

Our Work on Migration and with Migrants

Friends, Meetings and Quaker agencies and organisations around the world work towards the attainment of migration justice, bearing witness to the Quaker testimonies of peace and equality. Though our working methods may differ, the organisations that developed this statement are united by the shared vision expressed in A Quaker Statement on Migration.

American Friends Service Committee www.afsc.org

American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) supports the dignity and worth of all migrants and refugees through working in multiple countries to address the economic and political drivers of migration, supporting migrant and refugee communities, and strengthening movements for immigrant justice. The work of AFSC's immigration programs include legal services, training, human rights monitoring, humanitarian relief, immigrant-led organizing, and advocacy for humane immigration policies.

Britain Yearly Meeting www.quaker.org.uk

Quakers in Britain supports a network of almost 100 "Sanctuary Meetings", Quaker meetings which have made a commitment to welcome migrants and refugees in their local communities. We also work with, and on behalf of, British Quakers to campaign for a more just immigration system and to build alliances with groups opposing racism.

Friends Committee for National Legislation www.fcnl.org

The Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) supports and influences legislation and government action, including an immigration system that promotes and respects the rights, safety, and dignity of all immigrants, refugees, and migrants. We support openness to refugees, including those displaced by the climate crisis or severe economic conditions, victims of violence and human trafficking, populations made vulnerable by U.S. political or military interventions, and others seeking political asylum.

Quaker Council for European Affairs www.qcea.org

The Quaker Council for European Affairs' (QCEA) Human Rights programme seeks to enable the European policymaking sphere to address the fundamental inequalities that contribute to the marginalisation of people who migrate to Europe. QCEA promotes a nuanced approach to migration policy and people's needs, based on their humanity, individuality, and agency. Focusing on how human rights are experienced in practice, we bring a diverse range of people together to challenge the normalisation of dehumanising discourse and to disrupt deeply embedded hierarchies.

The Quaker United Nations Office www.quno.org

The Quaker United Nations Office's (QUNO) Human Rights and Refugees Programme works to develop, support, and use international law and multilateral processes to uphold the inherent worth of each of us. For example, by working with diplomats, NGOs, academics, and migrants to support the adoption of agreements that increase protection of migrants regardless of status.

Signing on to Support this Statement

This statement was developed by American Friends Service Committee, Britain Yearly Meeting, Friends Committee for National Legislation, Quaker Council for European Affairs and Quaker United Nations Office drawing on their Quaker foundations and work with migrants and on migration.

We encourage Meetings, Quaker organisations, and Friends' groups or associations to consider supporting the statement and signing on to it.

If your organisation, group or Meeting would like to sign on to support the statement or if you have questions about the statement or comments on it please email the Quaker UN Office's Human Rights and Refugees team:
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The list of supporting Meetings, groups and organisations will be updated monthly.