

Pillar of Power

Ask the group to build a Jenga tower, and make sure everyone is sat within reach around it.

Ask the group to identify a problem they want to tackle, preferably an issue important to Quakers, but one that others are working on – e.g. climate change. Label a foam ball or similar item with this problem and balance it at the top of the Jenga tower.

Ask each person in the group to think of two factors that contribute to the problem. Write these on labels and stick these labels to lengthwise Jenga pieces in the tower, saying them out loud as they do so. Factors can be ideological or practical e.g. not recycling enough, reliance on fossil fuels.

The group's aim is to overcome the problem by tackling the factors proping it up. This is done by removing the labelled Jenga pieces. Each time a piece is removed, the person removing it has to explain to the group:

- What could be done to tackle this factor.
- Which groups, organisations, or individuals would be best placed to tackle this factor.
- How they as individuals, as part of a meeting, or as part of Quakers nationally could work with others in tackling this issue.

Set a time limit for bringing the Jenga tower down, and when the time is up reflect with the group on:

- How they worked together to overcome the problem.
- Whether they could have worked together in a more effective way? And if so how?
- Their thoughts on what lessons could be drawn from this about how groups can identify where they can be most effective, and how they can work together with others to create change.

