Eco-Congregation Award 2014

Early 2014



May 2014

Clerk of Preparative Meeting South Belfast Quaker Meeting 22 Marlborough Park North

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Dear ECI committee

Eco Congregation Ireland Award Application

We would ask that you would consider us for an Eco Congregation Ireland award. In support of We would ask that you would consider us for an Eco Congregation Ireland award. In support of palfact Original Adaption to ECI we have outlined a little of what we are doing and have done at South a many areas of the life of our our application to ECI we have outlined a little of what we are doing and have done at South Belfast Quaker Meeting to promote an environmental ethos in as many areas of the life of our that the basic hard this work includes worth heading from the Environmental ethos. Bellast Guaker Meeting to promote an environmental ethos in as many areas or the line or our Chacklief for volument. Chacklief for volument. Chacklief for volument.

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We have a small library at the meeting house where there are a number of books promoting a

CHILDREN

Environmental issues are included in the young friends' weekly programme and at all age

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Young people at South Belfast meeting have supported 'Growing Connections' charity - a farm venue where people can connect with nature and each other venue where people can connect with nature and each other (www.growingconnections,project.org.uk/). On Sunday the 6th of October 2013 the young people

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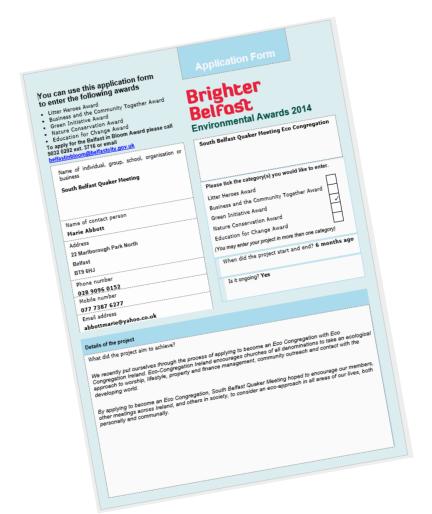




- Good Life Festival
- Fridays for Future
- Belfast City of Sanctuary
- Traidcraft Fairtrade stall











After Meeting Conversations

Set up an Eco Group

Sustainability Plan

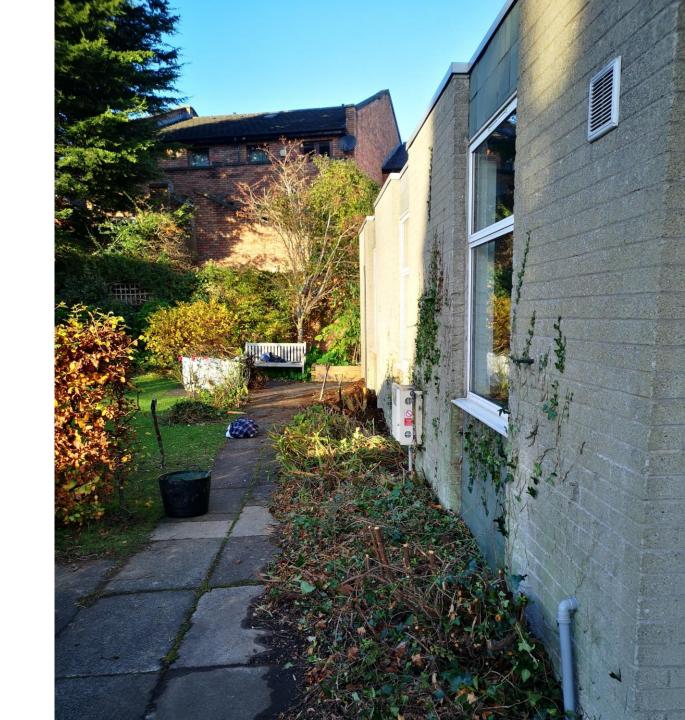
'Love and Despair: Actions and Responses to Climate Breakdown'

Bees in the burial ground

Hosted the Climate Justice Candle

Monthly Zoom meetings - Green New Deal

- Survey of our building
 - more natural lighting?
 - solar panels?
 - Insulation?
 - air source heat pump?
- Vegetable patch
- Herbaceous borders
- EV recharging point



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