

COP26 – WHAT CAN MEETINGS DO?

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Faith-based action for climate justice

To those gathering at COP 26 we offer our anger, our grief and our kinder ground, as well as our hope that they can share a vision of a better world. We ask them to renew and redouble their efforts, as we will do ourselves, giving no less than all we can to deliver a liveable planet and just societies.

COP26 – 1st to 12th Nov - Quaker involvement

- QUNO, QCEA and BYM will be there as observers – and will be involved in civil society activities
- The Loving Earth Project has small exhibitions in various places in Glasgow
- Glasgow Meeting House will be open and be holding events
- Some Glasgow Quakers are hosting activists and pilgrims
- Some Quakers will be taking part in civil society actions.

Acknowledging what you are already doing

- Welcoming and hosting COP26 pilgrims
- Big Green Week
- Stitches for Survival
- Loving Earth Project
- Faith for Climate Justice
(17 & 18 Oct)
- And, and, and.....



Climate justice: QPSW policy priorities

- **Make polluters pay** - The UK government should show leadership on establishing new and additional sources of finance for countries suffering loss and damage caused by climate-related disasters.
<https://makepolluterspay.co.uk/>
- **Stop funding climate breakdown** - There should be an immediate end to the use of public money to support fossil fuel extraction and power, in the UK and overseas
- **Build Back Better** - The UK and Scottish governments must invest in a green and just recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic, prioritising measures that will promote equality and wellbeing as well as cutting emissions.
- In Scotland – support Stop Climate Chaos Scotland’s campaign to increase the Climate Justice Fund.

Worship &
Spirituality
during
COP26



Online worship space

@ woodbrooke.org.uk/worship

Meeting for worship

- Thursday 4th November 7pm – 8.15pm
- Tuesday 9th November 7pm – 8.15pm

Epilogue

- Sunday 31st October to Friday 12th November
8pm – 8.40pm

<https://www.woodbrooke.org.uk/worship/>

International Day of Worship

Friends World Consultation Committee, the Quaker United Nations Office, Quaker Peace and Social Witness and Woodbrooke call on Quakers around the world to hold **an in-person or online meeting for worship on Sunday 31st October, the first day of the COP26 UN climate talks in which representatives of all the world's countries will come together to negotiate action on climate change.** By worshipping together on this day, we wish to uphold the communities and activists in those places most affected by environmental destruction, who have for so long borne the brunt of the impact of climate change and been at the forefront of action for climate justice.



Friends are welcome to hold their meeting at any time of the day, with their meeting or any other group, and in whatever way works best for them. We encourage you to send in photos, videos and reflections from your worship so we can create an online gallery showing our shared love for the Earth and commitment to climate justice. You can send these to climatejustice@quaker.org.uk

It doesn't end there.....

- Agreements are one thing, action is another
- We need to keep up the pressure
- Our lives are going to change radically
- We will need to be resilient spiritual communities
- We will need to act in solidarity with those who are most affected by the climate crisis

Support from Woodbrooke

- Woodbrooke Where You Are for local and area meetings (in person and/or online) – what is the meeting's ministry in a time of climate crisis
- Responding to Ecological Crisis: Quaker Spiritual Insights – self-study booklet for every meeting
- 2022 – free monthly Zoom sessions on our response to Minute 33
- Spiritual accompaniment
- Potential for regional meetings – for learning, networking and discernment

What is your meeting's ministry in a time of climate crisis?

- What are you doing now?
- What might you do during COP26?
- What role can your meeting play in a time of climate crisis – spiritual support, sanctuary, resource, action.....?