

## Social justice



Information on how to access the resources and support available to those taking action for social justice and a more inclusive 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](http://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](http://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:

Friends House, 173 Euston Road,  
London NW1 2BJ  
[www.quaker.org.uk](http://www.quaker.org.uk)  
Email: [enquiries@quaker.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@quaker.org.uk)  
Switchboard: 020 7663 1000.

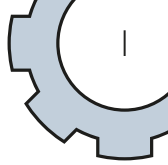
## Quaker Centre Bookshop

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](http://www.quaker.org.uk/shop)  
[quakercentre@quaker.org.uk](mailto:quakercentre@quaker.org.uk)  
020 7663 1030/1031.

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## Introduction

“Oppression in the extreme appears terrible: but oppression in more refined appearances remains to be oppression; and where the smallest degree of it is cherished it grows stronger and more extensive. To labour for a perfect redemption from this spirit of oppression is the great business of the whole family of Christ Jesus in this world.”

John Woolman, 1763  
*Quaker faith & practice* 23.14



Quakers work to promote inclusive values in society – values that support diversity and enable all people to fulfil their potential. We are committed to social justice, the reduction of prejudice and the equal treatment of all people, and seek to reform unjust systems.

Our work on social justice currently focuses on the criminal justice system and housing. We campaign for a restorative, rather than retributive, approach to justice, encouraging greater compassion at all levels, and advise on how to offer practical help to prisoners' families and friends. And we are responding to Quakers' longstanding concerns about housing by calling for policies that address the growing inequality in access to housing. See also the separate booklet within this directory on 'Economic justice' (booklet 15).

Working with and on behalf of Quakers across Britain, we initiate and support campaigns for social justice and provide information, briefings and networking opportunities to inspire further discussion and action.

## Resources

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

## Crime, community and justice briefings

The Crime, Community and Justice Group publishes briefings to inform and encourage Friends' action for improvements in the criminal justice system, as well as responses to policy documents and consultations. The following briefings are currently available:

- **Actions and resources** – information, suggestions and contacts for England, Wales and Scotland;
- **Experiencing Quakers** – supporting people affected by a custodial sentence;
- **Help for families and friends of someone in prison** – suggestions for practical action in England, Wales and Scotland;
- **Why prison?** – a framework to encourage discussion about the purposes, effectiveness and experience of imprisonment as a response to criminal actions.



You can read and download these briefings at [www.quaker.org.uk/dos-socialjustice](http://www.quaker.org.uk/dos-socialjustice). Alternatively, contact our Crime, Community and Justice Programme Manager to obtain printed copies (see the 'Key contacts' section below for how to get in touch).

## Promoting an inclusive society: a practical toolkit

This toolkit offers Friends information and practical guidance on promoting inclusive values in society.

To read or download a copy, visit [www.quaker.org.uk/dos-socialjustice](http://www.quaker.org.uk/dos-socialjustice).

## Quaker concerns on housing

Quaker Housing Trust, the national housing charity of Britain Yearly Meeting, has published materials to help Friends consider and express this concern. These include:

- **Housing: a tested concern** – a brief history of how Quakers in Britain have considered and adopted housing as a spiritual concern since the early 1900s;
- **Housing: our spiritual concern** – advice and queries on why housing is such an important element in creating a compassionate society;
- **Pressing problems: practical responses** – this outlines the work of the Quaker Housing Trust;
- **Principles for a just housing policy** – a checklist against basic Quaker principles for evaluating housing policies.

To request copies of any of the above, please contact the Secretary to the Quaker Housing Trust (see the 'Key contacts' section below for how to get in touch).

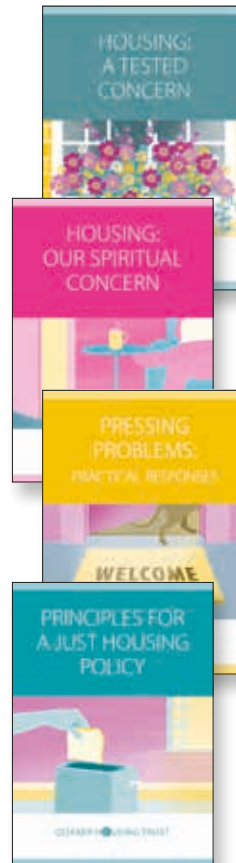
Visit [www.qht.org.uk](http://www.qht.org.uk) to find out more about the work of Quaker Housing Trust.

## **Support**

### **Crime, Community and Justice Activity Group Network**

Groups of Friends are engaged locally in a range of activities arising from their concern about the criminal justice system, crime and community justice, and restorative justice. The Crime, Community and Justice Activity Group Network is available to any groups engaged in activities relating to the criminal justice system and the people it affects. Contact is primarily via an email distribution list.

To join the network, contact our Crime, Community and Justice Programme Manager at [ccj@quaker.org.uk](mailto:ccj@quaker.org.uk).



## **Speakers and workshops for meetings**

We can provide speakers on various aspects of our work on criminal justice. Members of the Crime, Community and Justice Subcommittee can facilitate workshops using the 'Why prison?' framework, which encourages discussion about the purposes, effectiveness and experience of imprisonment as a response to criminal actions.

To request a speaker or workshop, contact our Crime, Community and Justice Programme Manager.

Quaker Housing Trust can provide speakers to talk to Friends and meetings about its work. To request a speaker, contact the Secretary to Quaker Housing Trust.

## **Training and events**

### **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](mailto: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 established supporters of QPSW, QPSW correspondents, and those interested in offering service.

For more information please contact our Events & Committee Support Manager at [ecs@quaker.org.uk](mailto:ecs@quaker.org.uk) or on 020 7663 1062.

## Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre courses

Woodbrooke runs courses relating to social justice. For more information and bookings, please visit [www.woodbrooke.org.uk](http://www.woodbrooke.org.uk), email [enquiries@woodbrooke.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@woodbrooke.org.uk) or phone 0121 472 5171.

## Key contacts

- **Crime, Community and Justice Programme Manager:**  
[ccj@quaker.org.uk](mailto:ccj@quaker.org.uk); 020 7663 1036.
- **Secretary to Quaker Housing Trust:**  
[involveme@qht.org.uk](mailto:involveme@qht.org.uk); 020 7663 1036.

## Other organisations

- **Quaker Action on Alcohol and Drugs (QAAD):**  
[www.qaad.org](http://www.qaad.org); [qaad@quaker.org.uk](mailto:qaad@quaker.org.uk); 01684 299 247.
- **Quaker Asylum and Refugee Network (QARN):** [www.qarn.org.uk](http://www.qarn.org.uk);  
[info@qarn.org.uk](mailto:info@qarn.org.uk); 07751 888 391  
QARN works to improve the way refugees and asylum seekers are treated, provides mutual support for individual Friends acting under concern, and offers advice to support Britain Yearly Meeting's concern.
- **Quaker Concern for the Abolition of Torture (Q-CAT):** [www.q-cat.org.uk](http://www.q-cat.org.uk); [q-cat@quaker.org.uk](mailto:q-cat@quaker.org.uk).
- **Quakers in Criminal Justice (QICJ):** This is a membership network offering mutual support to Friends who are involved in the criminal justice system in any way. It holds an annual conference and publishes a regular newsletter. Find out more at [www.qicj.org](http://www.qicj.org).
- **Quaker Homeless Action (QHA):** QHA helps Friends run local projects that benefit homeless people and rough sleepers. Its projects include a Christmas shelter, mobile libraries for the homeless, and befriending. Visit [www.qha.org.uk](http://www.qha.org.uk);  
[info@qha.org.uk](mailto:info@qha.org.uk); 07880 807 718.



- **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 set up similar projects elsewhere.

Visit [www.quakersocialaction.com](http://www.quakersocialaction.com); [info@qsa.org.uk](mailto:info@qsa.org.uk);  
020 8983 5030

- **Quaker Values in Education (QVinE) group:**

[educationdesk@quaker.org.uk](mailto:educationdesk@quaker.org.uk).

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## Supporting information

**Safeguarding** – Safeguarding is protecting children, young people and vulnerable adults from harm. For more information visit [www.quaker.org.uk/safeguarding](http://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](http://www.ccpas.co.uk) or email [info@ccpas.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:supportmeetings@quaker.org.uk) or on 020 7663 1023. Alternatively, contact the Recording Clerk's Office at [recordingclerk@quaker.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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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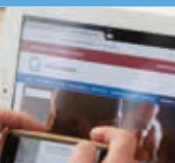
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[www.facebook.com/QuakersinBritain](http://www.facebook.com/QuakersinBritain)

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