



Quaker Peace
& Social Witness

Could your meeting host a project supporting local groups working for a zero-carbon future?

If your local meeting has been thinking about how to support climate action or move forward with your work on the new economy, this project could be for you.

QPSW's economics and sustainability team is hoping to develop a project that would see paid coordinators placed in three different parts of Britain to bring together local groups and organisations whose work contributes to the zero-carbon transition. This could include community gardens, energy cooperatives, waste reduction campaigns and so on. The coordinator would help link these groups up, offer networking events and training, and support them to engage with the political process and call for the policy changes that would help their projects thrive.



We expect the project to last for around two years and are keen to hear from Quaker meetings that might be interested in hosting some of this work.



Your meeting need not be a large or exceptionally 'activist' one, but there will need to be one or two Friends who can take the lead on this work, as well as a wider willingness to support it. We envisage 'hosting' to include providing space on a regular basis, but beyond that it might look different in each meeting: practical support, spiritual oversight, or involvement in some of the groups taking part, for example.

We will be seeking external funding to enable this work to go ahead and are hoping to submit bids during the autumn, so we are seeking expressions of interest from meetings now. If you are interested in taking part, please call Olivia Hanks on 020 7663 1055 or email OliviaH@quaker.org.uk to discuss whether this could work in your meeting. We aim to gather all expressions of interest by 15 September, though these do not need to have been formally considered by a business meeting by that date.