

How can we support Quaker work?

Winter 2024/5



Quakers in Britain delivers work that is discerned by Friends at Yearly Meeting and Meeting for Sufferings. We need the support of meetings and individual Friends to ensure this valuable Quaker work can happen. Below are a range of projects which currently need support from Friends.

If you or your meeting have additional funds – for example through a legacy gift or excess reserves – and you would like to support one or more of the projects below, please get in touch by emailing us at contributions@quaker.org.uk.

Projects in need of support

Peer mediation

We are bringing peer mediation to schools across Britain. Peer mediation is conflict resolution for young people by young people. Children in both primary and secondary schools can be trained in the process and skills of mediation, then offer a service for other pupils. They learn to listen actively without judgement and facilitate a solution without prescribing it. The young people in dispute are given the space to be heard and enabled to take responsibility for what happens next.

The budget for this project is £53,315. We are currently applying for grants for this work and are also looking to Friends to help make this project happen. With your support, we can equip young people as peacemakers and make schools across Britain safer, happier, and more conducive to learning now and for years to come.

For more information, including videos showing young peer mediators in action, see www.quaker.org.uk/peermediation.



EAPPI Programme

The Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI) brings people from around the world to the West Bank to serve as human rights monitors, or Ecumenical Accompaniers (EAs). EAPPI is an international programme coordinated by the World Council of Churches (WCC) and administered in the UK & Ireland by Quakers in Britain. EAs provide a protective presence for vulnerable Palestinian communities, document human rights violations, work with Israeli and Palestinian peace groups, and advocate for a just peace in which both Palestinians and Israelis enjoy freedom, dignity and security based on international law.



EAPPI UK & Ireland's budget for 2024 is £423,288. We anticipate raising £117,000 from our regular partner organisations and grant-making trusts, leaving a shortfall of £306,288. You can help us advance our vision of a future in which the military occupation of Palestine has ended, and Israelis and Palestinians live in peace.

For more information see www.quaker.org.uk/eappi or read first-hand accounts written by EAs at www.eyewitnessblogs.com.

Climate justice

Around the globe, people are suffering from catastrophic heatwaves, wildfires, droughts, storms, floods, and freezes caused by climate change. All countries are affected; however, those who have done the least to cause the problem are suffering the most. That is why we are working for climate justice:

- We are joining with other faith groups to call for loss and damage funding to compensate those who are worst affected by climate breakdown.
- We are pressuring insurance companies to stop insuring fossil fuel extraction.
- We are providing training, creating resources, and organising events to help Friends put their faith into action.



The Climate justice programme will cost £95,688 in 2024. We have secured external funding totalling £55,000 to support this work, leaving a shortfall of £40,688. We need your support; together we can strive for a future that is just and sustainable for all.

Find out more at www.quaker.org.uk/climatejustice.

Young Adult Quakers Fund

The Young Adult Quaker (YAQ) Fund provides three types of grants to help Friends aged 18 to 35 participate fully in the Quaker community:

- **Financial Relief Grants** of up to £500 to cover bills and basic expenses for those facing financial hardship
- **Events and Learning Grants** of up to £500 to attend Quaker events and courses
- **Living Adventurously Grants** of up to £1,500 to support young adults in service they feel led to do as part of their Quaker witness.

We need to raise £10,000 to meet the demand for YAQ grants in 2024. To date, we have secured £5,000, leaving a £5,000 shortfall. Your gift will help young adult Quakers participate fully in Quaker communities and live their faith in the world.

See what grants we offer at www.quaker.org.uk/grantmaking (scroll to the bottom of the page for the 3 YAQ grants).



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Youth Development Workers

Our Youth Development Workers (YDWs) work with Quaker communities to initiate, facilitate and deliver a range of opportunities for young Quakers aged 11 to 18. YDWs work with local Friends to offer events and activities for children and young people to build community effectively. They help to promote participation among different age groups and empower Quaker communities to engage with and respond more readily to younger people.

YDWs' activities include:

- the establishment of youth activity days and events
- helping local and area meetings to start, restart or sustain a teen meeting
- support and training for youth work volunteers
- safeguarding support and expertise.

YDWs are funded by area meetings to work in their areas. The budget for a Youth Development Worker in 2024 is £52,307. Quakers in Britain contributes £6,250, leaving £46,057 to be covered by area meetings. Your support could bring a worker to your area.

For more information, see www.quaker.org.uk/development-work.



If you or your meeting would like to give funds to support any of these projects, please email us at contributions@quaker.org.uk.