

Make a mark for peace



Quaker peaceworkers appeal
2008–09

Appeal guide

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This year's special appeal is in support of Quaker Peaceworkers. This guide is intended to help you:

- to communicate information about the appeal to your local meeting;
- to enable discussion in your meeting about the spiritual roots of this work; and
- to encourage your local meeting to consider how they can get involved.

Initial information about the appeal was sent to Treasurers during October, so your meeting may be aware of it already. We hope that this guide will enable you to increase awareness of the appeal, and of the range of ways in which your local meeting can support it.

We hope that you will use the information in this guide to help you speak to your meeting after worship, or at any time that you think is appropriate, about the Quaker Peaceworkers appeal.

What peace work is being done?

There are eight peacemaker placements in 2008–09, in three groups each with distinctive features.



Promote Dialogue – our two peaceworkers at the Quaker United Nations Office (QUNO) in Geneva are involved in promoting peace at the highest levels, seeking to influence international policy-makers, bringing together national governments, and creating opportunities for dialogue. Their work features research, lobbying, and advocacy, with a long-term focus and a global view.



Adam Drury
has joined the Quaker United Nations office in Geneva to work on disarmament.



Jenny Rosenberg
is at the Quaker United Nations Office in Geneva to work on human rights.



Rebuild Societies – in Burundi, our two peaceworkers working with the American Friends Service Committee are involved in grassroots peacebuilding in a post-conflict country with great needs, but great opportunities. This work is about transition, reconciliation and reconstruction in the run-up to a general election in 2010.



Ian Brightwell

is working alongside the American Friends Service Committee in Bujumbura, supporting grassroots groups in developing their advocacy.



Sarah Jackson

is supporting the American Friends Service Committee in Bujumbura, working with local groups to improve their peacebuilding projects.



Strengthen Peace – our UK-based peaceworkers are building on the work of previous generations of British Quakers to consolidate the UK peace movement. This placement group is varied, and focuses on solid research, campaigning, and finding new, practical ways to work for peace and reconciliation between communities.



Dave Cullen

has been placed with the Campaign Against Depleted Uranium in Manchester.



Candia Crosfield

has been placed with Peace Child International in Buntingford, Hertfordshire.



Sarah Hulme

is at St Ethelburga's Centre for Reconciliation and Peace in London.



Selina Larsen

is working in London with Campaign Against Arms Trade.

What to say to your meeting

Each meeting is different. Please tailor this information as you think best – take whatever approach is most suitable for your meeting.

What is the Quaker Peaceworkers Appeal?

Each year, QPSW recruits and trains new peaceworkers, and funds a placement for each of them with a peace organisation, giving them experience in the peace movement and boosting the capacity of the organisations which host them.

There are eight peaceworker placements in 2008–09:

- Four are strengthening peace work in the UK by supporting organisations active in different aspects of the peace movement;
- Two are promoting dialogue at the Quaker United Nations Office (QUNO), working with disarmament and Quaker human rights specialists to contribute to Quaker work at the UN;
- Two are helping to rebuild societies in Burundi, working on advocacy and peacebuilding with American Friends.

The scheme enables enthusiastic and committed peaceworkers of today to gain the vital grassroots experience and skills they'll need to be the effective peaceworkers of tomorrow.

How does the scheme make a mark for peace?

- It creates new, unique opportunities for committed individuals to work for peace.
- It boosts organisations who receive a placement worker: they are often small or new and could not otherwise afford an extra staff member, or perhaps need an extra hand at a critical moment in their work.
- It strengthens the peace movement and equips a new generation of peaceworkers.
- It provides a way for today's Friends to build effectively on the peace work of previous generations of Quakers.

Why is it a good idea to get involved?

- This appeal is an opportunity to learn more about what Quakers are doing today, and to excite interest in and commitment to Quaker work.

- It provides opportunities to work together as a meeting. Supporting the appeal as a meeting can help us use our gifts and enable us to share witness.
- The appeal is also an opportunity for outreach – to show people what Quakers do and how we live out our values in the wider world.
- For smaller meetings, this is a good way to learn more about, and connect with, the wider peace movement.

Please do add to these suggestions, and use those which apply best to your own meeting.

How can we get involved?

Choose a peacemaker group to support: We can choose one or more of the groups to support and learn more about. Once we have chosen which peacemaker group or groups we are interested in, we can send for a pack. The pack explains the spiritual basis of this work and gives information on what Friends are doing about the issues concerned and contains ideas for events and fundraising.

Request a speaker: Book a speaker to come to our meeting to help us learn more about Quaker Peacemakers and how we can support the scheme.

Make a donation: We can consider making a donation as a meeting, or individually, to the appeal.

We can fundraise locally to support the appeal.

How do we make our choice?

As a meeting, we might prefer to support two of the placement groups, or even all three – that's fine. To help us discuss and decide how we would like to support the appeal, we might like to ask ourselves the following questions:

- which kind of peace work are we most interested in learning more about? (Strengthening the peace movement in the UK, promoting dialogue at QUNO, or helping to rebuild societies in Burundi?)
- what do Friends think we can do to support the appeal?
- what action would Friends like to take in respect of the appeal?

Next steps

Email us at fundraisingteam@quaker.org.uk, or call **020 7866 9508**

- to tell us which placement group(s) your meeting wants to support.
- to request an activity & fundraising pack, to help with fundraising and learning about Quaker Peaceworkers.

Frequently-asked questions

To help you answer questions about the appeal we have prepared the following FAQs – please contact us if you or your meeting would like further questions answered.

What work is each of the peaceworkers doing?

Promote dialogue

- Adam Drury is working on the Peace and Disarmament programme. He is working on the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform facilitating cooperation between peacebuilding organisations in the city as well as learning about how negotiations are conducted over disarmament issues.
- Jenny Rosenberg is working on the human rights and refugees programme, attending high level discussions on subjects like climate change and human rights. At Quaker House in Geneva she has helped organise lunches to enable government representatives and NGOs discuss difficult issues ‘off the record’ in an informal setting, sometimes with remarkable results. Jenny grew up attending Brighton Meeting.

Rebuild societies

- Sarah Jackson is working with local groups in Bujumbura, Burundi to improve their peacebuilding projects by encouraging learning and monitoring. She is working in a climate of renewed optimism following the new ceasefire in May 2008.
- Ian Brightwell, working in Burundi, is supporting grassroots groups in developing their advocacy expertise and connecting with policy makers. Working with the AFSC he is bringing people together to share common ground and learn from each other’s experiences.

Strengthen peace

- Candia Crosfield is working with Peace Child International and is responsible for their new conflict resolution programme for schools, developing a workshop and setting up a pilot project. She attends Bradford Meeting.
- Dave Cullen is working with the Campaign Against Depleted Uranium and is reinvigorating the day to day operation of their UK campaign. This involves lobbying and building a UK coalition of peace, environmental and religious groups. He is an attendee at Charlbury Meeting.
- Sarah Hulme is working with St Ethelburga's Centre for Reconciliation and Peace. She is helping to strengthen its nonviolence work, analysing and evaluating nonviolent practice in the UK and around the world to build a resource library of materials on nonviolence to help develop a nonviolence programme in London and South Armagh.
- Selina Larsen is working with Campaign Against Arms Trade and is working on its major campaign highlighting government support for arms exports. She grew up attending Newbury Meeting.

How were the organisations hosting the UK peaceworkers chosen?

Organisations are invited to bid and selected against a criteria for the programme. For example, organisations need to demonstrate that they can provide an appropriate level of support to each peaceworker, and that they would not otherwise be able to access a peaceworker for the work.

How are the peaceworkers selected?

QPSW determines clear criteria for a fair and rigorous selection process. Applicants are required to demonstrate their commitment to peace work and Quaker values, and to show how this opportunity would be an important step in their peace journey.

What are past Quaker peaceworkers doing today?

Many of the peaceworkers are continuing to work in the same field in which they gained their placement experience. Last year Tanya Hubbard worked with Leap Confronting Conflict and is now leading their London team to embed conflict resolution in one borough each year. Other past peaceworkers are conducting research in organisations like Amnesty International and helping in smaller charities both here and abroad.

What, specifically, will our money go towards?

So that these opportunities can be more widely available, we pay a salary to each Peacemaker. Money donated by your meeting will contribute towards this and the associated support costs. Meeting giving will also go toward the administrative and organisational investment needed to support the peacemakers. By supporting this appeal, you will be helping to give an indication of Friends' continued commitment to this kind of work.

Is this part of Britain Yearly Meeting's budget?

Britain Yearly Meeting looks to ensure that the money given to us does not drive the work done, but rather that the work is discerned first and the money then found. For this reason, we plan our budget ahead, based in part on predicted giving, but also underwritten. We then need to appeal to Meetings to ensure the predicted giving is achieved and this is where your help is needed. Without the necessary predicted giving of £360,000, the work would be underwritten by reserves, but the work in future years would have to be reduced.

Find out more

Visit the website

You can find out more by going to www.quaker.org.uk/appeal and clicking on the 'Make a Mark for Peace' hands logo, or following the links. You can download appeal materials as they become available.

Send us an email

Contact us at fundraisingteam@quaker.org.uk with any questions, queries or feedback.

Call us

For any help regarding this appeal, including paper copies of appeal material, telephone Paul Peros, Donor Support Officer, on 020 7866 9509.

Learn more about Quaker Peacemakers

Contact Helen Bradford on 020 7663 1071 or helenb@quaker.org.uk.

Read and share the journal letters

Each peacemaker writes quarterly about his or her experiences and insights during the placement - these are at www.quaker.org.uk/jl.