



On the first evening of the meeting we said **HELLO** to a few new Chairs: Dharmadeva (Essen), Viryanaga (Brixton), Ratnaprabha (North London), Kuladharini (Glasgow), Parina (Amsterdam), Vajragupta (Norwich), Sadayasihi (TBCO), Akinchana (Valencia) and in the course of the event we said **Goodbye** to some others: Dassini, Sujana, Padmasimha, Sobhanandi.



Throughout the meeting there were **home groups** for reporting-in on the various Centres.

Each evening there were **rituals/puja** beautifully and imaginatively led by Saravantu and ably assisted by Jnanadhara and Bodhilila. These sometimes included ritual at Bhante's graveside. On the 2nd evening, Jayaraja led an imaginative journey back through time (and back again) connecting us with our inspiration.

There was a **Keynote talk by Vassika** on the Path of Responsibility - many good points including a description of some pitfalls she has tried to navigate as Chair; **College interaction** with Saddhaloka and Mahamati talking to the ECA; **Subhadassi** led a workshop exploring responsibility which was greatly appreciated and **Ratnaghosa gave a talk** on the history and importance of the ECA - a wealth of experience and perspective to share at his 41st ECA meeting.



Jayaraja led two **Open Space sessions** out of which emerged topics such as The Seven Papers - Is the movement too big? - Order insight enquiry - Are there certain (types of) people we prefer to keep out of our Centres, if so why and how do we feel about it? - What did we not talk about?

Updates were presented on **Safeguarding** (Munisha), **Gender Diversity** (Prasadacarin, Munisha and Jnanamitra) and **Development Fund/Team** (Nandavajra). There were **Centre Presentations** from Bodhilila (West London) and Akuppa (Newcastle); an **Evaluation** of what in the meeting is to be maintained, cultivated, eradicated or prevented. And there was the usual **Business meeting**.



A **Bhante Day** led by Maitreyabandhu in the course of which Sanghadasa, Saddhanandi and Paramartha shared reminiscences of their time with Bhante was very much appreciated. Maitreyabandhu gave a talk and in conclusion of the day there was a Bhante Puja around the burial mound.

