

Peace



Information on how to access the resources and support available to those working for peace and nonviolent social change.



Contribute to Quaker work

Contribute time – There are many opportunities to get involved with the work we do on behalf Quakers in Britain, including serving on committees, volunteering at events and joining the Quaker Life Network. Visit www.quaker.org.uk/quaker-service to find out more or email nominations@quaker.org.uk or phone 020 7663 1121.

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Find out more and connect with us

Find out more – You can find out more about all of Britain Yearly Meeting's work by reading the Trustees' annual report. Copies are sent to every meeting in April or visit www.quaker.org.uk/annualreport. *Quaker News* is a free magazine about the work of Britain Yearly Meeting. It is distributed via local meetings. You can also subscribe by email, access electronic back issues and read it online at www.quaker.org.uk/qn.

Connect with us – Contact details for specific areas of work are provided throughout the Directory of Services. The general contact details for Friends House are:

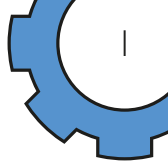
Friends House, 173 Euston Road,
London NW1 2BJ
www.quaker.org.uk
Email: enquiries@quaker.org.uk
Switchboard: 020 7663 1000.

Quaker Centre Bookshop

You can order books, book boxes, resources and posters from the Quaker Centre Bookshop at Friends House, London.

Quaker Centre Bookshop, Friends House, 173 Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ

www.quaker.org.uk/shop
quakercentre@quaker.org.uk
020 7663 1030/1031.



Introduction

“Our principle is, and our practices have always been, to seek peace, and ensue it, and to follow after righteousness and the knowledge of God, seeking the good and welfare, and doing that which tends to the peace of all.”

Declaration to Charles II, 1660
Quaker faith & practice 24.04

Britain Yearly Meeting initiates and supports action for peace and is committed to nonviolent social change. We equip Quakers and others to promote and develop peace education in their local schools and communities. We nurture the peace education movement, create and promote resources to support it, and challenge militarisation in schools.

Working with and on behalf of local Quaker meetings and activists, our peace testimony leads us to campaign against the growing militarisation of British society, against Trident nuclear weapons and for a peacebuilding approach to security. We place one-year peaceworkers with peace organisations in Britain.

We seek an end to the occupation of Palestinian territories. Since 2002, the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI), which we run on behalf of ecumenical partners, has trained volunteers to provide a protective presence, support peace activists on both sides, and monitor human rights abuses in the region.

In East Africa, we work with local partners to build a nonviolent grassroots peace movement: we support peace activists and trainers in Kenya, Burundi and Rwanda as they teach active nonviolence to those who want to challenge injustice. Closer to home, our Turning the Tide programme provides workshops, resources and advice to improve people’s understanding of nonviolence and their ability to use it to build a fair and inclusive world.

Resources

The following printed and electronic materials support action for peace.

‘Advice for Friends in times of war’

This guidance sheet has been produced by QPSW and is available online at www.quaker.org.uk/dos-peace.

‘A Quaker view on...’

This booklet has been written specifically for use by secondary schools and pupils but will be of interest to anyone wanting to know more about how Quakers translate their faith into practice. It covers peace, conflict and violence; human rights; crime and punishment; racial and religious prejudice; and the environment. Read it online at www.quaker.org.uk/dos-peace.



Conscience and Conviction

These two teaching packs were produced by Quaker Peace & Social Witness (QPSW) to help teach students about World War I. *Conscience* is aimed at primary-school pupils, while *Conviction* is focused towards secondary-school students. Printed copies are available to purchase from the Quaker Centre Bookshop, or they can be downloaded for free from www.quaker.org.uk/peace-education.



Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI) UK & Ireland blog

Here you can read eyewitness stories written by British and Irish Ecumenical Accompaniers (EAs) volunteering as human rights monitors in East Jerusalem, the West Bank and Israel. Find out what you can do to help bring about a just peace for all those living in Israel and Palestine. You can sign up to monthly updates via the link on the blog, which can be found at www.eyewitnessblogs.com.

EAPPI banners

We have six sets of two freestanding vertical banners describing the work of EAPPI. The first banner sets out what EAPPI is and the second explains what EAPPI does. They are available for loan for conferences and exhibitions (we ask that you cover the cost of carriage to and from your meeting or venue).

EAPPI leaflet

Written for the general public, this leaflet identifies the work of the programme under the headings of 'Witness', 'Engage' and 'Change'.

EAPPI 'What we can do' sheets

These suggest actions that the general public in the UK and Ireland can take to hasten a just, secure peace in Israel and Palestine. Specific actions are identified on separate sheets for UK adults (available in English and Welsh), Irish adults and younger activists.

To enquire about borrowing the banners or to request free copies of the leaflet or action sheets, contact the EAPPI Programme Coordinator at eappi@quaker.org.uk or on 020 7663 1070.

EAPPI resources

Factsheets, videos, photos, newsletters and publications about Israel and Palestine are available online at www.eappi.org/en/resources.



Photo: EAPPI

Educate and disarm

This newsletter combines news of QPSW's Peace & Disarmament and Peace Education programmes. It is available in two formats: a monthly e-update and a biannual paper version. To subscribe to the e-updates or to download a PDF of the latest print edition, go to www.quaker.org.uk/dos-peace. To subscribe to the print edition, contact the Peace Education and Engagement Coordinator at peacecoord@quaker.org.uk or on 020 7663 1009.

Fly Kites Not Drones

This teaching pack was produced by QPSW and partner organisations. It helps children and young people to critically explore the use of armed drones, understand children's rights and express solidarity with children living amid violent conflict. Printed copies are available free of charge from the Quaker Book Centre Bookshop. To find out more, visit www.flykitesnotdrones.org.



Journal letters

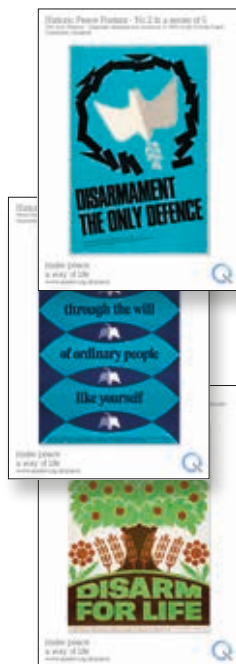
This section of the Quakers in Britain website includes articles written by Quaker peace workers, who are placed for a year in different peace and justice organisations. They provide an interesting – and sometimes inspirational – picture of their work, and give insights into key aspects of peace and justice. Read the letters online at www.quaker.org.uk/peaceworkers.

Making Waves

Making Waves is the journal of our Turning the Tide programme, which deals with nonviolent change. It contains a range of features, usually topical and often specially commissioned. It is available online at www.turning-the-tide.org/makingwaves. For printed copies, including large-print versions, contact our Turning the Tide Programme Manager at turningthetide@quaker.org.uk or on 020 7663 1061.

Peace posters

A set of five historic Quaker peace posters is available to purchase from the Quaker Centre Bookshop. (Please note that these can only be purchased as a set.)



Also available are four newly designed posters that form a 'Witness for peace' series. These can be ordered individually or as a set, also from the Quaker Centre Bookshop.

Quaker statement on Israel and Palestine

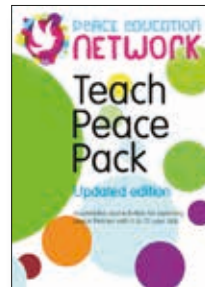
This statement on the Israeli–Palestinian conflict, issued at Britain Yearly Meeting Gathering in Bath in August 2014, can be read online at www.quaker.org.uk/dos-peace.

Stories of witness webpages

Quakers and Quaker meetings across the yearly meeting are taking positive action in their communities. The 'Stories of witness' webpages allow Friends to find out more about some of the inspiring things already happening, to read the stories, and to share their own. Visit www.quaker.org.uk/stories-witness.

Teach Peace Pack

This teaching resource contains a set of eight school assemblies with follow-up activities and resources on peace. Printed copies are available to purchase from the Quaker Centre Bookshop. It is also available free of charge online at www.quaker.org.uk/peace-education.



The new tide of militarisation

This briefing examines government reports and reveals the government's strategy to increase public support for the military in order to raise public willingness to pay for the military, make recruitment easier, and stifle opposition to unpopular wars. For a printed copy contact the Peace & Disarmament Programme Manager at disarm@quaker.org.uk or on 020 7663 1067. Alternatively, access it online at www.quaker.org.uk/militarism.

The Quaker peace testimony

This booklet celebrates the first written declaration of a Quaker commitment to peace, a declaration made by Quakers in January 1661 to King Charles II. The booklet includes a timeline and background to the declaration as well as writings, spiritual reflection, a list of Quaker peace organisations in Britain, and a

section on what you can do to uphold this commitment.

Printed copies are available from the Quaker Centre Bookshop at Friends House, London free of charge. Alternatively, you can access it online at www.quaker.org.uk/dos-peace.

This Light that Pushes Me exhibition

This exhibition features peacebuilders from nine sub-Saharan African countries. All are Quakers or involved in Quaker work, and all have experienced some form of violence. Using photographs and personal testimonies, the exhibition traces the journeys that have transformed individual suffering into a force for social change. If you want to borrow

the exhibition please contact the East Africa Programme Manager by email eastafrika@quaker.org.uk or on 020 7663 1075. A book of the exhibition is available – see below under ‘Other related publications’.



The Unseen March

This short film exposes the new tide of militarisation that has developed in Britain over recent years. The film was made by award-winning Speakit Films. It includes candid voices from the worlds of politics, education and entertainment – and,

powerfully, the voices of war veterans. You can watch it at www.unseenmarch.org.uk, and DVDs are available free from the Quaker Centre Bookshop.

For a session plan to further explore the issues raised in *The Unseen March*, contact the Peace Education and Engagement Coordinator at peacecoord@quaker.org.uk or on 020 7663 1009.

Trident briefing

This briefing details the status of nuclear weapons in the UK and the proposed renewal of Trident. It includes a discussion on Trident and advice on writing to your elected representatives, including a template letter you could use. For a printed copy contact either the Parliamentary Engagement Officer at politics@quaker.org.uk or on 020 7663 1107, or the Peace & Disarmament Programme Manager at disarm@quaker.org.uk or on 020 7663 1067. Alternatively, access it online at www.quaker.org.uk/trident.

UN International Day of Peace teaching resources

There are three school assemblies available for teachers to use to mark and celebrate the annual UN International Day of Peace on 21 September. They are available at www.quaker.org.uk/dos-peace.

Women in World War I

This lesson resource, aimed at secondary-school students, explores the many roles women took on during World War I. It is available online only, at www.quaker.org.uk/peace-education.

Support

EAPPI advocacy support

For those working to advocate for a just peace in Israel and Palestine at UK, Irish parliament or European Union level, contact our Advocacy Research Officer at eappi@quaker.org.uk or on 020 7663 1074.

EAPPI general support

For information, resources and support for those interested in taking action for a just peace in Israel and Palestine, contact our EAPPI Programme Coordinator at eappi@quaker.org.uk or on 020 7663 1144.

EAPPI speakers

We can provide ecumenical accompaniers as speakers for local

meetings and other groups that Quakers may be involved in. Please contact our EAPPI Programme Coordinator at eappi@quaker.org.uk or on 020 7663 1144.

Peace and disarmament

For information and resources on the arms trade, militarisation, the peace movement and nuclear weapons, please contact our Peace & Disarmament Programme Manager at disarm@quaker.org.uk or on 020 7663 1067.



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Peace education

For information and guidance on peace education, or to share your ideas and experiences, contact our Peace Education Programme Manager at peaceedu@quaker.org.uk or on 020 7663 1087. Alternatively, contact our Peace Education and Engagement Coordinator at peacecoord@quaker.org.uk or on 020 7663 1009.

Our Peace Education Programme Manager is also the staff contact for the Peace Education online cluster, which shares ideas and experience to develop peace initiatives and resources and organise events for working with children and young people in a variety of settings.

Quaker Peace & Social Witness (QPSW) Relief Grants

Are you involved with a project or programme for the relief of people who are suffering as a result of natural disasters, climate change, war or conflict (but not immediate crisis relief)? If so, QPSW Relief Grants may be able to offer financial assistance.

For further information, and to download an application pack, please go to www.quaker.org.uk/qpsw-grants. Alternatively, contact our Grants Programme Officer at grants@quaker.org.uk.

Speakers on work programmes

We can provide speakers on peace and other programmes for local meetings. Contact our Distance Management Coordinator at speakers@quaker.org.uk or on 020 7663 1071.

Sustainability and peace

Further information and guidance on sustainability and peace is available within this directory in the 'Sustainability' booklet. Alternatively, contact our Sustainability & Peace Programme Manager at sustainability@quaker.org.uk or on 020 7663 1047.

Turning the Tide – nonviolent power for change

Our Turning the Tide programme provides training and learning support for those working at a grassroots level for positive change through nonviolent action. It offers workshops, advice and resources on nonviolence. To find out more, visit www.turning-the-tide.org or contact our Turning the Tide Programme Manager at turningthetide@quaker.org.uk or on 020 7663 1061).

Training and events

Quaker Activist Gathering

This is an annual opportunity for Friends who identify themselves as activists to connect with others, learn, plan, and be energised and inspired. The day is framed in worship.

For more information, please contact our Sustainability & Peace Programme Manager at sustainability@quaker.org.uk or on 020 7663 1047.

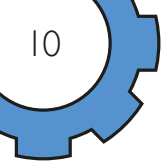
Quaker Peace & Social Witness (QPSW) Spring Conference

This annual conference is an opportunity for Quakers to familiarise themselves with our centrally managed work for peace and justice.

It is aimed at relatively new members and attenders, seasoned Friends who would like to learn more about the work, and QPSW correspondents.



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For more information, please contact our Events & Committee Support Manager at ecs@quaker.org.uk or on 020 7663 1062.

Quaker Peace & Social Witness (QPSW) Autumn Conference

Taking place in two out of every three years, this conference is an opportunity for Quakers to deepen their knowledge and understanding of our centrally managed work for peace and justice. It is aimed at longstanding supporters of QPSW, QPSW correspondents, and those who are interested in offering service.

For more information, please contact our Events & Committee Support Manager at ecs@quaker.org.uk or on 020 7663 1062.

Quaker United Nations Office (QUNO) Geneva Summer School

The 12-day QUNO Geneva Summer School provides an introduction for young adults to the work of the United Nations, as seen through the programmes of QUNO. Emphasis is given to formal and informal discussion sessions so that the 25 participants can gain an in-depth understanding of the issues at stake and the dynamics that shape work on these issues. We use a variety of learning techniques, including lectures, small group discussions, role-plays and workshops.

The summer school is open to 20- to 26-year-olds from anywhere in the world (though those from outside the European Union/ Switzerland will need a visa). For more information on applications and costs, visit www.quno.org/geneva-summer-school.

Turning the Tide Nonviolence, activism and campaigning workshops

Our Turning the Tide programme runs workshops on nonviolence, campaigning and making change. Some are open, while others can be tailored to specific groups. Further information is available at www.turning-the-tide.org, or you can contact our Turning the Tide Programme Manager at turningthetide@quaker.org.uk or on 020 7663 1061.

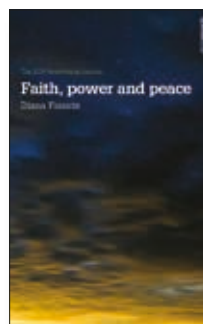
Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre courses

Woodbrooke offers a variety of courses around the themes of peace and nonviolence. These include: 'Militarisation in our Society', 'Violence, Nonviolence and Power to Transform'; 'From Militarisation to Peace', and various courses exploring a peace-church perspective to the old and new testaments. For more information and bookings, visit www.woodbrooke.org.uk, email enquiries@woodbrooke.org.uk or phone 0121 472 5171.

Other related publications

Faith, power and peace – Diana Francis (2015 Swarthmore Lecture)

In this book of the 2015 Swarthmore Lecture, Diana Francis explores the links between faith, power and peace: "To say 'yes' to peace we must say a final 'no' to war and join together, heart and soul, in the task of creating peace by peaceful means, speaking with one authentic and passionate voice."



The book is available in both paper and e-book formats.

Holding faith: Creating peace in a violent world – David Gee

In his book, activist David Gee insists that cycles of violence can be broken if we refuse to allow past violations to determine our present and future choices: "Each choice aimed at stepping out of the cycle, whether successful or not, is a peace act."



Once upon a Conflict: A fairytale manual of conflict resolution for all ages – Tom Leimdorfer

Tom Leimdorfer uses familiar stories to demonstrate that conflict is not always a bad thing. It can release creative energy and lead to new ideas. It can bring people together in a joint enterprise to

find a solution, even if they were originally on opposing sides. The book is inspired by Tom's belief that, while we can't – as individuals – bring an end to continued persecution, we can all be agents of change.

Spirited living: Waging conflict, building peace – Simon Fisher (2004 Swarthmore Lecture)

Simon Fisher responds to today's urgent need to forge more assertive ways of building peace with justice: "How can we live authentic lives in a world where fear, violence and the abuse of power are so prevalent? In today's globalised world we cannot be innocent bystanders, and must engage with power or accept things broadly as they are."

This Light that Pushes Me: Stories of African Peacebuilders – edited by Laura Shipler Chico

This powerful book features peacebuilders from nine sub-Saharan African countries. All are Quakers or involved in Quaker work, and all have experienced some form of violence. Using photographs and personal testimonies, the book traces the journeys that have transformed their suffering into a force for social change.

All these publications are available from the Quaker Centre Bookshop at Friends House, London; contact details can be found on the back page of this booklet.

Key contacts

- **Economics, Sustainability & Peace Network Coordinator:**
espnetwork@quaker.org.uk; 020 7663 1056.
- **Events & Committee Support Manager** (for enquiries relating to QPSW spring and autumn conferences):
ecs@quaker.org.uk; 020 7663 1062.
- **Peace and Disarmament Programme Manager:**
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- **Peace Education Programme Manager:**
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- **Peace Networking:** disarm@quaker.org.uk; 020 7663 1067.
- **Sustainability & Peace Programme Manager:**
sustainability@quaker.org.uk; 020 7663 1047.
- **Turning the Tide Programme Manager:**
turningthetide@quaker.org.uk; 020 7663 1061.

Other organisations

- **Campaign Against Arms Trade (CAAT)**
CAAT is a UK-based organisation working to end the international arms trade. Find out more at www.caat.org.uk.
- **Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND)**
CND campaigns nonviolently to achieve British nuclear disarmament – for scrapping the Trident nuclear weapons system and preventing it being replaced. It also works to secure an international Nuclear Weapons Convention that will ban nuclear weapons globally, just as chemical and biological weapons have been banned. Visit www.cnduk.org.
- **Conscience: Taxes for Peace**
Conscience is a campaigning organisation that works to create a world where taxes are used to nurture peace, not pay for war. Visit www.conscienceonline.org.uk.
- **ForcesWatch**
ForcesWatch develops projects and works with organisations, individuals and initiatives concerned about military recruitment. Visit www.forceswatch.net.
- **Northern Friends Peace Board**
Northern Friends Peace Board is a group of Quakers, most of whom are appointed as representatives by area meetings in the north of Britain. Since its founding in 1913 its purpose has been “to advise and encourage Friends, and through them their fellow citizens, in the active promotion of peace in all its height and breadth”. Find out more about its work, events and resources at www.nfpb.org.uk or phone 01204 382 330.



- **Peace Education Network**

The Peace Education Network is a UK network that brings together people and organisations committed to educating for peace. Members benefit from professional support, regular skill-sharing workshops, a forum to share information and resources, and opportunities to work collaboratively.

Membership is available to any individual or organisation that shares the Peace Education Network's values and is engaged in peace education. For more information, visit www.peace-education.org.uk or contact the Chair of the Peace Education Network at education@paxchristi.org.uk.

- **Peaceful Schools**

The Peaceful Schools Movement in England is steered by the Peaceful Schools Strategy Group. It helps to make schools more peaceful learning environments and supports schools and the peace-promoting organisations that work with them. For more information, visit www.spiritualengland.org.uk/peaceful-schools.

- **Peer Mediation Network**

The Peer Mediation Network brings together conflict-resolution practitioners and educators who are committed to promoting peer mediation in schools and the wider community. For more information, visit www.peermediationnetwork.org.uk.

- **WMD Awareness Group**

WMD Awareness provides information on nuclear, chemical and biological weapons. The group has a team of young ambassadors, who raise awareness of nuclear and other weapons. Find out more at www.wmdawareness.org.uk.

Supporting information

Safeguarding – Safeguarding is protecting children, young people and vulnerable adults from harm. For more information visit www.quaker.org.uk/safeguarding. Here you will find a link to Meeting safety, which outlines the responsibilities for Quaker meetings in Britain. We recommend that area meetings join the Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service. Visit www.ccpas.co.uk or email info@ccpas.co.uk.

For general safeguarding advice, as well as Quaker advice on how specific safeguarding matters may affect the pastoral needs of individuals and the meeting community, contact our Safeguarding Coordinator at safe@quaker.org.uk or on 020 7663 1023.

General issues relating to a Quaker meeting

– If you have concerns about issues in your Quaker meeting that you would like to talk over, contact our Support for Meetings Officer at supportmeetings@quaker.org.uk or on 020 7663 1023. Alternatively, contact the Recording Clerk's Office at recordingclerk@quaker.org.uk or on 020 7663 1161.

Information updates – Please keep us informed of changes to the key role-holders in your local and area meetings: clerk, treasurer, safeguarding coordinator, registering officer, clerk of (area meeting) trustees. To let us know of any such changes please contact our Database Administrator at updates@quaker.org.uk or on 020 7663 1119.

Data safety – Quaker meetings in Britain need to store information on their members and attenders in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998, which protects individuals from the unauthorised use of their personal information. Friends House Data Safety Group can offer meetings general advice on data safety. For more information visit www.quaker.org.uk/data-safety. Here you will find a link to Data Safety and Information Security, which offers guidance to meetings. You can also contact our Data Safety Officer at datasafety@quaker.org.uk or on 020 7663 1161.

Complaints and feedback –

Britain Yearly Meeting's complaints and feedback procedure enables anyone to let us know about problems or to give feedback on service received from staff at Friends House. To find out more visit www.quaker.org.uk/contact-us. Complaints can be made in writing to the Recording Clerk's Office at Friends House. Alternatively, email feedback@quaker.org.uk or phone 020 7663 1161.

Quaker faith & practice – *Quaker faith & practice* is the book of Christian discipline of Quakers in Britain. It expresses the breadth of Quaker theology through the experience of Friends and describes our corporate structures. Copies can be purchased from the Quaker Centre Bookshop. It is also available at <http://qfp.quaker.org.uk>.

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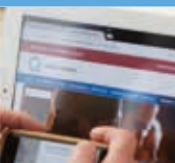
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