



Central England
Quakers

Process for Choosing Peace & Justice Themes

Rationale

In accordance with its aim and objectives, Peace Hub uses a rolling programme of themes relating to peace and justice to inform the public, stimulate dialogue and encourage action. For the period of each theme Peace Hub houses a display, multi-media presentation, literature and opportunities for action - all relating to the theme.

Peace Hub management recognises that there are many peace and justice issues that individuals and groups, both within Quakers and the wider peace-movement, feel passionately about, and would like Peace Hub to take up. Peace Hub aims to select a wide range of themes, but must work with finite resources and in accordance with our Quaker principles. Themes are therefore selected and prioritised in line with Peace Hub's vision, aim and objectives, using the procedure and criteria below.

Procedure

Suggestions for themes should be submitted to the Peace Hub Management Committee, using the pro-forma to provide details of how the theme meets the all the essential criteria, and as many of the desirable criteria as appropriate. The Peace Themes Sub-committee evaluates suggested themes against these criteria, then selects and prioritises those which are most in line with our vision, aim and objectives, or that are particularly timely or urgent.

The Sub-committee works with the Peace Hub Coordinator to schedule themes and plan their presentation, ensuring that any activities are compatible with the Charity Commission's guidance on campaigning and political activity by charities. Peace Hub reserves editorial control over how themes are exhibited in its building, website and elsewhere under the Peace Hub name.

See criteria overleaf

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Criteria

Essential Criteria

In accordance with our Quaker principles, all themes must:

- Encourage people to affirm the humanity of others
- Clearly link to at least one of the Quaker testimonies: Peace, Simplicity, Equality, Truth
- Provide opportunities for the public to take action for peace and justice

Desirable Criteria

To make best use of Peace Hub's resources, themes should ideally:

- Have a specific focus which can be presented in a manner accessible to all
- Inform people both of the violence that exists in the world today and of hopeful examples of peace-making and justice-building
- Seek to challenge unbalanced structures of power - locally, nationally and internationally
- Offer creative responses to difficult issues
- Encourage people to make positive choices for peace in their own lives
- Offer opportunities for both immediate action and ongoing engagement
- Encourage people to be part of a community
- Link to events or places that local people can identify with
- Help people to make connections between local & global issues
- Be based in the here and now

This is a working document that will develop with Peace Hub, in light of our vision.

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