



Ideas for Remembrance

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The period leading up to and including Remembrance Day each year is a time which can turn into an apparent celebration of war. The centenary of the end of World War I makes Remembrance in 2018 particularly prominent, and it is an opportunity to question war today. As Quakers, we have compassion for all those affected by war including injured and disabled soldiers and civilians everywhere, and their families. Most importantly, our faith calls us to work unceasingly for peace and to live in that life and power 'that takes away the occasion of all war'.

Wearing a white poppy | The white poppy is a symbol of remembrance for all victims of war and calling for peace. Many Quakers choose to wear a white and a red poppy. You can use the white poppy to engage in conversations with people about the true meaning of remembrance. 100 years on, how are we honouring the promise, "Never Again"? Order via the Peace Pledge Union at www.PPU.org.uk

INSPIRE young people | QPSW is working to bring Remembrance for Peace to thousands of young people with events and resources.

www.oasisinspire.org

Collateral Damage white poppies project | In the run up to Armistice Day, Friends House is hosting an exhibition of handmade white poppies made by the Collateral Damage Project.

www.facebook.com/whitepoppies2018

Supporting Veterans for Peace | Veterans for Peace UK will be laying a wreath of white poppies at the Cenotaph, Whitehall London following the formal ceremony on Remembrance Sunday 11.11.11. This will take place between 2-3pm.

No more war – Remembrance in London

A ceremony of remembrance and peace, 100 years after the end of WWI.

1-2pm | Tavistock Square WC1

2-5pm | Peace Festival at Friends House

www.facebook.com/pg/faithinactionquaker

Organise your own activity locally | You may wish to lay a wreath of white poppies at a local war memorial or public place. Liaise with your local British Legion and Churches Together wherever possible. It may be that you do so separately from other formally organised commemorative events.



Resources for Remembrance



Remembrance: Should Friends Take Part? This QCCIR leaflet provides helpful guidance for meetings being invited to local parades, church services and other remembrance events.

Everyday Militarism poster designed by Abbey Thornton is a great way to spark off conversation about the roots of war and the kind of society we need to build peace.

Peace education resources are available to download or order from QPSW or the INSPIRE project. www.oasisinspire.org.uk/resources | www.quaker.org.uk/peace-education

Advice for Friends in a Time of War offers guidance from QPSW to help Friends cope with the challenging context of Britain being once again at war.

Take Action on militarism is a resource pack from Quakers and Forces Watch exploring the different issues around militarism and how you can take action. Find this and more via: www.quaker.org.uk/militarism

Witnessing for peace on the centenary of World War I is a resource pack for Quaker meetings with a wealth of useful information and materials you can use.

The white feather diaries – www.whitefeatherdiaries.org is an online project serialising the diaries of five young people who lived during, and opposed, World War I.

Approaches to Remembrance and First World War Commemorations Useful prayers and readings for remembrance services from Pax Christi.

Refusing to Kill: Conscientious Objection and Human Rights in WWI

Excellent resource about COs from Peace Pledge Union, £10.

We Will Remember / from Movement for the Abolition of War, £3.

Never Again and other WWI peace posters from Northern Friends Peace Board, £1.50 each.



All printed resources available from the Quaker Centre bookshop, www.quaker.org.uk/shop