

World War 1: notes from regional groups at 1st March NFPB meeting

North east England

- More knowledge of COs i.e political success
- RHS free poppy seeds
- The National Trust
- The BBC
- The White Feather Diaries

Scotland

- Try to present both sides – those who took up arms were not ‘bad’ people
- Glasgow Cathedral interfaith event
- Event in Edinburgh 21 March: Artists & Acadamies
- Schools: QPSW peace pack

North & West Yorkshire

- Events planned:
 - 12/5 Skipton QMH: Cyril Pearce speaking
 - 10/5 ‘Forgiveness & Reconciliation’ workshop – Leeds
 - Leeds have a WW! Working party
 - Bradford: hope to have a reconciliation event
 - Leeds: sharing Quaker histories of helping WW1 refugees
- Help needed:
 - Something online eg WW1 interactive map
 - Twinning with European cities on WW1
- What would we like to happen:
 - To hear the other point of view ie from Conservatives
 - Tour de France is coming to Yorkshire – is this an opportunity for us?
 - Providing speakers to local history groups
 - Parish, town & city councillors seek office so that(?) civic events can reflect a ‘peace message’ ie take part in local politcs

Notts/South Yorks

- The 'Great War' BBC radio prog of 20 years ago
- Events:
 - Sheffield:
 - Anglican Cathedral commemoration of WW1 approached Quakers for input on COs
 - Quaker meeting planned on International CO Day, May 15 (not specific to WW1)
 - Nottingham:
 - Freedom of City given to Regiment; big banners about Council support for commemoration of start of WW1
 - 'Feminsim & Pacifism in WW1' xxx Shakespeare based at Ayrton Meeting
 - 'Raw Material' Alan Sillitoe book
 - CND 'Don't Glorify War' – lots of press coverage

North West

- All Peace strategy
- Exhibitions
- Music eg War Requiem
- Plays
- Friends House library – use the database
- 4-5 years – plenty of time to get alternative message across
- Making sure our views are heard
 - recognise there's a lot of ignorance
- Peace Museum & PPU info online
- Quaker Tapestry
- Art exhibitions 'The Art of Peace'
- Teach Peace pack from QPSW
- QSMT/FAU display
- International CO Day, 15 May