The 2010 Quaker Lecture

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HONOURING THE OTHER

The quest for respect, equality and small goodnesses in Aotearoa New Zealand

Free lecture

Thursday 21 October at 7:30

Christchurch Art Gallery



Although in many ways New Zealand is a well-functioning society, nevertheless it contains significant tensions. There are inequities and injustices, and on some international indicators such as the rate of imprisonment we are doing badly. The lecture draws on the wisdom of three notable thinkers to show how changes in the way we relate to others can help ease tensions and resentments between individuals and cultures. The key to equality is mutual respect, but how is this to be achieved? The lecture concludes by giving particular attention to the relationships between Maori and Pakeha, in both directions.

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