



# QUNO Review

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Quaker House Geneva in spring

# Who we are

The Quaker United Nations Office, located in Geneva and New York, works to promote peace and justice at the United Nations and other global institutions. Our work is rooted in the practices, insights and concerns of the global community of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers).

QUNO is supported by the American Friends Service Committee, Britain Yearly Meeting, the worldwide community of Friends and other groups and individuals. It represents Friends World Committee for Consultation (Quakers), an international nongovernmental organization with General Consultative Status at the UN.

We work steadily to bring Quaker peace and justice concerns to international processes, focusing on the areas of peacebuilding and the prevention of violent conflict, human rights and refugees, and climate change.

We strive towards international standards and practices that enable and empower peaceful social, political and economic relationships. We are committed to supporting international processes that can build a safer, sustainable and more just world.

Our work is rooted in the Quaker testimonies of peace, truth, justice, equality and simplicity. We understand peace as not only the absence of war and violence, but the need to look for what seeds of war there may be in all our social, political and economic relationships. Quakers recognize the equal worth of every person, and Quaker work strives to be an outward expression of these values, living faith through actions rather than through words.

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New York colleagues, clockwise from top left: Andrew Tomlinson, Mireille Evagora-Campbell, Elisabeth Halliday-Quan, Megan Schmidt, Rachel Madenyika. (Not pictured: Jędrzej Nowe)



Geneva colleagues, Back row, from left: Laurel Townhead, Rene Lejeune, Luca Motta, Jonathan Woolley, Middle row, from left: Susan Sprague Parachini, Justine Taylor, Cassidy McKenna, Front row, from left: Florence Foster, Lindsey Fielder Cook



Clockwise from top left: Laurel Townhead and other panellists at a side event held during the adoption of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration in Marrakech; Andrew Tomlinson speaking at the Peacebuilding Commission's annual session; Lindsey Fielder Cook and Justine Taylor at the COP24 climate change negotiations in Katowice, Poland; Vivienne Che and Elisabeth Halliday-Quan at the Programme Assistant reunion; QUNO Directors meet in London with leaders of other Quaker agencies; Staff introduce 2018 summer school participants to QUNO's work in Geneva.

# A message from our Directors



The big conversations that our global family needs to have in these challenging times require integrated and cross-cutting thinking, thinking that moves beyond the fragmented and narrow approaches that all too frequently contribute to the problems they are meant to solve. It is timely, then, that a core theme of current United Nations reforms is to break down the “silos” that separate different strands of UN work, bringing together its different pillars and seeking system wide coherence.

In recent years, the QUNO offices have focused on exploring the synergies between different areas of programme work. How can one consider, for example, peacebuilding in Africa without taking climate change into account, or work on migration without a human rights lens? This has led to more collaboration within our programmes based in New York and Geneva and also across the Atlantic, with a deepening partnership between our representatives as they explore ways in which their different perspectives can be merged to create a richer whole.

Through this more holistic lens, we also more accurately understand the experience of local communities around the world who are suffering violence, injustice and exclusion. We find that our ability to “connect the dots” across themes means that QUNO’s trusted voice in quiet diplomacy is particularly appreciated and effective on issues such as climate change, building sustainable peace, migration and human rights.

Our ability to take a more integrated approach is based on our long experience of working in multilateral settings, our deep roots in core Quaker values, and the readiness of our governance bodies to discern deeply and then move boldly into new areas as opportunities emerge and ways open.

Against this background of challenges and opportunities, we thank you for your continuing encouragement and support.

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**Andrew Tomlinson**  
Director, QUNO New York

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**Jonathan Woolley**  
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# How we work

## Bringing people together:

*Providing space for informal dialogue*

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QUNO often works behind the scenes, building trust by bringing together people from a range of backgrounds including diplomats, UN officials, staff of non-governmental organizations, academics, experts and practitioners. By creating space for quiet dialogue, we help shape UN and other international priorities, and we bring attention to issues that are not yet on the international agenda. The reputation and atmosphere of our Quaker Houses allows for the emergence of more reflective and inclusive responses to difficult issues; ideas which might not be heard in more formal settings. The scale of international negotiations can feel challenging, but the trusting environment we provide, informed by Quaker methods, remains key to our work.

## Engaging UN institutions:

*Building awareness and advancing key peace and justice agendas*

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The strength of QUNO's work also lies in our long-term persistence. Through perseverance, we have helped to change attitudes, create new understandings, and develop new standards. For example, our work on child soldiers led to the topic being put on the UN agenda for the first time. Through our attention to disarmament, landmines and small arms issues, we have underlined the destabilizing impact of the weapons of war. We have helped shape UN priorities for peacebuilding on the ground, upholding the value of reconciliation and dialogue across all societies. Our work on the Sustainable Development Goals led to a global and universal commitment to foster peace, justice and inclusion as a fundamental component of humanitarian and development objectives.

QUNO Summer School 2018



## Research and publications:

*Developing an evidence base and identifying good practices*

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QUNO produces an extensive range of specialist publications. We are recognized as a catalyst, partnering with others to harness their expertise and knowledge, particularly from beyond the UN system, and bringing these insights to the attention of policymakers, often providing it in a more accessible form. We have leading expertise on many areas including peacebuilding, conscientious objection to military service, and the situation of women prisoners and children of prisoners. In our work on climate justice and food security we bring attention to the human impacts, stressing the importance of equity and sustainability. For a list of our recent publications, see page 27.

## Engaging young people:

*Involving Quakers and others from around the world*

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QUNO is committed to supporting the engagement of young people in this work. Both the New York and Geneva offices host paid one-year Programme Assistant positions, providing a unique capacity-building experience for young professionals interested in multilateral policy formation. Many go on to work in the areas of human rights, disarmament, peacebuilding, development and diplomacy. In addition, every July since 1955, QUNO Geneva has hosted a Summer School, giving around twenty-five young people an opportunity to learn more about the UN and QUNO's work there.

New York PAs: Louice Lomas, Evie McCullough, Grace Ishimwe and Mireille Evagora-Campbell at the UN





2018 summer school participants observe the Human Rights Council in Geneva

## Opportunities for young adults

QUNO serves as a catalyst for building future generations of world citizens through our programmes for young people based in our New York and Geneva offices. Through these exciting and dynamic opportunities, QUNO works with young Friends and others sympathetic with Quaker values to build their capacities and skills on peace and justice work at the UN. These transformative experiences then help inform and shape the path forward for participants as they take the next steps in their career development.

### Programme Assistants

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The Programme Assistant (PA) position provides a unique opportunity for young professionals to live and work in New York or Geneva in a paid training position for one year and contribute to QUNO's work while building their capacity and experience working directly with QUNO's Representatives. The position provides PAs with an informal extension to their education in international issues, supporting their growth and development as they work with us. We offer a wide range of experience – everything that arises in our offices: attending UN meetings, representing QUNO, conversing with and listening to professional partners, report writing, research, quiet diplomacy, event planning and routine administration. We strive to foster an environment that allows PAs to build their skills in operating in a high-level policy context. Through this initiative, we have played a role in the professional development of well over 200 young people.

### New York Quaker Alumni Network

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2018 saw the establishment of QUNO New York's Quaker Alumni Network – a network for past PAs to stay connected with QUNO and each other, as well as to provide guidance



Current and former PAs gather for the first Programme Assistant reunion in New York

and professional support amongst members. This exciting development followed the office's first ever PA reunion, held in June as part of the American Friends Service Committee's centennial celebrations. The reunion, convened at Quaker House in New York, brought together past PAs from the UK, Ireland, the USA, China, France, and Zimbabwe, representing a wide array of career paths, including law, diplomacy, policy campaigning and advocacy, leadership facilitation and peacebuilding. With the launch of this Network, past PAs can now come together to stay informed on and engaged with QUNO's work, as well as with their fellow Programme Assistants throughout the world.

## Geneva Summer School

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The Quaker United Nations Summer School has been held every year since 1955 and, we estimate, has over 1200 alumni. It provides the opportunity for a group of about 25 participants, age range approximately 20 to 26, to come together to learn more about Quaker work at the international level, and to witness the United Nations in action, as part of a dynamic 12-day residential programme. In a typical year, participants come from some 12 different countries on all continents. The programme, which is planned and implemented by QUNO Geneva PAs under senior staff guidance, is grounded in QUNO Geneva's work, with a focus on peace, disarmament, human rights, migration, and climate change. Participants observe sessions within the United Nations, meet and speak with diplomats, UN agency staff and civil society leaders, and engage in facilitated dialogue with like-minded peers about the issues that are most pertinent for our global community today. Each year, several participants tell us that this short but intensive experience has given them clarity about their future aims in life and work, as well as new friends from throughout the world. Participants we meet from decades ago often confirm that the same was true for them.



Artwork at the UN conference to adopt the Global Compact for Migration in Marrakech, Morocco

## Human rights and refugees

The Human Rights and Refugees programme is motivated by a simple belief in the inherent worth of each and every individual. By making the concerns of marginalized people the centre of our work, we seek to bring their often under-acknowledged experiences into the light in UN spaces. We endeavour to use our presence to support States in strengthening human rights standards so that frontline organizations, and marginalized communities themselves, can harness these standards to limit suffering, protect lives and challenge the root causes of injustice. In 2018, we focused on the human rights of migrants, the children of incarcerated parents, and the children of parents sentenced to death or executed.

We were thrilled to see the latest Human Rights Committee General Comment on the

Right to Life (No.36) include authoritative guidance that States should refrain from executing “parents to very young or dependent children”. We hope this will foster a State-level recognition of the devastation of parental execution on children and inspire effective policy change in this area. In 2019, we will seek to harness the World Congress against the Death Penalty and the World Day against the Death Penalty to gain further recognition and action on the rights of children of parents sentenced to death or executed.

We also continued work on the right to conscientious objection to military service, including working with others on amicus interventions in strategic litigation. One such constitutional court case was decided in 2018, paving the way for recognition



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of conscientious objection to military service and an end to the incarceration of conscientious objectors in that country. In 2019, we shall work further on closing the gap between international norms and national practices.

As 2018 came to a close, we were in Marrakech for the adoption of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration. The Compact is the first UN agreement to seek to address all aspects of migration. Given the political climate on the issue of migration, we do not underestimate the significance of this agreement, which puts people at the centre of migration policy and has human rights as a guiding principle. Its adoption is the conclusion of a two-year consultation and negotiation process that QUNO has been actively engaged in, working alongside States, UN agencies and civil society. We have worked to support an ambitious, effective and human rights based Global Compact. We firmly believe

that it is indeed ambitious and that it is grounded in human rights, and we look forward to continuing to work to promote its effectiveness.

To support future implementation of the Compact, in Marrakech we launched *Foundations for Implementation*, a new publication compiling existing guidance from the human rights system and connecting it to the objectives of the Global Compact. This publication seeks to demonstrate that States are not on their own in the implementation and that they are not starting from scratch. It highlights the role that the UN's independent human rights experts can play in guiding concrete actions to defend the human rights of people on the move. Our work will now focus on the link between the UN and national implementation.



Florence Foster (left) and panelists at an event during Geneva Peace Week 2018

## Peace and disarmament

Building peaceful and inclusive societies requires closer collaboration among all stakeholders—not least between all three pillars of the UN: peace and security, human rights, and development. However, a lack of communication, understanding and cooperation between the UN pillars that are mirrored in the broader system has led to contradictory approaches and missed opportunities to prevent human rights violations, avoid destructive conflict or rebuild sustainable peace in war torn countries.

This is why in the Peace and Disarmament programme we are working to encourage a more holistic and integrated approach between peacebuilding and human rights actors on the ground and throughout the UN system. In 2018, we continued work begun

in 2017 that considered the peacebuilding potential of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR), a regular examination in Geneva of the human rights performance of all 193 UN Member States. In practice, this meant supporting peacebuilding actors in delivering their reports to the UPR process and bringing their findings into discussions with diplomats who make recommendations.

Over the year, these discussions have reached other departments of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, and also other UN peace and security actors in New York. This is a welcome sign that we are on the right path towards greater acknowledgement that human rights are relevant to the prevention of violent conflict and the restoration of sustainable peace.



Lisa Schirch/U.S. Institute of Peace



Florence Foster



Isobel Edwards



Luca Motta

In the wake of numerous geo-political changes and set-backs in international nuclear disarmament discussions, we have been exploring ways in which we can help build trust and hopefully inspire the creativity necessary for positive change. This year, one pathway has been to develop informal and off-the-record spaces where respect and open-dialogue can foster trusted conversation on nuclear disarmament. In public spaces, we facilitated debates on these issues during the Preparatory Committee for the 2020 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, and during Geneva Peace Week.

Another path we are pursuing is to connect human rights, the private sector and disarmament stakeholders working on arms control and disarmament. We have been hosting off-the-record discussions between these groups to share arms control strategies and opportunities,

and to help build awareness and understanding between civil society and the arms industry.



Rescue teams evacuate people from their homes after flooding in Carlisle, UK

## Human impacts of climate change

QUNO views climate change as a peace and justice concern, recognizing that all our QUNO programmes are affected by rising global temperatures and other environmental crises driven by human activities. We aim to strengthen urgent international “rights-based” climate policies, that is, those centred on people and nature, to help protect the most vulnerable communities now, and all future generations. In all our work we stress personal and political responsibility to address the root causes of climate change, including transformation of those climate change drivers that are related to unsustainable lifestyles, over-consumption and unsustainable economic systems.

This is our seventh year of quiet diplomacy at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

negotiations, bringing together diverse groups of countries for off-the-record dinners focused on sensitive negotiation issues. In 2018, we held dinners during UNFCCC negotiations in Bonn and Bangkok. We also organized several side events with representatives from the science, Indigenous, diplomatic and faith communities to explore innovative ideas for urgent climate action and greater international solidarity.

To support negotiators engaging with their respective governments back home, we published a second edition of *A Negotiator’s Toolkit for Urgent Climate Action*, and a companion toolkit for government officials, which included the latest climate science research and climate effects on gender, poverty, and environmental discrimination,



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concluding with a list of the most effective actions we can take to stabilize global temperature rise. At the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), we encourage sufficient research on the role of sustainable human behaviour in reducing greenhouse gas emissions. This year QUNO was an expert reviewer of the historic IPCC Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5C, and we were present in South Korea for the adoption of the Report's Summary for Policy Makers. Our interventions influenced the final summary text, highlighting important findings on reducing greenhouse gas emissions through sustainable land use, lower material consumption, sustainable economic models and less resource-intensive diets.

At the Human Rights Council in March 2018, we explored how global recognition of a right to a healthy environment could result in greater environmental protection. We also published a paper on the link between decentralized renewable energy systems and

peacebuilding, and held two side events at the UN with diplomats and civil society on business and human rights, and on conflict prevention, in relation to climate change.

We give talks to Quaker and other grassroots communities to help connect local climate change efforts with international developments, and maintain [quakersandclimatechange.com](http://quakersandclimatechange.com) to document individual, community, national and international Quakers activities on climate change and sustainable livelihoods.

In all our work, we seek to help empower people and decision makers in transforming those human activities which feed current environmental crises. The root causes of these crises are related, be they climate change, ocean acidification, soil erosion, chemical pollution or species extinction. Multilateral efforts can make a positive difference, helping to guide States and to empower people to be part of the healing.



The UN Security Council considers Peacebuilding and Sustaining Peace

# Peacebuilding and the prevention of violent conflict

Recent years have witnessed a revolutionary shift at the global level in the understanding of and approaches to peace, including: the adoption of the 2030 Agenda, which places peace at the heart of development; the Sustaining Peace Resolutions, which reaffirm the centrality of peacebuilding and prevention for the UN; the release of Pathways for Peace by the UN and World Bank, which focuses on the role of inclusion and addressing grievances; and the release of the Youth Progress Study, a report upturning the narrative on and policies around youth, peace and security.

In addition, the UN Secretary-General is seeking to reform the UN so that it can more meaningfully live into its mission and mandate. Amidst such change, QUNO

continues to foster a UN dedicated to peace, working to bring outside perspectives to this body – including the views of those most impacted by violence and fragility.

## Bridging national capacities for conflict prevention

The UN Secretary-General has put his commitment to the prevention agenda front and center, building on the dynamic emphases on peace and prevention that have emerged from within the UN. To this end, the Civil Society-UN Prevention Platform (the Platform), of which QUNO serves as a co-facilitator, continued its engagement in discussions, assessment and analysis on how to support and partner with the UN,



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acknowledging that local, national and international civil society actors are at the forefront of preventive efforts in situations impacted most by violent conflict. In 2018, the Platform focused on how it can foster strategic discussions on practically improving UN prevention capacities. This included hosting impactful meetings at Quaker House that brought together UN, Member State and civil society colleagues for off the record and strategic discussions on pressing issues facing prevention. For instance, a few weeks after the High Level Political Forum, the UN platform for reviewing the 2030 Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), QUNO, together with the Platform, provided a timely opportunity for the UN community to discuss innovative ways of doing prevention within the framework of the SDGs. Participants agreed that for prevention to be successful, it must be both permanent and intentional, and carried out far in advance of the onset of a conflict. QUNO will continue its co-facilitation of

this dynamic Platform and looks forward to convening these valued meetings for the UN community in 2019.

Work in 2018 also included partnership with the UNDP/DPA Joint Programme for Building National Capacities for Conflict Prevention on a new and innovative pilot project working with the Peace and Development Advisors (PDAs) and focusing on the areas of capacity-building, knowledge management and learning, and network strengthening. As part of the pilot program

the Platform will facilitate partnership between PDAs and local practitioners, and support both PDA and national capacities for prevention, including in the areas of mediation, early warning, human rights, and inclusivity. QUNO will continue enhancing the partnership between the Civil Society-UN Prevention Platform and the Joint Programme to work together to fulfil our shared goals of strengthening community engagement, and further developing prevention capacity at local, national and international levels.

## Strengthening UN peacebuilding through inclusion

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Ensuring open space for civil society organizations (CSOs) is at the heart of sustaining peace. This is the case for institutions like the UN, which is made stronger when civil society voices are included. In 2018, QUNO continued to work to foster spaces for civil society to influence the UN's peacebuilding policy and practice. Most notably, this included working with the New York Peacebuilding Group (NYPG), an informal network of peacebuilding organizations, to convene the only spaces for civil society dialogue and exchange on the sidelines of the High-Level Event on Peacebuilding and Sustaining Peace (HLE). The HLE was a

much-anticipated UN gathering of heads of state, and which brought CSOs from throughout the world to attend. Seeing an opportunity to engage with civil society peacebuilders, QUNO and NYPG held strategic networking and reflective discussions at Quaker House. These conversations provided the only civil society-led spaces to share experiences and challenges for peacebuilding and reflect on the HLE's impact on peace globally. QUNO looks forward to working with our peacebuilding partners to support relationship building and experience sharing to inform UN policy.

## Building knowledge to build peace

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QUNO's programming seeks a UN that addresses key drivers of violence and supports change through peaceful means, while including a diversity of voices in policymaking. Meeting this goal means that those working in the UN system, including diplomats, must have skills and knowledge in developing peacebuilding policy, and understand what peace looks like in practice. Recognizing how important such knowledge and capacity is, QUNO led

innovative programming to support further understanding amongst diplomats on what peacebuilding entails and how the UN can and is supporting the building of peace. Convening a workshop for members of the UN's Peacebuilding Commission (PBC), the central UN body focused on peacebuilding, QUNO provided space for strengthening member knowledge of peacebuilding, identifying strategies to build on progress made and address challenges to the UN's

peacebuilding work. This informal and off the record space allowed for sharing experiences to advance the UN's peace agenda and consider how they as Member States can work individually and collectively

to impact change. Building off this success, QUNO will carry out more initiatives in 2019 to support the peacebuilding capacities of diplomats as they seek to uphold the UN in its peace work.

## Looking forward

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In 2019, we will begin to see early signs of how the new peace frameworks are working in practice, with the first formal review of key goals, such as SDG 16 (the Peace goal), the quadrennial 2030 Agenda Summit, the start of the review of the UN Peacebuilding Architecture, and implementation of the

UN reforms, among others. QUNO looks forward to seeing how this shift to peace and prevention results in impactful change at the country level and in how policy decisions are made, and stands ready to accompany UN efforts for long-term, sustainable peace.

QUNO staff with Club de Madrid members, and UN and World Bank officials





Participants at QUNO's annual gathering on "What's Next in Peacebuilding?"



Andrew Tomlinson



Megan Schmidt



Grace Ishimwe

## Catalyzing peacebuilding approaches at the UN

In June, QUNO hosted its annual peacebuilders retreat at Quaker House, which provided a space for mutually beneficial dialogue with global peacebuilding partners. Using Quaker approaches and working methods, this gathering allowed for communal reflection and sharing of insights around upcoming peacebuilding challenges – particularly in respect of international peacebuilding policy work. This year's discussion centered on articulating the core issues and messages of peacebuilding; with refocused global attention on issues of peacebuilding and prevention, are we any closer to identifying a core set of ideas and approaches that can help us to prioritize our actions, our advocacy and our investments?

Participants affirmed that, at its heart, peacebuilding is about people and the relationships between them, and that moving from "less peace" to "more peace" is a generational and non-linear experience. Participants shared insights into the "how" of peacebuilding, raising the importance of inclusive, reflective and transformative activities.

We have been encouraged to see participants and others use the group reflections as a source for inspiration and advocacy ideas, and look forward to next year's retreat where we can build upon collective efforts to foster global peace.



The Great Wall of China  
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## A decade of China work

QUNO continued its quiet diplomacy work with a broad range of UN Member States, particularly emerging powers such as China. China is playing a much more visible and vocal role in regional security institutions across the Asia-Pacific region and has become a host of major international organizations. Chinese academics and UN actors are actively seeking to fill gaps in global governance. This area of work remains a priority as QUNO believes that global cooperation in the areas of peacebuilding and prevention requires engagement by all; a shifting world stage demands that QUNO reach out to new actors.

Leveraging the work of prior years, QUNO, together with the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC), connected with many of China's top experts on the UN and found great openness to and engagement around questions of China's role within UN led prevention efforts. QUNO will further develop collaborative work with AFSC and looks forward to building linkages with Chinese academics, policy advisors and practitioners to broaden their understanding of the UN's work, as well as the UN's understanding of Chinese perspectives.

# Other Quaker work at the UN

## Canadian Friends Service Committee

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The Canadian Friends Service Committee (CFSC) continued its role as the lead on Indigenous peoples' rights for Friends at the UN, in partnership with Indigenous peoples and Quakers around the world.

CFSC's Indigenous rights work is guided by the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. We have actively engaged with efforts for implementation of the Declaration with our participation at the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. In Canada, we worked on the progression of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act, which, if passed, will set a

global standard in legislative frameworks for implementation. The Outcome Document of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples called on all states to implement the UN Declaration in their countries, including through National Action Plans.

CFSC also monitors other international forums as they deal with the rights of Indigenous Peoples, such as human rights treaty bodies and the UPR. When working in New York and Geneva, CFSC is grateful for the support of the QUNO offices. Indigenous Peoples and Member State representatives appreciate the space Friends provide for substantive, creative, and productive discussion.

## FWCC Representatives to the UN Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

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Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) works for the reform of justice systems throughout the world, seeking a system of justice which promotes personal responsibility, mutual understanding and healing. FWCC representatives and QUNO staff regularly attend the UN Crime Congresses and sessions of the

United Nations Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in Vienna, meeting with and advising criminal justice professionals, government officials and delegates on issues such as restorative justice, the children of imprisoned parents and women prisoners.

## Quaker Earthcare Witness

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Quaker Earthcare Witness (QEW), based in North America, is accredited to attend meetings of the UN's Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), climate negotiations (UNFCCC) and environment agency (UNEP) based on concern for how we live on and care for the Earth. QEW's mission at the UN is to learn and report back to its constituencies on what is happening

internationally and to provide educational programming at the UN in these areas of concern. This broadens Friends' knowledge and helps Quakers discern what actions they may be led to take in a global context. QEW works with other Quaker groups, ecumenical and interfaith groups, and other civil society organizations. *Visit [quakerearthcare.org](http://quakerearthcare.org) for more information.*

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# Quaker United Nations Committees

## Quaker United Nations Committee Geneva

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**In 2018, members were as follows:**

**For FWCC:** Chris Allan, Charles Berahino, Gretchen Castle, Betty Pulido, Carolan Redfearn, Holly Spencer

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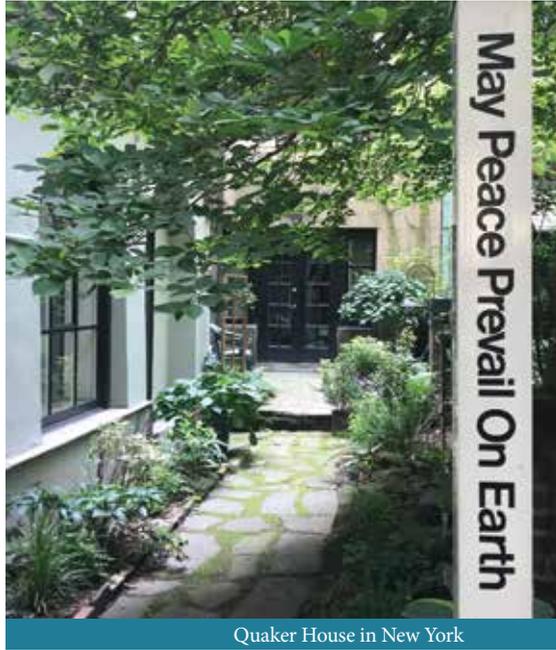
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### Bank transfer and cheque

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