

Building hope for a peaceful world



The two qualities which are most important to children of today are hope and imagination. *Quaker faith & practice 23.85*



Dear Friends,

As we see so many affected by war, climate breakdown and spiralling living costs, we know how much the world needs Quaker values and witness. How can we, a steadfast radical faith community in Britain, equip ourselves and the world to face these challenges?



We believe that our thriving and diverse Quaker communities, locally and through our centrally managed work, can help the world in these troubled times. Inspired by the spirit in our meetings for worship, we can work to build a sustainable and peaceful world.

This year, we are proud of all that we have achieved in collaboration with Friends and Quaker communities throughout Britain.

- We have supported individual Friends in need and meetings, through our Hope Grants, Meeting House Grants and other funds
- Our Peace Education team launched three videos showing the impact of this work can have in schools. In 2023, we develop new peacebuilding work in communities in Britain suffering from physical and structural violence.
- We now have eleven Local Development Workers in place serving Quaker communities where they live and aim to have fourteen in place by the end of 2022.

But sustaining this Quaker work is a challenge. Quaker work needs Quakers' financial support

Some have more capacity to help than others, particularly as the cost of living spirals. If every member and attender gives according to their income and needs, we can support Quakers and deliver Quaker work to benefit the world for years to come.

Please help us ensure that Quaker work is there for everyone, whatever their circumstances.

In Friendship,



Caroline Nursey
Clerk of BYM Trustees



Paul Parker
Recording Clerk

The work you fund

With your support, we deliver a huge breadth of work – from sustaining our faith to living out our values in the world. We have chosen here to highlight just two areas of Quaker work. Find out what else you have helped us achieve in our annual review:

www.quaker.org.uk/annualreview.

Making the case for peace education

At a time when militarism is on the rise, Quakers continue to be a voice for peace in Scotland and the Scottish Parliament.

In 2022 we published *Peace at the heart*. Complemented by a series of videos showcasing peacebuilding in schools, this report by David Gee presents strong evidence for the positive difference peace education makes to schools and young people. You can watch the videos at www.quaker.org.uk/peace-education-case.

Over 200 people joined the online launch of the report in May 2022, and it was featured on BBC Radio 4's Sunday programme. At the launch were teachers, policymakers, academics and civil society organisations from England, Scotland and Wales, while the videos have reached thousands more.

Our Parliamentary Engagement Officer works to promote Quaker views within Scottish politics and influence policy in line with Quaker values. He met with MSPs to promote the report and make the case for peace education in Scottish schools. This led to endorsements from across the political spectrum.

One MSP placed a motion in parliament encouraging “all schools and local authorities to read the report and explore how they can place peace at the heart of their approach to education”. The motion was signed by over a quarter of all MSPs and has resulted in further opportunities to promote and deliver peace education in Scotland



**In 2021 we spent £1.5 million on
Witness through action**

Local development work in Scotland

Meetings across Scotland have been feeling disconnected. There was a concern that Quaker role-holders did not have the peer support they needed. Zoe Prosser, our local development worker for Scotland, responded by setting up regular online drop-in meetings for Friends responsible for pastoral and spiritual care. These meetings have allowed Friends to get to know one another and to discuss ideas, concerns and practices. They now feel more supported and less alone in their work.

Case study: a local development worker's first year

Tweeddale Local Meeting had shrunk in size, and the way they met was no longer working for them. Our local development worker offered to work with them to find a way forward. There was no doubt that the meeting wanted to continue to worship together and build a greater sense of community.

Tweeddale Friends decided to take the opportunity to experiment. Following a model taken from Young Adult worship groups, they agreed to meet in the evening, in one of their homes. The evening meeting allows those of working age, or with caring responsibilities, to gather at a more convenient time. They follow worship with a meal, to build a greater sense of community together.

Tweeddale Meeting checked this thinking with Friends in neighbouring meetings, who supported them and were reminded to give themselves time to recover from the pressures of recent years. This offered a way forward that was new and exciting.

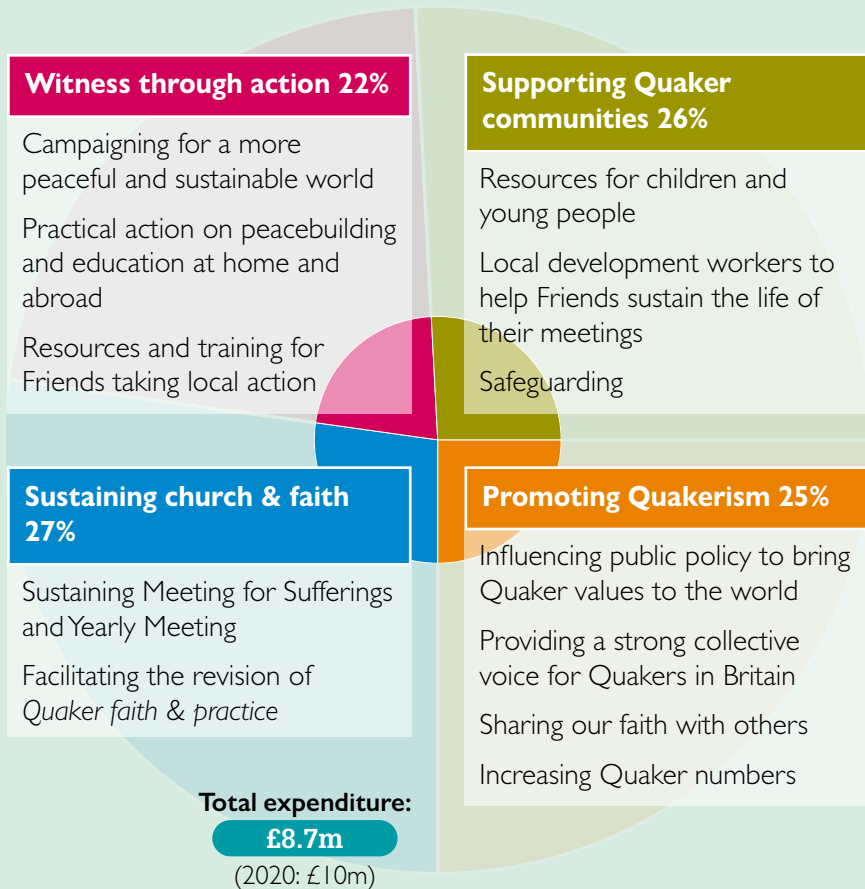


In 2021 we spent £1.8 million on Supporting Quaker communities

Your contributions: making a difference

Beyond our own area meeting, funds are required for the wider organisation of Friends and the work we undertake centrally. Without these, we would be a scattered collection of small meetings with no coherence or shared witness.

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Gifts from meetings and individuals were £2.1m in 2021

The chart shows the proportions of how much we spend on each of our charitable objectives. For more detail about our finances, the full 2021 report and financial statements are at www.quaker.org.uk/annualreview.

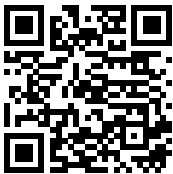
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Quakers in Britain is more than the usual charity - it is a place where the spiritual and political meet. We need a quiet space within from which political action can grow. That is why I give.
Stephen Rowland, Friend

I give money to BYM because I deeply value the Quaker mix of encouragement for spiritual exploration, work for social justice and equality and environmental concern. BYM is us: it both organises our wider contribution to society and nourishes our grassroots.
Margaret Laurie, Friend

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