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Brighouse W Yorkshire	<p>Huddersfield LM Financial supported Sanctuary Kirklees with a Winter Warmer welcome to refugees and asylum seekers, and were prominent in the organisational and practical work, shopping and collecting for presents and fruit, etc., which were delivered (again by volunteers, from Huddersfield Meeting and other churches) on Christmas Day. We prepared for 39 families and 144 individuals, but in the event the deliveries were slightly less, so that we also offered boxes for the staff (who probably work on minimum wage) at the hotels where the individuals are accommodated.</p>	<p>Helen Meads helenmeads@gmail.com</p>
Central Yorkshire	<p>Barnsley LM Support to Barnsley Refugee Council by offering free use of the meeting house twice a week for work with refugee groups. The reading group is temporarily on hold.</p> <p>Wooldale LM Refugees: Gifts provided for refugees and asylum seekers who volunteer in Kirklees; support to the charity Growing Points, which mentors refugees to progress in education and work; ad hoc support to Huddersfield meeting activities. Racial Justice: shared worship, celebrations and friendship with the local Muslim community; support to health and educational projects in the West Bank and Africa. Discussion in the LM on issues of diversity and inclusiveness, though this has been limited by the pandemic</p> <p>Pontefract One Friend is teaching English online to refugees, most of whom are in Wakefield when they start lessons.</p>	<p>Ruth McTighe smctighe@cix.co.uk</p>

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Leeds	<p>Carlton Hill LM</p> <p>In Leeds we have had to stop our Sanctuary Lunches for the moment, but are regularly collecting money and goods for local refugee organisations. Those supporting destitute asylum seekers are convinced of the link between racism and exclusion. We are also participating in the Leeds Citizens Racial Justice campaign, and currently several of us are taking part in the training they offer.</p>	<p>Susan Robson susanrobson74@gmail.com</p>
York	<p>New Earswick LM</p> <p>We have completed 6 months of Race Action News. At our December 2021 local business meeting we discerned the importance of finding ways to keep issues of inclusion and exclusion before us. We recognised that race is one aspect of a wider concern about exclusion in our local and city/wide community. In laying down Race Action News, we are seeking more positive and effective ways forward. We hope to hear from Haddy Njie of 'Speak Up Diversity' one Sunday after Meeting for Worship, about her experiences of exclusion and her wish to see York become a more inclusive city. Friends are invited to help keep issues of inclusion and exclusion before us by sending items to future editions of our meeting's monthly newsletter. We hope to be reminded of positive progress, as well as challenges to action; for instance Channel 4's rich resource celebrating Black Lives and Black Culture at https://www.channel4.com/collection/black-and-proud</p>	<p>Rosie Roberts rosemarymroberts@gmail.com</p>

COP26 Quaker Activity Digital Links

There are various reports, videos etc from our COP26 work which I hope might be useful to give a summary and prompt discussion:

- a digital report on Quaker activity during COP26: [Quakers at COP26 \(adobe.com\)](https://adobe.ly/3ntrr6P)

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- a blog post I wrote as COP26 ended: [COP26: where next for climate justice? | Quakers in Britain](https://bit.ly/3qsHy6u)

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- a two-minute photo montage: [What did Quakers do at COP26? - YouTube](https://bit.ly/3ttRRZW)

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