

## **PENWR**

The project is based in Penrith in Cumbria and is supported by Penrith Quaker Meeting and Cumberland Area Meeting.

In October 2017 Penrith Quakers invited Tim Gee, Quaker Sanctuary ambassador to speak about becoming a Sanctuary Meeting. This project, which is a collaboration between Penrith and Eden Refugee Network and Penrith Quakers, is one of the results of that visit. In its first year it aims to encourage six asylum seekers granted “leave to remain” to settle in Penrith.

Young people from the meeting have been actively raising funds and awareness with sponsored events such as a 23-mile sponsored walk from Penrith to Carlisle and canoeing the length of Ullswater.

This project will link up with Refugee Agencies in local cities to help refugees make an informed choice to move to Penrith. It will make funding available for refugees to make orientation trips to Penrith to get to know the town, provide hardship funds where people are at risk of losing benefits or are suffering due to delayed payments, assist with finding accommodation and support refugees' social integration and language learning through a network of local volunteers.

