

How you can get involved and help

Our work is funded chiefly by Quaker meetings in the north of Britain, along with support from individuals. Any additional support is always welcome and we have a newsletter and mailing list to keep in touch with our funders and supporters.

Although our activities mainly involve our members, we like to meet, reflect and learn with others, Quakers and non-Quakers, in different parts of the North. We particularly value the occasions when a Quaker Meeting hosts us and joins with us in exploring particular peace concerns. We can also involve other Quakers in our project work.

Please use the form below if you would like to learn more or to support our work in any of the ways indicated.

Send this to: **NFPB, Victoria Hall, Knowsley Street, Bolton BL1 2AS** or email your enquiry to: **nfpb@gn.apc.org**, or phone **01204 382330**

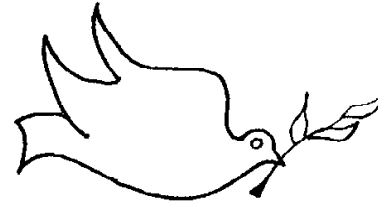
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- Please add me to your newsletter mailing list []
- I enclose a donation for your work (payable to Northern Friends Peace Board) []
- Please send me a list of your publications and resources []
- Please tell me more about:
- I would like to be involved and my particular concerns/ interests/skills are:
- Please get in touch with me with information about hosting NFPB for an event at my Local Quaker Meeting []



Northern Friends Peace Board

An information leaflet

Who we are

We are a group of Quakers, most of whom are appointed as representatives by Quaker Area Meetings in the North of Britain. Our purpose, from our 1913 founding meeting, is 'to advise and encourage Friends, and through them their fellow citizens, in the active promotion of peace in all its height and breadth'. We employ a full-time Co-ordinator and part-time paid administrative help.

What we do

We meet together and develop a range of activities, which are sometimes led by project groups. These address concerns under the broad headings of ...

- Supporting Quakers' peace witness
- Promoting a culture of peace and
- Challenging militarism

To these ends we...

- Arrange events, such as conferences and workshops.
- Produce resources, from printed materials to electronic media.
- Respond to enquiries on Quakers and peace and provide information and support to individuals and groups.
- Contribute a Quaker peace voice to other events and networks.

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Some current areas of activity

Peace, Faith and Race

We are organising a series of conferences for Quakers and others to come together to explore these areas of concern, particularly in relation to the 'unpeace' that some parts of the country have experienced in their communities.



Through these we are encouraging learning, dialogue and action, and are also planning to promote wide understanding and action for peace.

Challenging Militarism

The peace testimony of Friends is a tradition that seeks both to promote peace and to oppose the military approach to resolving conflicts. We seek to support Quakers and others in taking action to these ends and are ourselves involved in giving voice at different levels.

We promote peaceful and prayerful acts of witness at military bases in the north of Britain – such as at Faslane in Scotland and at Menwith Hill in Yorkshire. We provide briefing materials on particular aspects of militarism and resources for people to use in their own acts of witness. We also address these concerns directly to government, both through correspondence and through meetings with officials.



Speaking our Peace

Two strands of work come under this heading. One is a series of 'Peace Learning Days' in which Quakers and others spend a day hearing input from invited speakers on a particular peace-related theme and work together in discussion, analysis and reflection. The other strand is *Speaking our Peace workshops*, events for participants to practice and to support one another in developing skills for articulating our peace concerns in a clear and peaceful way. We also maintain a *weblog* (peacepeaces.blogspot.com) in order to

- a) promote a wider awareness of the range of initiatives for peace being undertaken around the world and
- b) highlight valuable resources to help understand and address peace concerns.

Young People

We are in the early stages of developing work for young people, having taken on board comments and reflections from our members and from younger Quakers in different parts of the north of Britain. We are also looking at ways of encouraging wider participation by young people in our existing activities.

