



A future where... Quakers work collaboratively

We are well aware that we can't put the world to rights all by ourselves. We value the important work of others. By engaging with them we are already changing the world. We want to break down barriers; we refuse to prejudge who is or is not an ally.



A future where... Quakers are well known and widely understood

We are active in our local communities, reaching out in friendship, making more use of our meeting houses for events and for renting or lending out. All members are ready and equipped to explain our Quaker way confidently and clearly to anyone who asks, as well as to speak publicly on issues of concern. We share our practices as appropriate and make full use of relevant media to reach out widely. In an increasingly divided world, we try to offer 'patterns and examples' of a caring community.

A future where we let our lives speak.

Our faith in the future is a word picture of what Quakers in Britain today would like the Society to be like in the future; leaving each individual, meeting or committee free to discern where they are today and then decide on what actions they need to take to move their part of the yearly meeting towards this vision.

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To find out more go to www.quaker.org.uk/future or ask the clerk of your Quaker meeting.



Our faith in the future

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times, Quakers
in Britain seek a
future where...**

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A future where...
Meeting for worship
is the bedrock of
living as a Quaker

In worship we become one with the Spirit, with each other and with our true selves. The Spirit is the source of strength and guidance for all we are and do. Our way of worship is open to all, and we are making it more widely known.



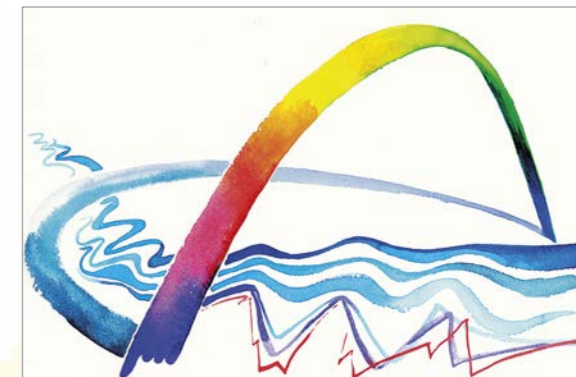
A future where...
Quaker communities
are loving, inclusive
and all-age

All are heard, valued and supported both in our needs and our leadings. Everyone's contribution is accepted according to their gifts and resources. All are welcomed and included. There are clear and effective ways of working together on shared concerns. Fellowship and fun strengthen the bonds between us, enhancing a loving community.



A future where...
All Friends
understand and live
by Quaker discipline

Our discipline is actually 'Letting go and letting God'; not 'Thou shalt' nor 'I will' but 'What does Love require of us?' It works when we understand it and practise it. Because we understand it, we can share it with others. Our testimony guides us, but we have to work on what it means for each of us personally.



A future where...
Quaker values are
active in the world

Our lives speak peace, equality, respect for the earth and all its inhabitants. We offer friendship to all and solidarity to the marginalised. We speak truth to power with love. We hold those in power in the Light. We find creative and nonviolent ways to get our message across. We are in this for the long haul; we're not afraid to take risks. We are called to live in the place where our 'deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet'.