

Building hope for a peaceful world



The two qualities which are most important to children of today are hope and imagination. *Quaker faith & practice 23.85*



Dear Friends,

As we see so many affected by war, climate breakdown and spiralling living costs, we know how much the world needs Quaker values and witness. How can we, a steadfast radical faith community in Britain, equip ourselves and the world to face these challenges?



We believe that our thriving and diverse Quaker communities, locally and through our centrally managed work, can help the world in these troubled times. Inspired by the spirit in our meetings for worship, we can work to build a sustainable and peaceful world.

This year, we are proud of all that we have achieved in collaboration with Friends and Quaker communities throughout Britain.

- We have supported individual Friends in need and meetings, through our Hope Grants, Meeting House Grants and other funds
- Our Peace Education team launched three videos showing the impact of this work can have in schools. In 2023, we develop new peacebuilding work in communities in Britain suffering from physical and structural violence.
- We now have eleven Local Development Workers in place serving Quaker communities where they live and aim to have fourteen in place by the end of 2022.

But sustaining this Quaker work is a challenge. Quaker work needs Quakers' financial support

Some have more capacity to help than others, particularly as the cost of living spirals. If every member and attender gives according to their income and needs, we can support Quakers and deliver Quaker work to benefit the world for years to come.

Please help us ensure that Quaker work is there for everyone, whatever their circumstances.

In Friendship,



Caroline Nursey
Clerk of BYM Trustees



Paul Parker
Recording Clerk

The work you fund

With your support, we deliver a huge breadth of work – from sustaining our faith to living out our values in the world. We have chosen here to highlight just two areas of Quaker work. Find out what else you have helped us achieve in our annual review:

www.quaker.org.uk/annualreview.

Making the case for peace education

When given the opportunity, children and young people have shown they can be powerful peacemakers in their schools and beyond. We highlight examples of this to inspire wider engagement with peace education.



In 2022 we published *Peace at the heart*. Complemented by a series of videos showcasing peacebuilding in schools, this report by David Gee presents strong evidence for the positive difference peace education makes to schools and young people. You can watch the videos at www.quaker.org.uk/peace-education-case.

Over 200 people joined the online launch of the report in May 2022, and it was featured on BBC Radio 4's Sunday programme. At the launch were teachers, policymakers, academics and civil society organisations from England, Scotland and Wales, while the videos have reached thousands more.



"This has been so inspirational - thank you ALL for sharing. We are in the process of becoming a School of Sanctuary and also have revisited our school vision - now Quality, Diversity, Faith, Flourishing - I can really see how this will support and inspire us to move forward in our journey. Thank you so very much."

Nicki Prichard, headteacher of St Mary the Virgin Primary School, Cardiff

**In 2021 we spent £1.5 million on
Witness through action**

Welcoming children and families

“We have no children” is a statement we often hear from meetings. Our Youth, Children and Families team listens to Quaker communities to find out what they mean by this. Sometimes we hear that they don't hold a regular children's meeting, but that they wish to strengthen an intergenerational meeting.

Our staff support meetings to be ready for children and young people. We work together to create welcoming spaces, produce publicity and resources, and equip adults with the skills and confidence they need.

Our Youth, Children and Families team coordinates network meetings online so that Friends from across Britain can come together and connect. By hearing what has worked elsewhere – such as worshipping outdoors, at different times or in newly renovated rooms – Friends have been inspired to try new things in their own meetings. As a result, more meetings are ready to welcome children and families.

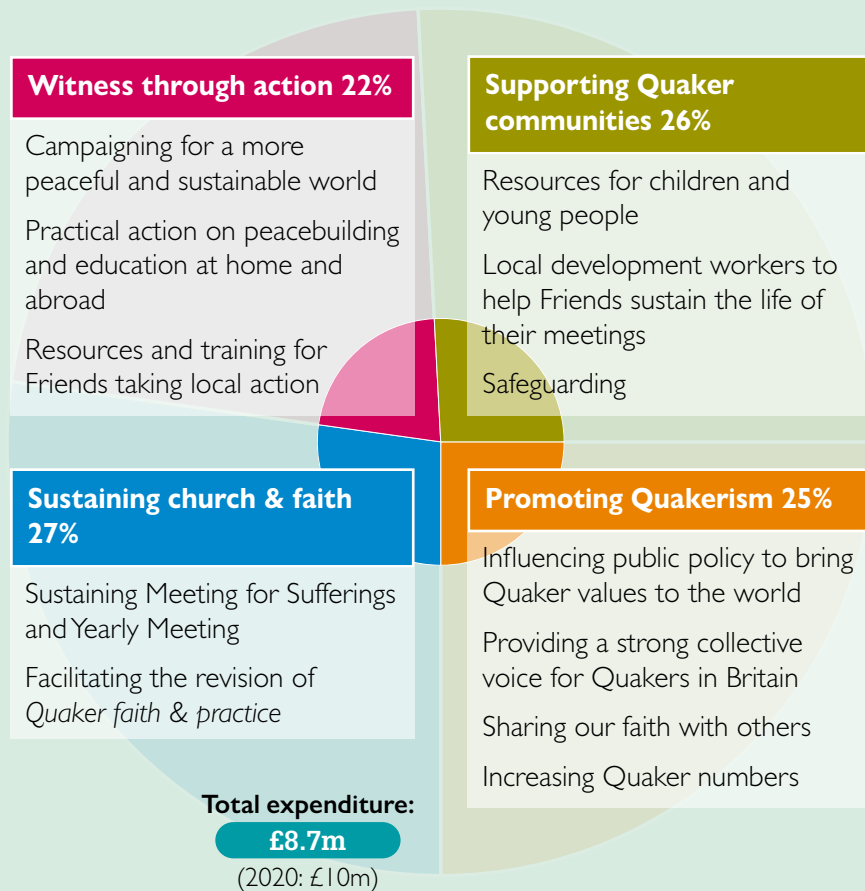


**In 2021 we spent £1.8 million on
Supporting Quaker communities**

Your contributions: making a difference

Beyond our own area meeting, funds are required for the wider organisation of Friends and the work we undertake centrally. Without these, we would be a scattered collection of small meetings with no coherence or shared witness.

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Gifts from meetings and individuals were £2.1m in 2021

The chart shows the proportions of how much we spend on each of our charitable objectives. For more detail about our finances, the full 2021 report and financial statements are at www.quaker.org.uk/annualreview.

Thank you for your support



Quakers in Britain is more than the usual charity - it is a place where the spiritual and political meet. We need a quiet space within from which political action can grow. That is why I give.
Stephen Rowland, Friend

I give money to BYM because I deeply value the Quaker mix of encouragement for spiritual exploration, work for social justice and equality and environmental concern. BYM is us: it both organises our wider contribution to society and nourishes our grassroots.
Margaret Laurie, Friend

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We appreciate some will be able to contribute more and some less. Our suggested donation of £240 a year works out at at £20 a month.

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