

Northern Friends Peace Board *draft* Framework for Action

November 2013

Our overall purpose: *To advise and encourage Friends in the North, and through them their fellow citizens, in the active promotion of peace in all its height and breadth.*

This grid maps out the broad themes of our work and, in very general terms, the type of activity we do and might undertake. Any work we do should fit into at least one part of this grid.

		How we work			
		<i>Raising awareness and speaking out</i>	<i>Promoting alternatives</i>	<i>Supporting action</i>	<i>Nurturing a community of change</i>
Broad Areas of concern	Promoting a culture of peace				
	Challenging Militarism				
	Roots of conflict, roots of peace				
	Quaker peace testimony				

Specific issues we're working on, either as continuing concerns or as concerns that we are just beginning to address, as of November 2013

- **Sustainable security**
promoting peace and security based on economic and social justice and the right relationship with the earth and its resources
- **Building Peace in Diverse Britain**
supporting the use of peacebuilding skills and approaches in our communities, where diversity can be a cause of conflict
- **Militarism and young people**
challenging the culture of militarism that is being promoted, particularly at young people, and supporting initiatives that promote alternatives
- **First World War commemorations**
supporting Quakers and others in giving recognition to the role of Friends and others in resisting militarism during the first world war.

Foundations: our work is sustained by and always needs to pay attention to....

- Ensuring good governance - a particular role for our Exec, but also for the Board as a whole.
- Developing and maintaining a diverse funding base.
- Building NFPB as a community.
- Developing and maintaining appropriate and effective communication – to and with Friends and beyond.
- Reaching and engaging with Northern Friends.
- Building relationships and partnerships with other organisations, networks and key individuals
- Working well together in Scotland, Northern England and North Wales, particularly with regard to the Scottish independence referendum.