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The Quaker Congo Partnership: Focus on Youth: Peacebuilding, Leadership and Governance project is based in the Democratic Republic of Congo and is supported by Hebden Bridge Local Meeting, and Brighouse West Yorkshire and Manchester & Warrington Area Meetings.

The project has been providing training for the Communauté Église Évangélique des Amis du Congo (CEEACO) on peacebuilding for young people, supporting the Youth Peace Council and the Club Ami des filles. It has also been supporting the development of fundraising, management and governance skills within CEEACO itself.

In response to requests from participants who took part in training sessions in 2024, top-up "training the trainers" sessions were offered to previous participants in 2025. These are residential sessions and only open to those who had attended previously, building on the transformative mediation approach to peacebuilding. The primary aim of the training is to develop a strong core team of experienced facilitators/trainers able to work together as nonviolent social change agents.

The ongoing violence in the DRC, and the death of one of the Afrinov Programme Officer, Benson Alusiola Khamasi, has made the project's work particularly challenging and all the more necessary.

