

Economic justice



Information on how to access the resources and support available to those challenging inequality and working for a fairer society.



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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:

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London NW1 2BJ
www.quaker.org.uk
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Switchboard: 020 7663 1000.

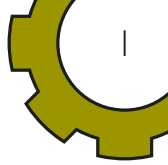
Quaker Centre Bookshop

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.

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Introduction

“Challenging market economics with a Biblical sense of the goodness of God in creation is to join a spiritual struggle. Faith in God, solidarity with the suffering poor and all other forms of life demands that we take a stand and say, ‘This destruction must stop.’”

Keith Helmuth, 1990, *Quaker faith & practice* 25.14

As Quakers, we are led by our testimony to equality to challenge the current economic system, which causes huge inequalities, and to seek alternative models for a fairer society. We recognise the close connection between equality and sustainability, and are exploring what sort of economic system is needed if we are to live within the constraints of the Earth’s natural resources. See also the booklets within this directory on ‘Social justice’ and ‘Sustainability’.

Working with and on behalf of local Quaker meetings, Britain Yearly Meeting initiates and supports campaigns for economic justice and provides newsletters, briefings and presentations to inspire further discussion and action.

Resources

The following printed and electronic materials support action for economic justice.

Earth and Economy

This free monthly e-update and biannual newsletter is for Quakers and others who want to know more about promoting economic justice and sustainability, and who wish to take action. Sign up and read back issues at www.quaker.org.uk/dos-economicjustice.



Economic inequality – free resources

We produce a range of resources, which vary as our campaigns and areas of focus change. At the time of going to press, our selection of resources includes:



- **Briefing on economic inequality** – an eight-page briefing that explains how inequality has risen in Britain, and why inequality is bad for us; it also highlights some of the things that could be done to make our society more equal.
- **Flyer on economic inequality** – an A5 flyer highlighting Quaker concerns about economic inequality and highlighting the need for action on tax, pay, prices and social security.
- **Briefing on energy justice** – an eight-page briefing highlighting how inequality can be compounded by our energy system, and making the case for everyone to have access to enough affordable, clean energy to meet their basic needs.
- **Quaker statement on economic inequality** – made by Meeting for Sufferings on behalf of Britain Yearly Meeting in April 2014.
- **Quaker statement on equality** – made by Meeting for Sufferings on behalf of Britain Yearly Meeting in April 2012.
- **Promoting an inclusive society: A practical toolkit for Friends** – this resource examines the objectives of social policies, with the aim of holding policy-makers to account.

These resources can be downloaded from www.quaker.org.uk/dos-economicjustice. For multiple paper copies, please contact our Economics, Sustainability & Peace Network Coordinator at espnetwork@quaker.org.uk or on 020 7663 1056.

Economic inequality – paid-for resources

- **‘Welfare means fair wealth for all’ T-shirts** – designed by Lancaster Quakers to promote conversations about our social security system and to resist the ‘strivers versus skivers’ myth that has been used to justify controversial social security cuts.
- **‘Cut poverty, not community’ poster** – This forms part of a set of four newly designed ‘Witness for peace’ posters, which can be purchased individually or as a set.

These resources are available from the Quaker Centre Bookshop

at Friends House, London; contact details can be found on the back page of this booklet.

Economic Mythbusters resources

Economic Mythbusters was an online course designed to enable Friends to better understand – and then challenge – a series of ‘economic myths’ that often hinder discussion of new economic ideas that could help to create a fairer, more sustainable world. The online course has ended but the resources are still available at www.quaker.org.uk/dos-economicjustice.

Quakernomics blog

This is an online space for Quakers and others to discuss and debate our economic system and the relationships between the economy, our lives, and the planet. Visit www.quakerweb.org.uk/blog.

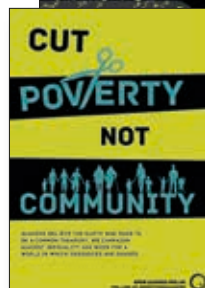
Your Faith, Your Finance

Designed to help Quakers and other Christians learn more about, and explore, ethical finance issues, this website provides facts, links and case studies on issues ranging from banking and shopping to biblical parables about money. Visit www.yourfaithyourfinance.org.

Support

Economics, Sustainability & Peace Network Coordinator

General support and advice for Friends and meetings interested in this area of work can be sought from our Economics, Sustainability & Peace Network Coordinator at espnetwork@quaker.org.uk or on 020 7663 1056.



Speakers

We can provide speakers on issues of economics and inequality for local meetings. Contact our Distance Management Coordinator at speakers@quaker.org.uk or on 020 7663 1071.

Sustainability and New Economy Grants

Quaker Peace & Social Witness (QPSW) awards grants to innovative Quaker or Quaker-supported projects focusing on sustainability and the new economy. To discuss your project and the application process, please contact our Economics, Sustainability & Peace Network Coordinator at espnetwork@quaker.org.uk or on 020 7663 1056.

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.

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 long-standing 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.

Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre courses

Woodbrooke runs courses relating to economic justice including 'What to do about money?' For more information and bookings, please visit www.woodbrooke.org.uk, email enquiries@woodbrooke.org.uk or phone 0121 472 5171.

Key contacts

- **Economics, Sustainability & Peace Network Coordinator:** espnetwork@quaker.org.uk; 020 7663 1056.
- **Events & Committee Support Manager** (for enquiries relating to the QPSW spring and autumn conferences): ecs@quaker.org.uk; 020 7663 1062.
- **Programme Manager: Economic issues:** economicjustice@quaker.org.uk; 020 7663 1055.

Other organisations

- **Church Action on Poverty:** www.church-poverty.org.uk.
- **Ecumenical Council for Corporate Responsibility (ECCR):** www.eccr.org.uk.
- **The Equality Trust:** www.equalitytrust.org.uk.
- **New Economics Foundation:** www.neweconomics.org.
- **Quakers and Business Group:** <https://qandb.org>; 0300 321 4649.
- **Quaker Council for European Affairs (QCEA):** www.qcea.org; office@qcea.org; +32 2 230 4935. Based in Brussels.

- **Quaker Homeless Action (QHA)**
QHA helps Friends to run local projects that benefit homeless people and rough sleepers. Its projects include an annual Christmas open shelter, a mobile library, and befriending.
www.qha.org.uk; info@qha.org.uk; 07880 807 718.
- **Quaker Housing Trust (QHT):** www.qht.org.uk;
involve@qht.org.uk; 020 7663 1036.
- **Quaker Institute for the Future:** www.quakerinstitute.org
Based in California.
- **Quaker Social Action (QSA)**
Based in East London, QSA supports people on a low income to find solutions to the issues affecting their lives, and helps Friends to start up similar projects elsewhere.
www.quakersocialaction.com; info@qsa.org.uk; 020 8983 5030.
- **Quaker Socialist Society:** www.quakersocialists.org;
socialistsociety@quaker.org.uk; 01865 715 870.
- **Quaker United Nations Office (QUNO):** www.quno.org;
quno@quno.ch; +41 22 748 4800. Based in Geneva.

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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