

**Northern Friends Peace Board meeting held in
Carlisle Meeting house on the 15th June 2019 ,**

Carlisle Friends welcomed us all to their northern town; their meeting house is situated in a beautiful setting which overlooks the castle.

Julia Aglionby presented an overview of the activities of the Penrith Sanctuary meeting,

Julia gave an inspiring report on the support Penrith Sanctuary meeting, it continues to support incoming asylum seekers, offering safety and a welcome away from their former war torn home lands. Our United Kingdom has a long history of support and welcome for refugees. In today's climate of continuing government policy of hostility for all incomers arriving in the UK, there is a need for local voluntary action.

Penrith sanctuary meeting offers unconditional support and welcome which is so encouraging. Julia stated that it was so different and often quite difficult for new arrivals and established residents of Penrith and area to understand each others needs. Larger towns and cities find integration into each others cultures more acceptable.

Brief statement from Sanctuary Everywhere Manifesto.

As Quakers , we have long worked for peace and equality, because of our belief that there is that of God in everyone, everywhere, whoever they are. Through Quakers' long standing work welcoming newcomers to our shores , we have seen up close that that the government creation of a “ hostile environment “ is increasingly embedding politics of discrimination into the practices of the British state . Quakers in Britain are committed to working with others to change this , creating a culture of compassion and welcoming hospitality that answers that of God in every person.

Dorothy Crowther described her work with **Abdul Kamara** who became a Quaker, and who's energy and commitment

helped establish a peace centre in his home country of Sierra Leone , He has become a Quaker having experienced the brutality of war and subsequently coming across Quakers and then studying peace studies in Britain.

Quaker Peace and Social Witness update.

Ellis Brooks described how the experiences and knowledge of working in the Ecumenical Accompanies project in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI) had been drawn on in producing a new peace education resource *Razor Wire and Olive Branches*.

Please view EAPPI news letter .

Trustees' report for the year to date.

We were given a financial report for year ending December 2018 . NFPB delegates were thanked for their AM treasurer's co- operation in supporting the vital work of NFPB by regular agreed monthly payments to the NFPB bank account.

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The meeting ended with a period of worship , we recalled Bobby Locke , a former NFPB member from West Scotland , who has died recently .

John Morgan (Sheffield and Balby AM delegate)