

Voices

Britain Yearly Meeting 2011: 'In face of the armed oppression of poor people and the increasing encroachment of the illegal settlements in the West Bank, we cannot do nothing.'



Working Retreat participant 2009: 'My understanding has been placed in a new dimension. This was a journey of understanding and it has only just begun.'

Working Retreat participant 2010: 'Tremendous opportunity to work together as a group and learn about a very complex situation. I have gone through an experience

which is truly life-enhancing.'

Jean Zaru Presiding Clerk, Friends Meeting Ramallah 2008: 'Real change is not simply transferring power from one group to the other, but changing the relationship between us.'

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For further information on this appeal see www.qva.org.uk or email: appeal@qva.org.uk



There is no way to peace Peace is the way

Support Quaker Peacemaking in Israel and Palestine

Dear Friends, please help us to be a light of peace amidst darkness. In Palestine a whole population has been effectively imprisoned and their rights denied. And both peoples — Palestinians and Israelis — live in fear.

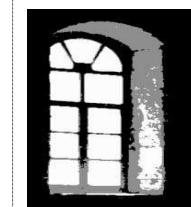
Two Quaker charities, the Friends International Center Ramallah and Quaker Voluntary Action, are seeking a just peace built on new relationships that respect that of God in all people. Our mission is one of love and needs your support to keep going — and expand. **£160 will fund the International Center for one day and £20 the daily cost of a QVA volunteer.**

Please donate what you can.



Confined by checkpoints: yet we refuse to be enemies

Friends International Center Ramallah



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organisation in
the USA
www.ramallahquakers.org

Quaker Voluntary Action



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Friends International Center Ramallah



FICR is based in the hundred-year-old Meeting House in Ramallah. From there it works for peace through nonviolent action— believing that creating just relationships is the way forward. This is an active and demanding ministry. It confronts injustice and challenges the ‘violence of silence,’ by speaking truth out loud.

The Center employs a co-ordinator and part-time assistant, actively campaigns, publishes a newsletter, runs education programmes and provides a venue for talks, concerts and community activities. It brings together Palestinians, Israelis, Christians, Muslims and those of other faiths and none. It helps its many visitors, from near and far, to understand the darkness and light around them. Indeed, the Center is a light over the darkness – and never is its light more needed.

Quaker Voluntary Action

QVA runs two ten-day 'working retreats' in Palestine/Israel each year that are supported by, and give support to, the International Center. At each one, ten adults from abroad experience life under occupation and do practical work such as olive picking and engage in spiritual reflection. They meet Israelis and Palestinians from all walks of life including peace groups that are working for a nonviolent end to the occupation.

These retreats give a 'new dimension' to understanding.



Participants are deeply disturbed by the occupation—the new settlements, house demolitions, severe water rationing and everyday hold-ups at checkpoints. And they are deeply moved, too, by the dignity of the people they meet and their resilience in the face of oppression. The overall experience can be life changing. Participants are stirred to new action when they return home – to

speaking out and supporting new initiatives. This appeal is one of them. QVA wishes to do more in this region.



Giving and receiving

Both charities need funds to continue and expand this work. The International Centre needs most. Therefore, unless you say otherwise, and please do if you wish (Email: appeal@qva.org.uk), donations will be split 70% for FICR and 30% for QVA—based on annual costs. All standing orders will be allocated in this way. (For fuller details see www.qva.org.uk)

This appeal is being managed by QVA and progress reports will be available on the QVA website from June 2012.

Thank you for giving.

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GIFT AID DECLARATION Please sign if you pay UK tax, as this adds to your gift, and **provide address details in the form below:**

Please treat all donations I make to QVA from the date of this declaration as Gift Aid donations.

Signed:..... Date:.....

Please send donations and/or standing order form to: Ann Gimpel, QVA Donations at 21 Mayfield Drive, Loughborough LE11 2EA. Make cheques etc payable to 'Quaker Voluntary Action Joint Appeal.'

One-off donation: £.....

STANDING ORDER FORM/ADDRESS DETAILS

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Tel (optional): **Standing Orders cont'd over**



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