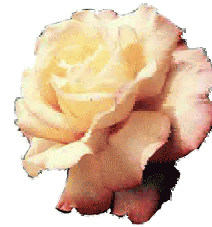




## QUNO Geneva

***“Peace begins within ourselves.  
It is to be implemented within the  
family, in our meetings, in our  
work and leisure, in our own  
localities, and internationally.  
The task will never be done. Peace  
is a process to engage in, not a  
goal to be reached.”***

*Sydney Bailey, 1993*



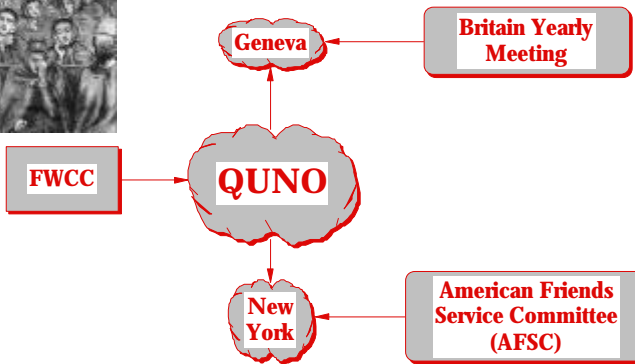
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# QUNO within the Quaker world



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## The UN and its work

**The UN has two major centres:  
Geneva and New York)**

**Geneva:** Conference on Disarmament, UNHCR, UNHCHR, Human Rights Commission, UNCTAD.

**New York:** Security Council, General Assembly meetings

**Other relevant institutions in Geneva:**

- World Trade Organisation (WTO)
- International Labour Organisation (ILO)
- International Committee of the Red Cross (ICCR)





## Quaker Work at the UN

**1925:** Friends concerned about the League of Nations.

**1948:** Both QUNO offices established: Work at QUNO is expression of Quakers commitment to peace, equality truth and simplicity.

**2002:** FWCC upgraded to general consultative status with the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) on behalf of QUNO.



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### Style of Work:



***‘Small circles and quiet processes’***

**Long term <sup>(Rufus Jones)</sup> building relationships.**

**Quaker House for “off the record” meetings.**

**Attendance at relevant UN meetings & events.**

**Collaborating with other NGOs.**

**Drafting reports on issues of concern to start debates inside and outside.**

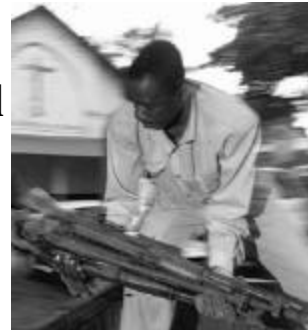
**Working with Quaker agencies worldwide.**

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## Programme Area I: Disarmament & Peace

- **Disarmament:** Nuclear, biological and conventional weapons.
- **Small Arms:** Reduction of supply and demand at regional and international levels.
- **Peace Building:** Promoting understanding of peace building in the UN and other humanitarian agencies.



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## Programme Area II: Human Rights & Refugees

- **Child Soldiers:** Prohibit the Use of children in armed conflicts.
- **Conscientious Objection to military service:** Promote and protect the right.
- **Internally Displaced Persons:** Enhance the rights of refugees and indigenous people.



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## Programme Area III: Trade & Development

- **Trade & Social Standards:** Ensure minimum conditions of labour in a global economy.
- **Trade & Intellectual Property:** Ensure farmers' right to seeds, affordable medicine (AIDS) for developing countries, ...
- **Trade & Environment:** Protect genetic global commons.



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## 'Achievements'

- **Landmines:** Behind the scenes work enabled the Ottawa Agreement.
- **Child Soldiers:** First to put the issue on the global agenda; first to recognize special needs of girl soldiers.
- **Access to medicine:** Facilitated stand alone agreement on access to affordable AIDS medicine at WTO ministerial in Doha.



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## Staff and Committee

- **Three programme staff .**
- **Administrator, Finance & development officer, Programme Assistant.**
- **Committee (Geneva):** Members from BYM and all four FWCC sections (**Africa, Americas, Asia&W-Pacific, Europe& Middle East**).



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## Where does the money come from?

- QUNO receives the core of its funding from **Britain Yearly Meeting.**
- QUNO also depends on contributions from **Other Yearly Meetings, Monthly Meetings and other Quaker bodies. Individual donors. Foundation and government grants for project work.**



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## Become involved!

- **Stay informed:** [www.quno.org](http://www.quno.org) offers electronic alerts for newsletters and other publications (some are also available in hard copy, including the 'Geneva Reporter' Quarterly).
- **Make a donation** - all donations to BYM, FWCC or directly to QUNO help us continue the work at QUNO.
- **Raise a concern** (via BYM/FWCC structure).
- **For young Friends:** Attend the Summer School, apply for post of Programme Assistant.

