

## Peace work for and by Quakers in the North of Britain



### Who we are

- Quakers from throughout the North of Britain, meeting and working together to promote learning and action for peace.
- Our members are representatives from all Northern Area Quaker Meetings, along with some coopted Friends.
- We have a paid Co-ordinator, who works with members – sometimes in project groups and sub-committees – and in partnership with others to develop the work.

## **Our vision**

In 2020 we agreed the following principles to guide our work:

Our vision is of a world and society ...

- that builds peace through justice, fairness, care for the planet, active peace-building and nonviolent engagement and transformation of conflict.
- where integrity, compassion and truthfulness are prevailing values in public life
- that recognises our interdependence as humans and with other life on earth, and connectedness between these issues as the foundation for a new approach to security

## **Quakers and peace**

- Northern Friends Peace Board (NFPB) was set up at a time (1913) when the world seemed (and was) on a dangerous path to war. Similarly the earliest statements expressing our peace testimony emerged during a tumultuous time and Quakers wanted to express and explain our commitment to peace. (see <https://nfpb.org.uk/about/quaker-approaches-to-peace/> )
- We, alongside other Quaker groups – from Local Meetings to international Quaker bodies – continue to promote and seek alternatives to war and violent conflict, and to speak out on peace at all levels.
- We recognise that peace can be promoted through changing conditions in which we live together on this planet, making issues of social and climate justice and economic security also relevant to our activities to promote peace.

## What we do

- Organise events, from our quarterly members' meetings, to workshops, webinars and more, to encourage networking, learning and action for peace.
- Publish materials, from printed leaflets to electronic media.
- Support and link up with individuals, Quaker Meetings and other groups and networks taking action for peace.
- Speak out on peace concerns and encourage peace action and witness.

## How to be involved

- We have mailing lists: one providing general updates on our activities, and another sending out more current news and resource-links on peace concerns.
- We offer workshops or learning days on peace-related themes for your Quaker Meeting or other group.
- We update our website and use social media to provide information about peace resources, events and opportunities for action (see <http://nfpb.org.uk> )
- If you are in the North of Britain, you might find it useful to get in touch with your Area Meeting representative to NFPB to find out more and to let them know about your interests.
- Do you have particular knowledge or skills that might be of service to us in developing our activities?

For all the above, please contact us via our website:

<https://nfpb.org.uk/contact/>

## Supporting our work financially

(for more information about the different routes to supporting us, see <https://nfpb.org.uk/donate/> )

All financial contributions – however great or small – make a real difference to our capacity to deliver our work. A lot of our funding comes from Quaker Area Meetings with some coming from charitable trusts and from supporting individuals and groups.

One-off donations are always welcome and if you are a UK taxpayer, you can *Gift Aid* your donation. And a Standing Order can mean a regular flow of income for us and make things easier for you.

Might you think of leaving a legacy? Larger gifts that have come to us this way have made a significant difference in sustaining and nurturing our work.

Thank you to all who have contributed.

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