

Making a mark for peace in Britain

The host organisations with whom we place peaceworkers are often small, and find resources difficult. By providing them with an extra pair of hands, we give them a boost that they otherwise couldn't afford.

The people we place are often committed to working for peace – but find that limited opportunities have blocked their way. Our placements allow a new generation of peaceworkers to make their mark.

Through our work to identify and provide placements, we create networks and relationships with, and between, other peace organisations.

This is how our placements **strengthen peace in the UK.**

This year's QPSW peaceworkers making a mark in the UK peace movement



Candia Crosfield has been placed with Peace Child International.

Candia says she is committed to making "a real difference". At Peace Child International, she will develop material for a new pilot conflict-resolution education programme in schools. She also hopes to be possibly the only musical peaceworker this year, as she works on a musical production for schools called 'The Green Peace Child'!



Sarah Hulme will be at St Ethelburga's Centre for Reconciliation and Peace.

Sarah will assist St Ethelburga's Centre for Reconciliation and Peace in its efforts to bring about interfaith dialogue, to celebrate diversity, and foster understanding across the interfaces of culture and religion. New to Quakers, Sarah hopes to help people "find better ways to resolve conflict and be part of transforming communities and lives".



David Cullen will work with the Campaign Against Depleted Uranium.

"I think of these placements as sowing seeds," says David of his placement with the Campaign Against Depleted Uranium (CADU).

David is the first QPSW peaceworker to be placed with CADU and will support their efforts to secure a global ban on the manufacture, testing, and deployment of these weapons, and limits on its civilian use.



Selina Larsen is joining Campaign Against Arms Trade.

Campaign Against Arms Trade has received QPSW peaceworkers before, and Selina will help to research, design and deliver CAAT's latest major campaign against government support for the arms trade, 'UK TI: Armed and Dangerous'. Selina feels that supporting peacework is "a living witness", and looks forward to the "challenge and change" of working with CAAT.

The peace testimony, today, is seen in what we do, severally and together, with our lives.

We pray for the involvement of the Spirit with us, that we may work for a more just world.

We need to train to wage peace.

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Strengthen peace in the United Kingdom



Quaker peaceworkers appeal
2008–2009

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Strengthening a diverse peace movement

The Quaker commitment to peace has given us a leading position in the British peace movement.

Through our peaceworker scheme, we provide a boost to other organisations working for peace, enabling them to do more and do it better. The placements offer extra opportunities for a new generation of peaceworkers to build up their skills, knowledge and experience of working for peace.

In 2008–9, there will be four Quaker peaceworkers helping UK peace organisations:

- St Ethelburga's Centre for Reconciliation and Peace
- Campaign Against Arms Trade
- Peace Child International
- Campaign Against Depleted Uranium

Use this information leaflet to learn about how Quaker peaceworkers support the UK peace movement, and consider whether you will support this group of placements in 2008–9.

Working for peace means more than calling for it ourselves: it means strengthening those grassroots organisations that form the lifeblood of the UK peace movement.

That doesn't mean that the focus of their work is on Britain alone. The drive and energy of the Campaign Against Arms Trade (CAAT) and the Campaign Against Depleted Uranium (CADU) are vital in pushing for better choices by political and business leaders, whose decisions and actions can have radical – often dangerous – implications for the lives of ordinary people the world over.

Peace Child International recognises the power that young people can have in calling for peace, and seeks to make their compelling voices heard internationally. St Ethelburga's message of respect and tolerance resonates around the world. The UK peace movement is a global peace movement, and Quaker peaceworkers are helping to make it stronger.

Where have previous Quaker peaceworkers made a mark for peace?

Jessica Pasteiner worked for Corporate Watch, which monitors

and reports on the activities of large, particularly multinational, companies. She researched corporate activity in post-civil war Sierra Leone. She raised criticisms of US oil interests, and scrutinised the political neutrality of a UK government initiative to help rebuild civil society. Her work was the first of its kind and will be valuable to those watching the reconstruction in Iraq and elsewhere, as well as having raised awareness of the situation in Sierra Leone.



Tanya Hubbard was placed at Leap: Confronting Conflict,

a youth organisation seeking opportunities for adults and children to find creative, nonviolent solutions to conflict in their lives. Tanya's hard work to build networks of young mediators and conflict-workers – keeping the focus on youth leadership – brought benefits not just to the organisation itself, but to dozens of young people and their families who were helped by Leap.



Whom will this year's Quaker peaceworkers be supporting?

St Ethelburga's Church, built around 1400, was destroyed in the 1993 IRA Bishopsgate bomb, but rose from the ashes as a centre for intercommunal understanding and tolerance. Today, its message of reconciliation is as important in Northern Ireland as it is in the debate over the interface between Islam and the West. By holding workshops and conferences, interfaith services and dialogue, by keeping its doors open to all, St Ethelburga's works to make faith a resource for transforming conflict.

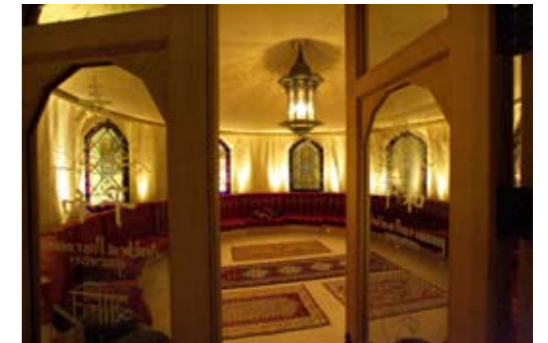


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Through a mixture of research, publicity, campaigning and lobbying, the **Campaign Against Depleted Uranium (CADU)** works to secure an international ban on the use of this chemically toxic substance in weaponry, and to identify and limit its use in civilian settings. Depleted uranium has been used in weapons in the Gulf and in the Balkans, and CADU seeks to persuade governments and the UN to act against its use in the future.

The **Campaign Against Arms Trade (CAAT)** has an ambitious aim: 'the reduction, and ultimate abolition, of the international arms trade, together with progressive demilitarisation within arms-producing countries'. Weapons are big business, but CAAT is an energetic group and, drawing on its links with universities and churches and supported by a QPSW peaceworker, it researches and campaigns for more ethical investment and a rolling back of military influence around the world.



Peace Child International is focused on drawing young people into the call for peace. In its earliest days it brought US and Soviet children together in the 1980s and works today with young people's groups in over 180 countries. It aims to inform young people by providing peace education initiatives – from global conferences to musical productions – and to encourage and enable them to take action in support of sustainable development and human rights.

Images (top to bottom): Inside St Ethelburga's, a beautiful Bedouin tent provides a special interfaith meeting place for people to share and explore insights; shocked visitors at CADU's 'Human Cost of Uranium Weapons' exhibition at the European Parliament in May 2007; CAAT pulls no punches in confronting governments with its research into the arms trade; through a variety of fun activities, projects and conferences, Peace Child International equips young people to call for, and bring about, peaceful change in the world.