

FINDHORN UNITARIAN NETWORK ACTIVITIES FOR 2020

Introduction: The Findhorn Unitarian Network (FUN) is an affiliated Unitarian Society which organises a programme of activities that offer ways for UK Unitarians to engage with the Findhorn Foundation community, or provides ways for Unitarians to draw inspiration from the community.

The following are the activities planned for 2020.

1. Transformation Game (Ralph Catts and Anjali Dawan)

Ralph and Anjali are trained facilitators for the Findhorn inspired transformation game. The programme is for 3 or 4 participants and can be conducted in one day, or over two days. Courses can be arranged for chapels on request, and can involve non-Unitarians. In addition a further 5 day retreat at Hucklow may be offered possibly in early September 2020. The fee for participation depends on the duration and location of the course, and whether a chapel can offer a room for the course. Enquiries to Val Chamberlain FindhornUnitarianNetwork@gmail.com

2. Findhorn Experience Week, May 16 - 23 2020

A group of up to 8 UK Unitarians can take part in a scheduled Findhorn Experience Week. This is an opportunity to engage in your spiritual practice with other Unitarians, and also with a wider circle of participants. For people with limited incomes there is a capacity to offer limited subsidies toward the course costs of £510 for the week. Unitarian chapels can expect to benefit from what participants gain from the week, and hence are asked to help with travel and course fees. See Expression of Interest form and Further Information below. Enquires to Paul Hubbard: +44 7341 932 558 FindhornUnitarianNetwork@gmail.com

3. Spiritual practice Week for FUN members

A group of members of FUN who have been to an Experience Week will return to the Findhorn community for a spiritual practice week. Enquiries to Val Chamberlain FindhornUnitarianNetwork@gmail.com

4. Hucklow Small Groups Weekend

FUN will join members of other affiliated Unitarian societies to share a weekend at Hucklow on Nov 20 -22 2020. Enquiries to Val Chamberlain FindhornUnitarianNetwork@gmail.com

5. Organising the FUN Event at the 2020 GA Annual meetings.

The 2020 FUN AGM will be held at the GA annual meetings. We will elect our committee members and share our experiences and plans. This meeting is open to all attending the GA meetings so that people can learn more about the Findhorn connection. We may also be able to join up other FUN members by audio link. Enquiries to Val Chamberlain FindhornUnitarianNetwork@gmail.com

FINDHORN UNITARIAN NETWORK (FUN) EXPERIENCE WEEK

The Findhorn Unitarian Network invites YOU to experience community life and practice the key principles of Findhorn in an Experience Week from **May 16th – 23rd 2020**.

KEY INFORMATION:

WHAT IS THE FINDHORN FOUNDATION?

Started in 1962 on the Moray Firth in Northern Scotland, the Findhorn Foundation is an intentional community focused on sustainable living and individual spiritual development. The community is guided by three key principles:

- **Inner Listening**
- **Love in Action**
- **Co-Creation with Nature**

WHAT IS EXPERIENCE WEEK?

Experience Week is a programme which has been honed over decades and provides an opportunity for sharing with others of all ages in a supportive environment.

Attending Experience Week is an opportunity to renew or broaden your spiritual awareness by living within this unique, spiritual, educational, and ecological community.

WHAT IS ON OFFER FOR UNITARIANS?

The Findhorn community shares our Unitarian values of mutual support for each person on their unique spiritual path.

We Unitarians have many opportunities for sharing at Hucklow and other venues, but Findhorn Experience Week offers the unique opportunity to participate in a thriving and vibrant community, which *lives* its shared values all year round. There will be fellow participants from around the world.

WHAT CAN I GAIN FROM THE EXPERIENCE?

After experiencing Findhorn for themselves, most participants have felt spiritually enriched, and enabled to take a more active role in their local chapel, community, and in the wider Unitarian movement.

All have formed new friendships with participants from other chapels, which has helped to increase awareness of the UK-wide Unitarian movement.

Experience Week participants are entitled to become members of the Findhorn Unitarian Network. This opens up future opportunities to participate in a wide range of Findhorn-inspired events, allowing you to build upon the skills and experiences gained in the first programme.

WHAT DOES IT COST AND IS THERE FINANCIAL SUPPORT?

Findhorn Foundation programmes are offered on a scale (£510/ £635 / £810). The fee you decide to pay takes account of your financial situation.

For low wage applicants, bursaries may be available by applying direct to The Findhorn Foundation. Contributions from chapels, and district associations, have also been offered to some past participants. Direct application to these organisations is encouraged. We may be able to assist you in applying to other Unitarians Trusts.

For all enquires, including information about financial assistance, please contact the FUN Committee Chairperson, Paul Hubbard (details below).

OK, HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

All bookings and enquires please contact [Paul Hubbard](#):

PHONE/TEXT/WHATSAPP: +44 7341 932 558

EMAIL: FindhornUnitarianNetwork@gmail.com

WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

<https://www.unitarian.org.uk/pages/societies>

FACEBOOK: @FindhornUnitarianNetwork

WHAT HAVE PREVIOUS PARTICIPANTS SAID?

'We came away with a deep respect for Findhorn – a community based on the principle of love and love in action, on living in harmony with nature and the world, and ultimately on living in harmony with the Divine spirit that infuses all life. We can all learn from this.'

'There was a pervasive but gentle insistence on our spirituality. Taize singing and meditation were available to members and visitors on a daily basis. Many of our group felt these practices to be highly beneficial personally.'



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
FINDHORN EXPERIENCE WEEK
16TH TO 23RD MAY 2020

Name: _____
Postal Address: _____

Postcode: _____
Unitarian _____
Chapel/District/Society*: _____
Role within your _____
Chapel/District/Society*: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

**If you are not directly affiliated with a Unitarian organisation, please indicate where you learned of this opportunity, i.e. talk given at Hull Unitarian Church, etc.*

Experience Week (EW) is for first-timers at Findhorn. This year the Findhorn Unitarian Network (FUN) — made up of past attendees — is encouraging Unitarians to attend a specific Findhorn EW along with fellow Unitarians, with the promise of Findhorn facilitation plus some specifically Unitarian input during the week.

The total minimum cost of the week (including full vegetarian board and lodging for 7 nights) is on a sliding scale starting at £510. Transport costs are your own responsibility. Findhorn will ask you for a deposit of £95 at the time of application, which is non-returnable unless there are exceptional circumstances.

There may be some bursaries available from FUN via Unitarian Trusts; they will be allocated on the basis of need, with the expectation that you provide feedback to FUN and if possible attend the FUN session at GA meetings in 2021.

I wish to request a subsidy, if available: Yes / No

Please return to Paul Hubbard (Convener, Findhorn Unitarian Experience Week) at:
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