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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. In New York we focus on thematic and country-based issues to increase global commitment to the UN's role as a promoter of peace. Our

Geneva office focuses on the areas of human rights and refugees, peace and disarmament, sustainable and just economic systems, and the human impacts of 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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QUNO Geneva staff from left to right: Susan Sprague (former staff), Sophie Naeye, William Nsondo, Andres Naranjo, Yasmin Beldjelti, Nozizwe Madlala-Routledge, Laurel Townhead, Alana Marie Carlson, Yazeed Kamaldien. Front row: Sabrina Mignone, Lindsey Fielder Cook.



Florence Foster
QUNO Geneva staff



New Programme Assistants who joined the QUNO Geneva office in late 2023, from left to right: Anna Aguto, Chatrina Schumacher and Maria Kamenias.



New York staff from left to right: Kavita Desai, Nyeri Otero Flanagan, Sarah Clarke, Daulton Beck, Natalie Dewar.



Clockwise from top left: Lindsey Fielder Cook and Anna Aguto at COP28 held in late 2023; Laurel Townhead with QUNO allies at the International Day of Women in Diplomacy event in Geneva; Florence Foster moderating a panel at Geneva Peace Week meets New York; Sarah Clarke presents QUNO work with Friends from Asia West Pacific in Hong Kong; Students visit QUNO NY on International Peace Day 2023; QUNO staff and committee members gather to celebrate QUNO's 75th anniversary.

A Message from our Directors



For QUNO, 2023 was a year of pronounced juxtapositions.

QUNO's 75th anniversary offered an opportunity for celebration and reflection on significant accomplishments. It coincided with the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and we were excited to see achievements within the United Nations (UN).

At the same time, we joined others in expressing our deep frustration and concern when great powers blocked the UN from taking necessary action. This included Russia's termination of the Black Sea Grain Initiative, and repeated vetoes by the United States that prevented the UN Security Council from ordering a lasting ceasefire in Gaza.

In 2024, one of our highlights will be participating in the Quaker World Plenary

Meeting in Johannesburg, South Africa. It will provide an opportunity to connect with the great diversity of Friends on whose behalf we work at the UN. Otherwise, we survey the challenges ahead with concern.

We remain convinced that the principles of international cooperation and respect for human dignity, enshrined in the UN Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, are essential today, just as they were when they were adopted. We will continue our efforts to ensure these institutions do the work they were created for. At the same time, we are encouraged by reform efforts designed to make these institutions more representative and responsive to today's realities.

The voices of citizens from around the world who push their governments to live up to their commitments fill us with hope and inspiration. As Duncan Wood observed in his 1962 Swarthmore Lecture, "The most potent political consideration favouring the observance of conventions is the pressure of a public opinion ready to remind governments of the obligations which they have voluntarily undertaken and to insist that a nation's true interest coincides with its international responsibility."

To this end, QUNO remains committed to upholding the Quaker values of equality, peace and truth at the UN.

Sarah Clarke
Director, QUNO New York

Nozizwe Madlala-Routledge
Director, QUNO Geneva

How we work

Bringing people together by connecting processes and policy:

Providing space for informal dialogue

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, sharing 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

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.

Research and publications:

Developing an evidence base and identifying good practices

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 change and economic systems, we bring attention to the human impacts, stressing the importance of equity and sustainability. For a list of our recent publications, see pages 26-27.

Engaging young people:

Involving Quakers and others from around the world

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.

QUNO New York PAs, Nyeri Otero Flanagan and Natalie Dewar in front of the UN Headquarters





Maria Kamenias participates with QUNO stakeholders in a meeting on conscientious objection.

Human Rights and Refugees

QUNO's Human Rights and Refugees (HRR) programme works with, through and for international law and multilateral processes that honour the inherent dignity of every member of our human family. Progress can feel slow and hard, especially in the current global context, but QUNO draws strength from its Quaker grounding to create, catalyse and inform change.

Dehumanisation of migrants is a critical challenge to the dignity and humanity of all. QUNO works with United Nations (UN) Member States, UN entities, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and crucially with migrants themselves to build towards its vision of migration justice.

In its work to uphold the human rights of migrants QUNO's priorities in 2023 were

ending border violence, centring migrant expertise and experience and building human rights-based migration governance.

Coordinating with other NGOs, QUNO led a call for the UN Human Rights Council to establish a monitoring mechanism to track deaths and other serious human rights violations at international borders. This was joined by over 200 organisations and echoed by the Special Rapporteur for human rights of migrants.

Working with UN Member States QUNO supported and advocated for a Human Rights Council resolution on prevention and accountability for human rights violations at borders. In this resolution, governments recommitted to safeguarding the human rights of migrants in transit,



Laurel Townhead



Yasmin Beldjelti



Maria Kamenias

preventing pushbacks, and enhancing pathways for safe migration.

Engaging with migrant advocates from around the world QUNO facilitated a dialogue (with diplomats), alongside the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung. This inclusive dialogue created space for migrants and diplomats to combine their expertise on matters of safe migration and meaningful participation. Ideas shared in this gathering continue to shape QUNO's work into 2024.

QUNO will redouble efforts to help create more platforms for migrants' own expertise and experience to be part of all relevant decision making and to seek means through multilateralism to build political will to end dehumanisation on the basis of migration status.

As violent conflict continues to threaten life and dignity, QUNO seeks to uphold the rights of those who refuse military service because their conscience calls them. The importance of upholding the right to conscientious objection to military service during times of war as well as peace was highlighted in a workshop led by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. QUNO supported the preparation of this workshop including sharing information with conscientious objectors to enable their participation.

QUNO looks ahead to 2024 and will build on the stepping stones advocated for to better enable a world where the rights and dignity of all are honoured.



United Nations
Climate Change



COP28 UAE

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Lindsey Fielder Cook (seated on the left in this picture) representing Quakers at COP28

Human Impacts of Climate Change

QUNO's Human Impacts of Climate Change (HICC) programme works across a range of international processes, including the climate change negotiations, the international climate science body, and the Human Rights Council.

QUNO approaches climate change as a peace and justice concern. It also promotes global policies that can healthily transform unsustainable energy, economic and industrial agricultural activities which are driving existential threat levels of global heating, and related planetary crises.

Quakers are the only active, independent faith-based observer at the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and are often called the 'ethical voice in the room.' As expert reviewers and active in negotiations, QUNO

protects IPCC findings from political efforts to weaken scientific language on urgent, healthy, equitable, rights-based, and available-at-scale climate action.

QUNO collates critical IPCC findings from the 6th Assessment Report (AR6) into publications for government officials as well as publications for local community climate action. This year QUNO translated its latest Government Official's Toolkit into Arabic and Spanish, distributing hundreds of copies to negotiators at United Nations (UN) meetings. These were the only visible Arabic translations of the AR6 available in the Conference of Parties, COP28, in Dubai.

In the last year, QUNO published several articles in leading global publications on the theme, "what we learned from the IPCC, and what we learned about ourselves".



Lindsey Fielder Cook



Alana Marie
Carlson



Anna Aguto

QUNO prepared numerous submissions to UN reports, grounded in IPCC scientific findings on existential need for urgent, transformative climate action, and on risks of geo-engineering reliance which fail to address root causes and often create new risks for people and nature.

QUNO organised and spoke at a range of side events and press conferences relating to the role of money and power, military spending and emissions, and interfaith climate action. Its side event at the COP28 included expert voices on Indigenous Peoples rights, Human Rights, Youth, sustainable energy, economic and farming efforts, and geo-engineering reliance risks.

All QUNO's work is grounded in quiet diplomacy. QUNO marked its 10th year gathering climate change negotiators for

off-the-record discussions to promote communication and understanding between a diverse group of countries.

In Geneva, QUNO created safe spaces where diplomats, UN and civil society voices shared ideas on how to strengthen international action and heard from climate scientists speak more personally on the urgency before us.

Finally, QUNO talks with communities worldwide, seeking to connect grassroots action with empowering international efforts. QUNO was honored to be part of a global coalition of civil society organisations, Indigenous Peoples, social movements, and local communities, which received the 2023 UN Human Rights Award for their work on “the universal recognition of the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment”.

GENEVA PEACE WEEK 2023

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Florence Foster participating in a panel discussion at the 10th anniversary edition of Geneva Peace Week

Peace and Disarmament

QUNO's work on Peace and Disarmament is rooted in its collective resistance to all wars and preparations for war, and an understanding that peace is fundamentally linked with human rights, social and economic justice, and political participation.

QUNO's work in 2023 has continued focusing on highlighting interlinkages between human rights and sustainable peace and the negative impacts to people and communities where arms are present.

To address these concerns, QUNO has facilitated regular informal conversations on arms-related risks to human rights and related responsibilities of the arms sector with diplomats and expert discussants over the years. This

momentum building was particularly valuable leading up to the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) 9th Conference of States Parties (CSP9), as industry engagement was its annual theme. QUNO helped ensure the inclusion of normative language on corporate responsibility and the recognition of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. QUNO also advocated for and facilitated a session on the role of investors in the arms sector and how they could be an entry point for fostering responsible business conduct, during the first annual seminar of the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform's (GPP) community on Business and Conflict. QUNO will continue building on these stepping stones in 2024 ahead of CSP10 and an intersessional seminar at the Human Rights Council on arms transfers.



Florence Foster



Sabrina Mignone



Chatrina Schumacher

QUNO also continued working on strengthening conflict prevention through human rights. As a member of the GPP and ahead of the 2024 Summit of the Future, QUNO led on the human rights discussion during consultations on the UN Secretary-General's New Agenda for Peace in Geneva.

QUNO also participated in a panel on A Rights-Based Approach to Conflict Prevention at the 10th Anniversary of Geneva Peace Week and facilitated a panel on Promoting Human Rights and Inclusive Societies in New York. Throughout these engagements, QUNO emphasised the vital need to take an intersectional approach to peacebuilding and to enhance institutional collaboration between the peace and security and human rights pillars of

the UN. These public events were also informed by QUNO's most recent publication outlining special procedures of the HRC's contribution to preventing destructive conflict and human rights violations.

The Peace and Disarmament programme also engages in other topics, including private military companies and the arms sector, as well as the impact of new technologies on warfare. These remain exploratory pathways of interest to the team.

To ensure QUNO continues reaching a wide audience, it published two introductory booklets to its work, to be disseminated throughout 2024.



Andrés Naranjo (pictured second from right in the front row) in Nairobi, Kenya, with other stakeholders working on an international treaty to end plastic pollution globally

Sustainable and Just Economic Systems

In 2023, QUNO continued to tackle the complex challenges posed by plastic pollution and inequitable economic systems. Anchored in our mission to reshape economic paradigms, we emphasized reimagining economic models, scrutinizing the nexus between trade and environmental sustainability, highlighting the issues around environmentally harmful subsidies, and championing retrospective justice.

A significant aspect of our work involved active participation in the negotiations at the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) sessions. Our involvement here was critical in calling for a holistic approach to an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution. We made substantial efforts to advocate for sustainable alternatives to

plastics, focusing on regulations that consider the social and environmental damage caused by plastic pollution.

Collaborative research and strategic submissions formed a cornerstone of our activities. In partnership with the Universities of Bradford and Cambridge, we produced cutting edge research on “Trade and Plastics” in Southeast Asia, informed by realities on the ground. This work, alongside our submissions to the INC sessions, focused on advocating for the cessation of plastic subsidies and the promotion of reuse and alternative strategies, underpinning our commitment to practical, equitable solutions. Our partnership with the BlackQuaker Project has inspired our work on retrospective justice, which challenges economies of racial exploitation and slavery. This partnership has evolved into work at



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the UN Human Rights Council Permanent Forum on People of African Descent.

Our internship programme, involving four Rotary scholarship research associates from the University of Bradford, was a testament to our investment in collaborative work and nurturing new talent and informing our work from the lived experience. The collaborative research contributed significantly across our thematic areas, from exploring trade policies in plastic waste management to formulating strategies around environmentally harmful subsidies and retrospective justice.

We are grateful for the significant funding from the Sir James Reckitt Charity. This financial support ensures our continued impact into 2024 and beyond. Furthermore, our partnerships with organisations such as Break Free From Plastic Pollution (BFFP), and the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) have been instrumental in extending our reach and influence.

Our commitment to nurturing strategic partnerships and networks will continue. These collaborations are vital in amplifying our collective impact in the effort to end plastic pollution. Additionally, we plan to expand our internship programme, bringing fresh perspectives that enrich our advocacy and research work. We will build on our partnerships with Quakers worldwide who continue to inspire our work and provide much needed financial and spiritual support.

2023 has been a year of notable progress, overcoming challenges, and the unwavering dedication of our team and partners. As we step into 2024, QUNO remains dedicated to leading the charge in advocating for sustainable and just economic systems globally, continuing our journey towards a more equitable and environmentally sustainable future. There is an opportunity to take this work forward in August 2024 at the FWCC World Plenary Meeting hosted by Southern Africa Yearly Meeting.



Strengthening the UN to Build Lasting Peace

In New York, all of QUNO's work aims to strengthen the ability of the UN to fulfill the vision of lasting peace laid out in the UN Charter. This overarching strategy is firmly rooted in the Quaker commitment to non-violence, and the belief in the inherent worth and dignity of each human being. In this effort, QUNO works closely with UN diplomats, officials, and civil society partners, often using Quaker House to convene briefings and discussions, and build relationships and trust. In keeping with Quaker practice, an essential aspect of QUNO's approach involves uplifting the voices, concerns, and insights of those whose lives are touched by violent conflict and injustice.

During 2023, QUNO carried out this work by focusing on several key topics on the UN agenda, including the proposal by the UN Secretary-General for a New Agenda for Peace; the need for peaceful solutions to the ongoing conflict in Israel-Palestine; ensuring that responses to climate change also promote peace and development; promoting engagement to end conflict on the Korean Peninsula; support meaningful youth inclusion in UN policy development; and uplifting voices for peace in Myanmar.

New Agenda for Peace

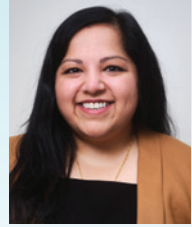
The Civil Society – UN Prevention Platform, co-facilitated by QUNO New



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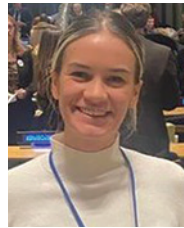


Sigrid Corry

York, works with the UN to ensure that civil society is included and can influence UN policymaking. One way the Platform carries out this work is by holding discussions that bring together UN colleagues, diplomats, and civil society from around the world to focus on promoting conflict prevention.

During 2023, the Platform focused on a new policy paper by the Secretary-General titled *A New Agenda for Peace*. The report outlines ways to manage new and emerging global risks, address root causes of conflicts, and rebuild trust in the ability of the UN to deliver peace.

While the report was being drafted, the Platform hosted consultations for civil society to coordinate and provide inputs to the *New Agenda for Peace*. Following the launch of the policy paper in July, the Platform used Quaker House to host the



Sathbh O'Driscoll



Natalie Dewar



Nyeri Otero-Flanagan

only UN briefing for civil society.

The New Agenda for Peace articulates the Secretary-General's bold vision for the future of the UN's peace work. The report advocates for alignment across the UN system, including its human rights and sustainable development pillars, to create a universal approach to the prevention of violence and war. The changes it proposes will be debated and discussed by Member States throughout 2024. Discussions will culminate in the September 2024 Summit of the Future, where world leaders may adopt new policy decisions that will shape the UN's approach to peace in the years to come.

Seeking Peace in the Israel-Palestine Conflict

Quakers have a long history of reaching across divides to build lasting peace in the Middle East. The American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) started working in Palestine in 1948 when the UN tasked the

organization to respond to the needs of those displaced by war. In New York, QUNO's focus on the Israel-Palestine conflict has emerged from a close partnership with AFSC and a desire to advocate for peaceful solutions. QUNO also collaborates with other ecumenical organizations in New York as a member of the NGO Working Group on Israel-Palestine.

These partnerships were essential in the weeks and months following the October 7 attack on Israel by Hamas and the subsequent war in Gaza launched by Israel. In the wake of these events, QUNO staff quickly refocused attention, monitoring UN developments and supporting AFSC's humanitarian efforts. As a member of the NGO Working Group on Israel-Palestine, QUNO joined ecumenical partners calling for an emergency session of the UN General Assembly following the failure of the UN Security Council to adopt a resolution. The Working Group also organized an interfaith

QUNO New York Program Assistant Nyeri Otero Flanagan holding up her decorated Valentine for the #LoveToGaza campaign



service at the UN Church Center that brought together leaders from different faith traditions to call for peace.

During 2024, QUNO will continue to advocate for UN-led solutions that achieve peace through peaceful means in this long-standing conflict.

Climate Responses, Peace, and Development

During 2023, QUNO explored new work in New York, highlighting the need to address climate change while ensuring climate action prioritises efforts to build peaceful, equitable, and inclusive societies. This focus in QUNO's work is rooted in a desire to address the uneven effects of climate change. As the world has seen, countries and people who contribute the least to the underlying root causes of climate change are the most impacted. The climate crisis prevents communities from achieving fundamental

development indicators. In 2023, massive flooding in Pakistan illustrated this reality. The inundation revealed how impoverished communities that consume a relatively small share of fossil fuels can face a climate catastrophe. In response, international actors must focus on climate resilience that contributes to building peaceful, just, and inclusive societies.

Through collaboration between New York and Geneva staff, QUNO convened diplomats to consider this challenge. Informal and off-the-record conversations provided a space to highlight the need for flexibility, inclusive decision-making, long-term actions, international cooperation, and greater coordination across sectors. Meeting participants agreed that international actors must do more to ensure the delivery of international development assistance and the growth of climate-resilient peacebuilding strategies.

QUNO New York and Geneva staff discuss linkages in their work on climate change



Engagement for Peace on the Korean Peninsula

Seventy years ago, an armistice brought an end to active fighting on the Korean Peninsula, but it did not bring about a peace agreement or end the war. To this day, tensions on the Korean Peninsula remain dangerously high. No diplomatic channels exist between the Democratic Republic of Korea (DPRK) in the north and the Republic of Korea (ROK) in the south. At the UN, resolutions and debates regarding the conflict focus on punitive measures against DPRK and a strategy of isolation, particularly through sanctions.

Working in partnership with our colleagues at the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) and leaders from other ecumenical organisations, QUNO seeks out opportunities to promote dialogue and engagement for peace on the Korean Peninsula. During 2023, this work included hosting small briefings between UN officials, diplomats, and civil activists at Quaker House. A highlight of the year

was a remembrance ceremony that QUNO co-hosted for UN community members on the 70th anniversary of the armistice's signing. During 2024, QUNO will continue facilitating and advocating for engagement on the Korean Peninsula rather than isolation and punishment.

Youth, Peace and Inclusion

In 2023, QUNO continued to support meaningful youth engagement within UN youth policies. At the same time, significant developments took place at the UN, including the launch of a new UN Youth Office, and a variety of conversations and processes focused on how the UN can better connect with and support young people around the world.

Through this new focus, QUNO has created bridges, allowing young people to advocate directly at the UN for themselves and their communities. Collaboration has been a critical ingredient in this new work, and QUNO has partnered with other Quaker service agencies, such as the American

QUNO staff and guests on the Quaker House terrace



Friends Service Committee (AFSC), the Canadian Friends Service Committee (CFSC), and Quakers in Britain, to lift up a diverse set of young voices from around the world. At the same time, QUNO has facilitated in-person and online discussions to make UN processes more accessible to youth activists. For example, in August 2023, QUNO staff led an online session focused on intersectionality amongst youth movements. Many participants were young people from Southeast Asia who had taken part in previous training efforts led by AFSC. A key insight that emerged from the group was that peace, or barriers to peace, are experienced not just in post-conflict settings but across various issues of youth activism, including climate change, access to education, and responses to shrinking civic space. The participants learned how to engage directly with the UN to make their realities and experiences heard.

During the coming year, QUNO will continue to uplift the lessons that have emerged from this work and will advocate

at the UN for policies that are informed by the needs and insights of young people.

Voices for Peace in Myanmar

In New York, QUNO has recently reinvigorated work on the long-standing conflict in Myanmar. Quaker House serves as a venue where peace practitioners, academics, and community leaders can share their analysis and recommendations regarding strategies for peace in this multi-decade conflict. These off-the-record meetings offer a space where diplomats and UN officials access information and insights they might not otherwise have, and engage in a frank exchange of views.

In 2024, QUNO will continue to bring UN actors together so they can better understand the complexities unfolding on the ground in Myanmar. By providing this space, QUNO ensures that diplomats and UN staff have the information needed to formulate responses that protect civilians and support leaders working for long-term peace.

Youth participants meet at Quaker House



Other Quaker Work at the UN

Canadian Friends Service Committee

Canadian Friends Service Committee (CFSC) continued its role as the lead on Indigenous Peoples' human rights at the United Nations. Guided by the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, we actively engage with advocacy efforts for implementation at the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP) and the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (PFII). In 2023, CFSC was honoured to participate in and support our Indigenous partners at these forums. Indigenous Peoples and State representatives appreciated the space Friends provide for productive discussion through QUNO's support and the warm welcomes at Quaker House in New York and Geneva.

In 2023, Canada released their national action plan to implement the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act. Alongside our Indigenous partners, our advocacy continued to push for meaningful participation for Indigenous Peoples in, and clear commitments to, implementation of the Declaration. In late 2023 and into 2024, CFSC also worked with partners to hold Canada to account as part of their Universal Periodic Review at the Human Rights Council. Working in partnership with Indigenous Peoples is core to our advocacy and activism, and we look forward to continuing this work.

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

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

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 for more information.

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Front Row: Oliver Robertson, Kate Graham

Quaker United Nations Committee New York



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Top: Daulton Beck, Kavita Desai, Tracey Martin, Megan Schmidt, Sadhbh O'Driscoll, Aletia Dundas

Bottom: Oliver Robertson, Richard Erstad, Wycliffe Kibisu, Diane Keefe, Cheryl Morden, Hezron Masitsa, Rachel Singleton-Polster, Sigrid Corry, Sarah Clarke

Donating

As a non-profit organization that relies on the generosity of individuals and organizations to finance its work, we are grateful for donations of any size. Donation details can be found below. Contact our offices with questions about leaving a legacy.



Donors gather to celebrate QUNO's 75th anniversary

Donations to QUNO Geneva

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