

## Sustainability



Information on how to access the resources and support available to those working locally and globally to build sustainable communities.



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**Contribute time** – There are many opportunities to get involved with the work we do on behalf Quakers in Britain, including serving on committees, volunteering at events and joining the Quaker Life Network. Visit [www.quaker.org.uk/quaker-service](http://www.quaker.org.uk/quaker-service) to find out more or email [nominations@quaker.org.uk](mailto:nominations@quaker.org.uk) or phone 020 7663 1121.

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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.

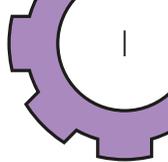
## Quaker Centre Bookshop

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

“We have only one world, and our present wasteful consumption of non-renewable resources and damage to the biosphere must stop. This requires alternative economic strategies, which are driven by need, not greed.”

Quaker Council for European Affairs, 1987  
*Quaker faith & practice* 24.47

Britain Yearly Meeting's Sustainability & Peace Programme drives, facilitates and supports action to live out our corporate commitment to become a low-carbon, sustainable community. We help Quakers and others to live more sustainable lives and to explore the connections between sustainability, economics and peace. We also work to influence politicians and decision-makers to help transform Britain into a more sustainable society, and provide opportunities for you and your meeting to call for positive change. See also the booklets in this directory on 'Economic justice', 'Peace', and 'Social justice'.



## Resources

The following printed and electronic materials support action for sustainability. For the latest developments visit [www.quaker.org.uk/sustainability](http://www.quaker.org.uk/sustainability).

## Briefings

Visit [www.quaker.org.uk/sustainability](http://www.quaker.org.uk/sustainability) for the latest briefings on issues relating to climate change, divestment and energy justice.

## Earth and Economy

This free monthly e-update and biannual newsletter is for Quakers and others who want to know more about promoting economic justice and sustainability, and how to take action to do so. Sign up by contacting [espnetwork@quaker.org.uk](mailto:espnetwork@quaker.org.uk) and read back issues at [www.quaker.org.uk/dos-sustainability](http://www.quaker.org.uk/dos-sustainability).

## Green advices and queries

This set of 13 advices and queries focuses on the environmental impact of our lifestyles and behaviour. Visit [www.quaker.org.uk/fair-faith-sustainability](http://www.quaker.org.uk/fair-faith-sustainability).

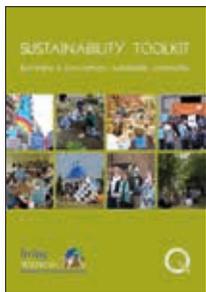
## Quakernomics blog

This is an online space for Quakers and others to discuss and debate our economic system and the relationships between the economy, our lives, and the planet. Visit [www.quakerweb.org.uk/blog](http://www.quakerweb.org.uk/blog).

## Quakers and sustainability display

This seven-panel display explores Quaker concern for sustainability, the connection between sustainability and peace, and the idea of a nonviolent economy. It is ideal for displaying in your meeting house or at outreach events.

Friends and meetings can borrow the display for free or may buy a copy. Please contact our Sustainability & Peace Programme Manager at [sustainability@quaker.org.uk](mailto:sustainability@quaker.org.uk) or on 020 7663 1047.



## Sustainability Toolkit

This resource supports meetings in becoming low-carbon, sustainable communities. It includes tools for learning, self-evaluation and practical action, as well as inspiration from Friends already facing the challenge.

All local meetings should already have their own copy. Additional copies are available from the Quaker Centre Bookshop at Friends House, London; contact details can be found on the back page of this booklet. It is also available online at [www.quaker.org.uk/sustainability-toolkit](http://www.quaker.org.uk/sustainability-toolkit).

## Sustainability workshops

You can find guidance on how to run your own workshop to help a Quaker group understand the sustainability crisis and explore ways of taking action. Visit [www.quaker.org.uk/dos-sustainability](http://www.quaker.org.uk/dos-sustainability). Further

advice on running the workshop is available from our Sustainability & Peace Programme Manager at [sustainability@quaker.org.uk](mailto:sustainability@quaker.org.uk) or on 020 7663 1047.

## **Support Speakers**

We can provide speakers on sustainability and peace for local meetings. Contact our Distance Management Coordinator at [speakers@quaker.org.uk](mailto:speakers@quaker.org.uk) or on 020 7663 1071.

## **Staff support**

Staff from our Sustainability & Peace Programme can support you by talking through your issues and campaign ideas and helping you to start or develop local projects. Get in touch with our Sustainability & Peace Programme Manager at [sustainability@quaker.org.uk](mailto:sustainability@quaker.org.uk) or on 020 7663 1047, or Economics, Sustainability & Peace Network Coordinator at [espnetwork@quaker.org.uk](mailto:espnetwork@quaker.org.uk) or on 020 7663 1056.

## **Sustainability and New Economy Grants**

Quaker Peace & Social Witness (QPSW) awards grants to innovative Quaker or Quaker-supported projects focusing on sustainability and the new economy. To discuss your project and the application process, please contact our Economics, Sustainability & Peace Network Coordinator at [espnetwork@quaker.org.uk](mailto:espnetwork@quaker.org.uk) or on 020 7663 1056.

## **Training and events**

### **Quaker Activist Gathering**

This is an annual opportunity for Friends who identify themselves as activists to connect with others, learn, plan, and be energised and inspired. The day is framed in worship.

For more information, please contact our Sustainability & Peace Programme Manager at [sustainability@quaker.org.uk](mailto:sustainability@quaker.org.uk) or on 020 7663 1047.



## Quaker Peace & Social Witness (QPSW) Spring Conference

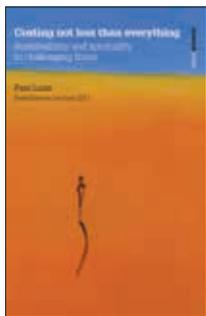
This annual conference is an opportunity for Quakers to familiarise themselves with our centrally managed work for peace and justice. It is aimed at relatively new members and attenders, seasoned Friends who would like to learn more about the work, and QPSW correspondents.

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 long-standing supporters of QPSW, QPSW correspondents, and those who are 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.



### Other related publications

*Costing not less than everything: Sustainability and spirituality in challenging times* – Pam Lunn (2011 Swarthmore Lecture)

Pam Lunn explores the role of spirituality in our human response to the environmental crisis, stressing "the absolute need for serious and sustained spiritual discipline if we're to develop the inner resilience to meet the

challenges and demands that face us".

The book is available from the Quaker Centre Bookshop at Friends House, London; contact details can be found on the back page of this booklet.

## Key contacts

- **Economics, Sustainability & Peace Network Coordinator:**  
espnetwork@quaker.org.uk; 020 7663 1056.
- **Events & Committee Support Manager** (for enquiries relating to the QPSW spring and autumn conferences):  
ecs@quaker.org.uk; 020 7663 1062.
- **Programme Manager: Sustainability & Peace**  
sustainability@quaker.org.uk; 020 7663 1047.

## Other organisations

- **Living Witness:** [www.livingwitness.org.uk](http://www.livingwitness.org.uk)
- **Northern Friends Peace Board:** [www.nfpb.org.uk](http://www.nfpb.org.uk)
- **Operation Noah:** [www.operationnoah.org](http://www.operationnoah.org)
- **Quaker Community at Bamford:**  
[www.quakercommunity.org.uk](http://www.quakercommunity.org.uk)
- **Quaker Council for European Affairs (QCEA):** [www.qcea.org](http://www.qcea.org)
- **Quaker United Nations Office (QUNO):** [www.quno.org](http://www.quno.org)

## 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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