

Support and resources for outreach and ministry



Let your life speak



How to order resources in this leaflet

All the resources in this leaflet can be ordered directly from the Quaker Centre Bookshop in the following ways:

By email: quakercentre@quaker.org.uk

By telephone: 020 7663 1030/31

By fax: 020 7663 1001 (please address clearly FAO Quaker Centre)

In writing: Quaker Centre Bookshop, Friends house, 173 Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ

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www.quaker.org.uk

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Let your life speak

Live adventurously. When choices arise, do you take the way that offers the fullest opportunity for the use of your gifts in the service of God and the community? Let your life speak. When decisions have to be made, are you ready to join with others in seeking clearness, asking for God's guidance and offering counsel to each other?

Every stage of our lives offers fresh opportunities. Responding to divine guidance, try to discern the right time to undertake or relinquish responsibilities without undue pride or guilt. Attend to what love requires of you, which may not be great busyness.

Advices and queries 27 and 28

The core of the work of Quaker Life is to offer support and resources to meetings to help strengthen and enrich their life together and to encourage them in sharing their faith with those around them. This booklet is a collection of the resources on offer, both written and practical, reflecting the wide variety of ways in which Friends and meetings develop and live out their ministry within the meeting and their outreach to those seeking and exploring some of the riches of the Quaker tradition. As well as posters, leaflets and online resources, we also offer direct guidance and practical support available from Quaker Life staff, through the Quaker Life Network and from other groups and organisations.

Each year we create a new set of posters and other resources with the particular aim of being used during Quaker Week and throughout the year. The theme of our Quaker Week posters this year is 'Let your life speak'. It is a phrase that has a deep resonance for Quakers but which will also speak to those who know little or nothing about us. They point to the ways in which our faith shapes the choices and decisions we make in our lives, both in our direct action and engagement in the world and in the everyday. They also speak of the deep root and source that nourishes and inspires all we do. Whilst it is impossible to capture the whole breadth of Quaker witness or the wide diversity of our Quaker community, these posters are intended to be a glimpse of who we are and how we strive to live our lives. Most importantly, they are an invitation to find out more.

We hope that this booklet will prove useful and encouraging to Friends and meetings in both outreach and inreach.

Alistair Fuller, Head of Outreach Development

Free posters for 2014–15

Working for peace
Finding God in everyone



Quakers: let your life speak
www.quaker.org.uk



Working for equality
Finding God in everyone



Quakers: let your life speak
www.quaker.org.uk



Working for justice
Finding God in everyone



Quakers: let your life speak
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Living simply
Finding God in everyone



Quakers: let your life speak
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Free posters for meetings

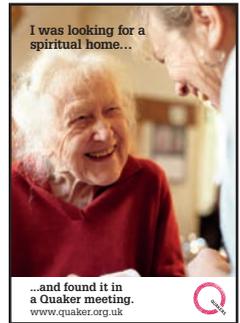
2013 Quaker Week posters

You are welcome at a Quaker meeting



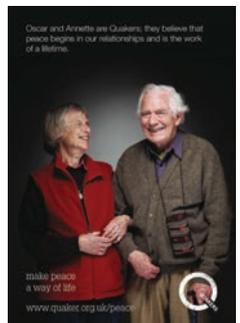
2012 Quaker Week posters

I was looking for a spiritual home... and found it in a Quaker meeting

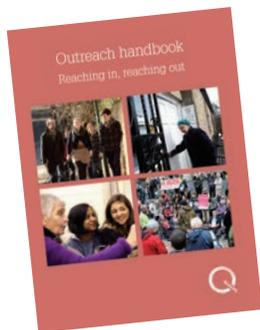


2011 Quaker Week posters

Make peace a way of life



Free resources for meetings



Outreach handbook: Reaching in, reaching out

A handbook full of advice, tips and ideas about outreach activity that is spiritually inspiring, socially rewarding, exciting and fun.

Who are the Quakers?

A FREEPOST information pack request card for enquirers, new attenders and those interested in finding out more about Quakers.



Gold cards

These cards give six answers to the question 'What do Quakers say?' as well as providing details of how to obtain a free information pack.



Balloons

Red or green balloons with the Q logo for stalls, open days and Quaker social events.

Badges

'I'm a Quaker – ask me why' pin badges and plain magnetic Q badges. A low-key way of being open about your faith or to identify Quakers at outreach events.



Advices & queries

This short spiritual introduction to Quaker thought is an invaluable resource for outreach.



School Journeys in the Spirit

A resource for meetings organising visits to groups of children and young people, offering ideas for outreach. For more resources for children and young people see page 14.

Free resources for meetings



Getting ready for Quaker worship

A leaflet for those who haven't experienced Quaker worship, outlining what to expect before, during and after meeting for worship.

Concertina leaflets

Attractive introductions to four contrasting areas of Quaker activity: Quakers, worship, children & young people, and Quaker Peace & Social Witness.

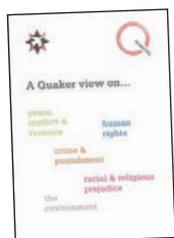


A Quaker view on...

An introduction to Quaker witness, social justice and the peace testimony.

Your first time at a Quaker meeting

For those experiencing worship for the first time, explaining the purpose and experience of worship.



The Quaker way

A short account of the history of Quakers and an outline of Quaker attitudes to Jesus, business and simplicity.



Quakers today

Some Quaker basics with passages on meetings, God and Jesus.

Living what we believe

An overview of the Quaker testimonies to truth, equality, simplicity and peace.



Quakers and peace

A brief account of the peace testimony.

Quaker worship

A description of Quaker worship, useful for outreach.

All free resources are available online at www.quaker.org.uk

Going deeper



Free publications and leaflets for meetings wishing to welcome and encourage relatively new attenders to discover more about Quakers in Britain:

Sharing our meetings' stories

A report based on the stories of a broad cross-section of Quaker meetings in Britain, giving an insight into the life of meetings today and the common experiences that shape and grow from that life.

A brief guide to Quaker chaplaincy

A guide for those interested in Quaker chaplaincy, to help explain and celebrate the work.

Membership: Principles and testimonies

A leaflet outlining the principles and processes behind our membership procedures.

Principles and testimonies: nominations

A leaflet exploring and giving guidance on area meetings' nominations processes.

What do you do in meeting for worship?

A way for meetings to gently explore worship together.

The Outreach Cluster

The Outreach Cluster is part of the Quaker Life Network and is a group of Friends from meetings across Britain who have an interest in and a passion for outreach and who can share these experiences and ideas with other Friends and meetings. The main focus of the cluster's work is to help meetings support new enquirers and attenders. They can also organise workshops and discussions to help explore Quakerism and find out more. Anyone with an interest in outreach can join the cluster and work with us to develop practical approaches to sharing our Quaker faith with others.

Quakers and World War I

Many Quaker meetings are talking about the ways in which events 100 years ago affected their communities and how peace work then can inform the peace work of today. The changes brought about by the horrors of World War I made such a profound impact that marking the events can be an important part of present Quaker witness.

Witnessing for peace on the centenary of World War I

A pack containing resources for your meeting, your children's meeting and for working with other groups marking the centenary. It includes a newspaper, and peace education resources. To request a hard copy, please contact the Quaker Centre.

From 4 August 2014 our online storytelling project *The white feather diaries* will follow five Quakers from the outbreak of the war in 1914 to the introduction

of conscription in 1916. Join us online throughout August to hear the voices of Quaker workers imprisoned for their conscience or working in Europe with the Friends' Ambulance Unit or the Friends' War Victims' Relief Committee.

If you are planning events relating to the centenary please add them to our online map at www.quaker.org.uk/ww1-events-map.

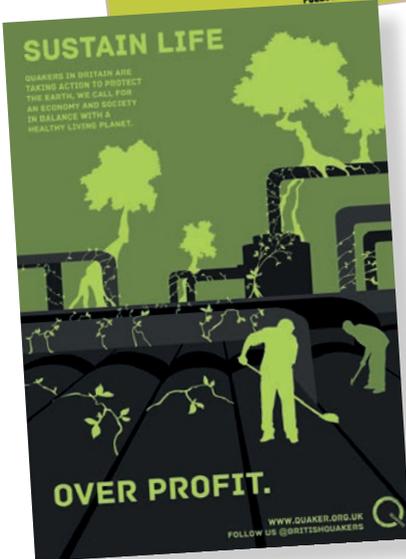
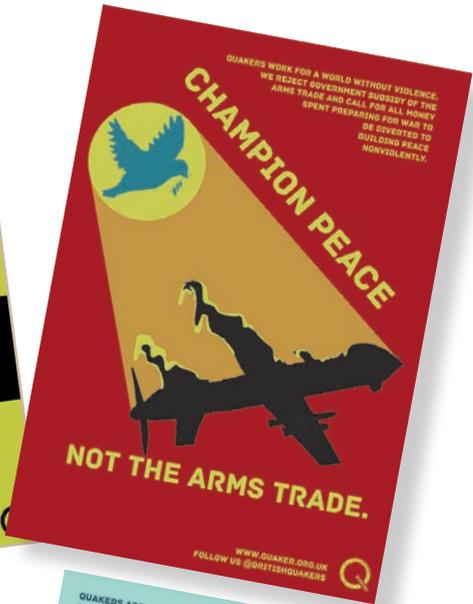
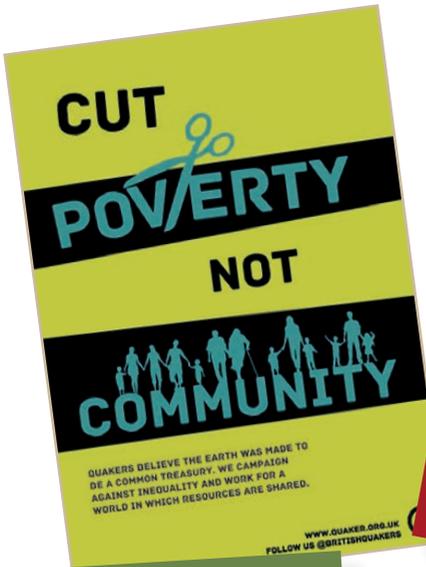
All resources, events and information relating to WWI will be available on our website at www.quaker.org.uk/ww1 and much more will be added over the next four years.



Paid-for resources

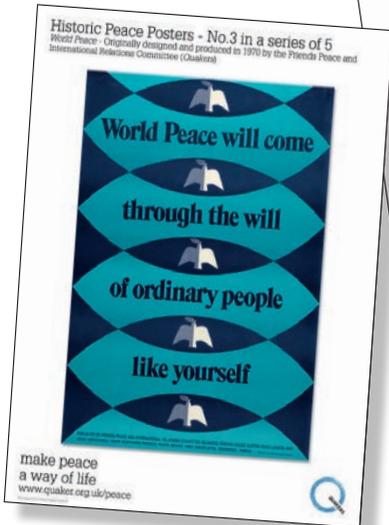
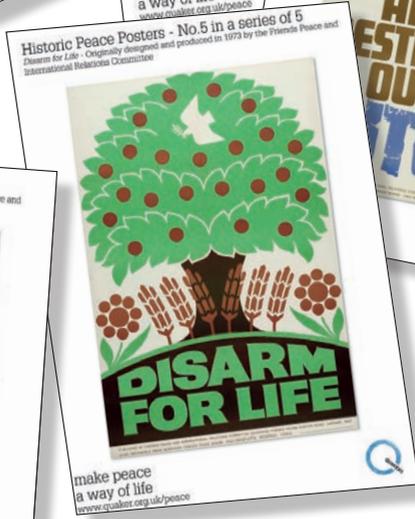
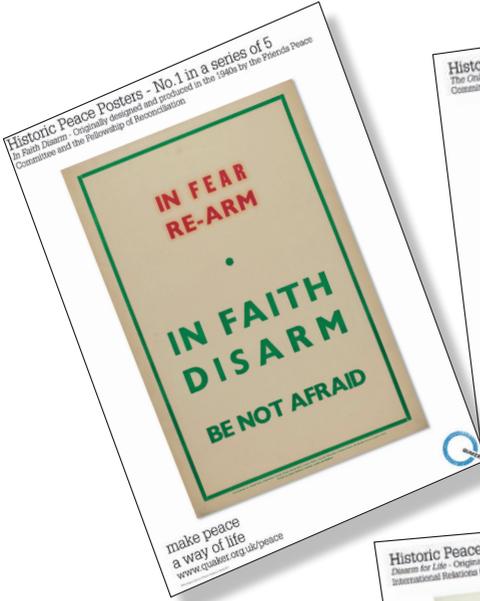
New posters for witness

A set of four B2 posters (500x700mm) to help Friends and meetings speak out about peace, sustainability and economic justice. A set of four (one of each design or four of the same) costs £5 plus postage costs. A single poster costs £2 plus postage costs.



Historic peace posters

As part of our commemoration of Quakers' long and passionate engagement with peace, we have produced these special posters featuring images of Quaker peace posters from the past 100 years. They are B2 size (500x700mm) and available as a set of five for £10 plus postage costs.



Book boxes

The Quaker Centre Bookshop offers a book box sale or return service, which can be used to help inform and enliven your outreach events. As well as the regular publications about Quakers today, Quaker worship and Quaker history, the box can include specific titles of your choice or some of the Books of the Month. For information see www.quaker.org.uk/shop/sor

To order a bespoke book box please contact 020 7663 1030 or quakercentre@quaker.org.uk.

Outreach exhibitions



The range of four smaller square leaflets – Quakers, Quaker worship, Children & young people and Quaker Peace & Social Witness – are each available for display in meeting house foyers, on stalls and venues outside the meeting house. A full set of 18 panels on foam board, 30 cm² each, costs £100. Quaker Life has a limited number of sets for loan at £25 each.

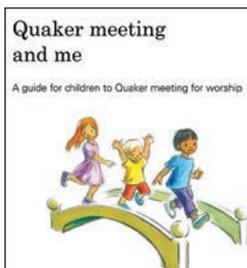
Quaker meeting and me



A guide for children to Quaker meeting for worship.

This booklet is intended to help children find a way into Quaker meeting for worship. Images from a garden are to illustrate what different aspects of what is happening in meeting for worship.

It can be used as a starting point for conversation between children and adults, and also as a focus to help children settle and centre during meeting for worship.



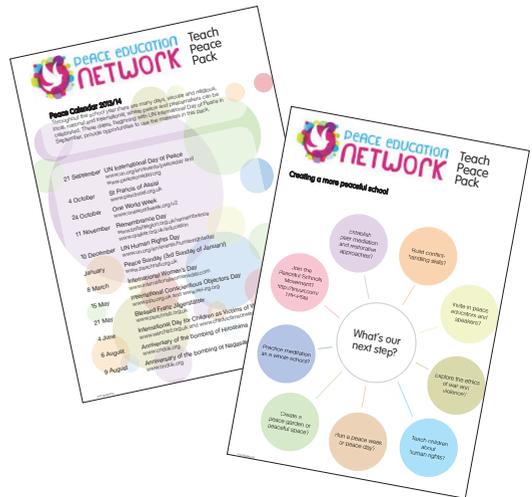
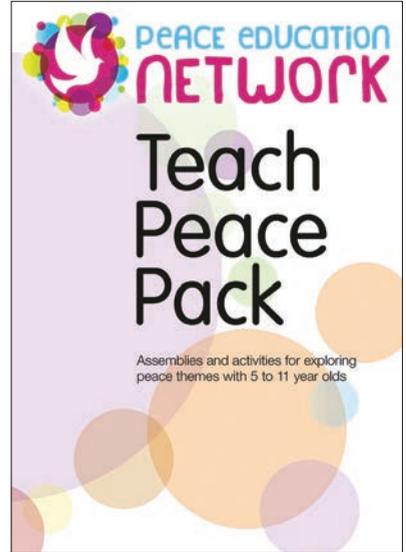
Teach Peace Pack

This new resource from the Peace Education Network is a pack of activities for use in primary schools to explore peace themes.

From the UN International Day of Peace, 21 September, to the International Day for Children as Victims of War, 4 June, the school year is filled with opportunities to use this pack. The resource helps to ensure peace is a key theme in children's education and can support Quakers invited to speak at assemblies and special events in schools to celebrate peace and peacemakers. Quakers can also use it to make links with local schools – offering it as a resource for use throughout the school year.

The pack can be found online at www.quaker.org.uk/teach-peace-pack.

Hard copies are available from the Quaker Centre Bookshop for £5 plus postage.



Resources and support for children and young people

Resources and support for children and young people's work

This catalogue sets out the free resources, training and events available for individuals and meetings who are thinking of working with children and young people.

For a copy of the catalogue contact the Quaker Life Support Officer on 020 7662 1013 or cypadmin@quaker.org.uk

For more information about resources for children and people see www.quaker.org.uk/cyp



Journeys in the Spirit

Journeys in the Spirit offers resources and ideas to Quakers engaging with children and young people. It offers resources and ideas with the intention of providing an opportunity for exploring, creating and learning in an atmosphere of worship in partnership on our shared journey in the spirit.

Children's edition (5–12 years): Each issue comes out on the first of the month (or the subsequent Monday if this falls on a weekend). Subscribers receive a Quaker children's work news update each month together with the latest issue of Journeys in the Spirit: children's edition.

Youth Edition (12–18 years): The youth edition takes an innovative approach. It is produced in magazine format with all the activities in one handy A4 booklet. You can choose to receive a paper copy or be emailed a link to an online version.

There are three issues per year coming out on the second Monday of February, June and October. Subscribers receive a Quaker youth work news update with the latest issue of Journeys in the Spirit: youth edition.

www.yqspace.org.uk

A website for and about Young Quakers. If you are a Young Quaker then this is your website. If you have any ideas or contributions to make to the site please contact catw@quaker.org.uk or telephone 020 7663 1011.

Further support for outreach and ministry: online resources

For outreach information from Britain Yearly Meeting:
www.quaker.org.uk/outreach

Free information for enquirers

Britain Yearly Meeting free enquirers' pack: www.quaker.org.uk/infopack

Quaker Quest: www.quakerquest.org

The Kindlers: www.quaker.org.uk/kindlers

Welsh resources

The Quiet Way film: www.quakersinwales.org.uk



The Gathered People – A History of Quakers in Wales and the Marches by Trevor Macpherson: www.thegatheredpeople.tumblr.com

Quakers around the world

www.fwccworld.org

<http://quakersintheworld.org>

For information about courses, retreats, workshops and special events

www.swarthmoorhall.co.uk

www.woodbrooke.org.uk

www.charneymanor.com

www.quakerarts.net

Quakers and politics

Some Quakers put their faith into action by engaging with or being involved in politics. Political activity can be a way for individuals and communities to speak truth to power perhaps most clearly before a national election. Let the parliamentary engagement officer know whether you're involved in politics or in campaigning at jessicam@quaker.org.uk, or visit www.quaker.org.uk/public-issues.

Quaker outreach events and activities

This booklet is for Quakers who want to extend their welcome to enquirers and newcomers at events and activities they are involved in, including meeting for worship.

Mae'r holl daflenni allgymorth allweddol ar gael yn y Gymraeg.
(All key outreach leaflets are available in Welsh.)



Let us know what you are doing

The outreach team would like to hear about your activities and you can let them know by completing a very simple form at www.quaker.org.uk/qwmap, giving details of your event and contact information. It will then appear on the interactive map on the Britain Yearly Meeting website making it easier for Friends and enquirers to find you.



Keep in touch

Let us have your feedback. You can contact the outreach team in the following ways:

Email outreach@quaker.org.uk for any outreach enquiries.

Telephone 020 7663 1016 or email alistairf@quaker.org.uk for Head of Outreach Alistair Fuller.

Telephone 020 7663 1017 or email andrewo@quaker.org.uk for Outreach Development Officer Andrew O'Hanlon.

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