that, while an anonymous donation received by direct payment, was not on this occasion, a large amount, it would be wise to work out in advance how it should, or could react, if a large amount were to be received anonymously through the bank in future.



Examiner Elspeth Parris

22 May 2018

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