

# British Friends of Quaker Council for European Affairs

England & Wales · Charity number 293776

## Details

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Other names	QUAKERS FOR EUROPE, THE BRITISH COMMITTEE OF THE QUAKER COUNCIL FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS, Q C E A BRITISH COMMITTEE
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1986-02-26
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

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## Activities

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**Objects:** (A) TO PROMOTE RELIGION ACCORDING TO THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (COMMONLY KNOWN AS QUAKERS). (B) TO PROMOTE, MAINTAIN, IMPROVE AND ADVANCE EDUCATION (C) TO SUPPORT THE WORK IN THE FIELDS OF RELIGION AND EDUCATION OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS IN EUROPE AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

**Activities:** The primary purpose of the QCEA British Committee (BC) is to support the work of Quaker House in Brussels (QCEA). The Quaker Council for European Affairs (QCEA) was founded in 1979 to bear witness throughout Europe to Friends' long-standing concerns for peace, human rights and the right sharing of resources. It does this chiefly through staff based at Quaker House in Brussels.

## Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training, Religious Activities, Economic/community Development/employment, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NATIONAL AND OVERSEAS
- Belgium
- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£83,795	£56,319	-	-
2023-12-31	£64,650	£58,444	-	-
2022-12-31	£67,320	£73,338	-	-
2021-12-31	£188,135	£184,862	-	-
2020-12-31	£98,704	£95,186	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Elspeth Lesley Wollen		2020-05-02
John Edward Crosfield		2019-05-16
Keith Malcolm Archer		2023-04-28
Martin Ford		2020-10-01
Rebecca Gumbrell-McCormick		2014-02-19
Susan Florence Myers		2019-04-02
William Edward Becher		2023-04-28

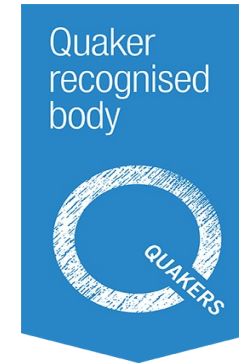
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## **ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2024**

### **1. Purpose, Objectives and Activities**

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The purpose of BFoQCEA is achieved primarily by supporting the work of Quaker Council for European Affairs (QCEA), an international non-profit association, registered as a charity under Belgian law, and based in Brussels, Belgium, and by promoting the work of QCEA within Britain Yearly Meeting, the national Quaker Church in Britain. Detailed information about the work of QCEA can be found here: <https://www.qcea.org>.

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BFoQCEA participates in the governance of QCEA by appointing a member of its Council, as do Britain Yearly Meeting and each of the Quaker Yearly Meetings in Europe. QCEA relies for funding entirely on the Yearly Meetings, local and regional Quaker Meetings, individual Friends and Quaker and other Charitable Trusts. BFoQCEA promotes the work of QCEA so that British Friends and other interested people are aware of the importance of speaking truth to power at the European level.

In 2024, QCEA continued its work on three major strands: Climate Justice and Peace, Migration and Peace, and Dialogues for Transformation, following a strategy approved in March 2023 . Much of the work over the past year has focused on the theme of Migration and Peace. An online course, 'Migration and Peace in Europe', was held over 4 sessions, from 11 June – 2 July 2024, when QCEA worked in partnership with Woodbrooke and the Quaker Asylum and Refugee Network. QCEA staff member Saskia Basa started work on a comprehensive handbook on Migration and Peace. A website, 'Choose Respect' (countering hate speech), was re-launched in the run-up to the European elections. An online Special Interest Session was held during Britain Yearly Meeting (BYM), the annual gathering of Quakers in Britain, on Friday 5 July on "The work of Quaker bodies on migration and peace". This event was particularly well attended, with around 30 participants, and speakers from Quaker United Nations Office (QUNO), Quaker Asylum and Refugee Network (QARN) and QCEA.

Work on the other main strand, Climate Justice and Peace, built on the success of the 2023 publication of the report 'Storytelling from the Frontlines', with several workshops and other events, including a series of closed-door sessions on 'Climate Change and Peace' at Quaker House Brussels, and an online special interest meeting at BYM (annual gathering) of Quakers in Britain on 'Climate Justice' on 9 July. The September 2024 issue of QCEA's regular newsletter 'Around Europe', was also devoted to this topic.

Continuing its work on 'Dialogues of Transformation', Quaker House Brussels hosted a number of events, including two seminars for young professionals in foreign policy, on the theme of women in peace-building, and an in-person training session entitled "Listening is a superpower", led by QCEA director Tracey Martin, aimed at MEPs and their staff. Toward the end of the year, conscientious objection re-emerged as an important focus in QCEA's work, partly in reaction to the growing number of CO's from Belarus, Russia and Ukraine. Quaker House Brussels welcomed Olga Karach, a peaceworker from Belarus, for a meeting on conscientious objection; Olga also joined Tracey Martin in a meeting of Church and Peace on this issue. QCEA completed its programme of work to become an anti-racist and anti-oppressive behaviour organisation. There were some staff changes in the course of 2024: Saskia Basa, Migration and Peace Coordinator, and Dovile Bogusyte, Communications Officer, both left for new posts in the autumn of 2024. Celina Bebenek was named the new Communications and Advocacy Officer, while Dr Majbritt Lyck-Bowen was engaged on a temporary contract to complete work on the migration and peace handbook.

BFof QCEA participated in the Yearly Meeting (annual gathering) of Quakers in in July 2024, informing participants about QCEA's recent work. BFoQCEA helped with the distribution of 'Around Europe', the newsletter of QCEA, now published twice a year following the commencement of QCEA's new online newsletter (QCEA Digest) in early 2024. In October, one of our supporters carried out a bicycle ride from London to The Hague (Netherlands) to raise awareness of QCEA and to raise funds for the organisation. Towards the end of 2024, a new appeal letter giving a summary of QCEA's work was written for circulation to all Area Quaker Meetings in Britain Yearly Meeting,

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## **Governance**

The Trustees of the charity met seven times during 2024 via Zoom and Teams video-conferencing. In addition, an Annual General Meeting of the Charity was held on Thursday 13 June on Zoom. At the AGM, Rebecca Gumbrell-McCormick was re-appointed as clerk (chair). Martin Ford was re-appointed as treasurer and Elspeth Wollen as note-taker (secretary). Martin Hughes was re-appointed as assistant clerk (assistant chair) and as the Charity Commission Contact.

**As at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024, the trustees were:**

Keith Archer

William Becher

John Crosfield

Martin Ford

Rebecca Gumbrell-McCormick

Martin Hughes

Sue Myers

Richard Seebohm (appointed at the 2024 AGM to serve for one year)

Marcie Winstanley

Elsbeth Wollen

A copy of our Governing Document and annual financial returns can be found on the Charities Commission website here:

<https://register-of-charities.charitycommission.gov.uk/cy/charity-search/-/charity-details/293776>.

## **FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2024**

### **Financial Summary**

The Income of the charity during 2024 was £83,795. This compares with £64,650 in 2023 (including income received on behalf of FWCC). Donations from Quaker Meetings were £13,906 (including part of Ireland Yearly Meeting), donations from individuals £11,149 and donations from Quaker and other grant-making Trusts £56,140. A total of £680 was received on behalf of QCEA acting as agent for membership and publication payments and a total of £9,067 in disbursements was made on behalf of QCEA for rent payments to Britain Yearly Meeting for the use of Quaker House in Brussels.

We were able to make donations to QCEA of £45,460 in 2024 as compared with £54,000 in 2023.

<b>Donation s to QCEA</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>Sterling</b>	<b>45,460</b>	<b>54,000</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>182,798</b>	<b>63,000</b>	<b>83,000</b>	<b>88,000</b>

At the end of the year, our General Fund reserve was £36,968, the DW Saunders Fund was £17,542 and the Ramallah bursary fund £1,103.

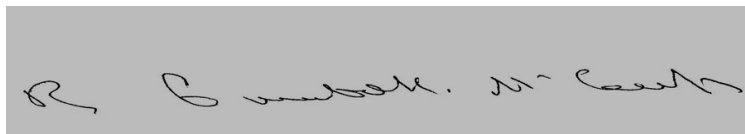
These funds were held as £46,126 cash in the charity's two CAF Bank Accounts and as a fixed asset bond.

### **Looking ahead to 2025**

During 2025 we will continue our core work of supporting, promoting and fund-raising for the work of QCEA with Quakers and Quaker Meetings throughout Britain.

### **Public Benefit**

The Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. British Friends of QCEA supports work that benefits the public in Britain as a part of Europe's sphere of influence and elsewhere in the world by promoting the values of peace and human rights embodied in the Quaker testimonies to peace, simplicity, integrity and equality.

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**Signed**

**Rebecca Gumbrell-McCormick, Clerk, 3.06.2024**

### **Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of the British Committee of the Quaker Council for European Affairs**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees of the British Committee of the Quaker Council for European Affairs you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the British Committee of the Quaker Council for European Affairs accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the British Committee of the Quaker Council for European Affairs as required by section 130 of the Act;  
or
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I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



**David Olver, 10 Daleside Road, Riddlesden, Keighley, BD20 5ES**

**25 February 2025**



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**Signed**

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**Martin Ford, Treasurer, 14 May 2025**

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The appointment by QCEA of a Communications Officer, who has attended meetings of BFoQCEA since July 22, has enabled us to be well informed about the ongoing work of QCEA. QCEA has also hired a new member of staff to work on its project on climate change.

In March 2023, QCEA adopted a strategy for 2023-2026, entitled “Justice and Peace in a Time of Climate Crisis”. There are now three major strands to QCEA’s work: Climate Justice and Peace, Migration and Peace, and Dialogues for Transformation. Work over the past year has included: the publication of ‘Storytelling from the Frontlines: Forefronting the voices of communities most affected by militarism and the climate crisis’, which brings a selection of stories from communities in disparate locations of the world who are united by the connecting thread of militarism and the climate crisis. The report was promoted by an online launch event in March 2023, in which many British Friends participated, and was also sent to 200 contacts in institutions and civil society organisations. In the second part of the year, Saskia Basa, Migration and Peace Coordinator, was working with partners to influence the EU Pact on Migration to ensure safe pathways for everyone.

Subsequently, QCEA hired a Climate Justice and Peace Coordinator, who has developed this strand of work. QCEA also organised several other events, including events in collaboration with Young Professionals in Foreign Policy to explore conflict mediation, and a series of dialogues on borders. In August-September, Quaker House Brussels organised a ‘Loving Earth’ exhibition, to explore the threats to the natural world through environmental

degradation and celebrate the wonderful things we cherish and love. Later in the year, and continuing in to 2024, QCEA began the implementation of a programme of work to become an anti-racist and anti-oppressive behaviour organisation.

BFoQCEA participated in the Yearly Meeting (annual gathering) of Quakers in Britain in April 2023, by holding an online event or 'special interest group to present 'Stories from the Frontline' and to inform participants about other aspects of QCEA's recent work. BFoQCEA helped with the distribution of 'Around Europe', the quarterly newsletter of QCEA, and prepared an appeal leaflet for insertion in 'the Friend' (Quaker weekly publication) which appeared in January 2023.

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In April 2022, BFoQCEA agreed to a request from Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) to act as the collector of sterling donations to the FWCC appeal for funds for Quakers in Poland, Georgia and Estonia who were supporting Ukrainian refugees fleeing the effects of Russian warfare. This role came to an end in 2023 with all the remaining funds disbursed.

### **Governance**

The Trustees of the charity met eight times during 2023 via Zoom and Teams video-conferencing. In addition, an Annual General Meeting of the Charity was held on Friday April 28th 2023 at Birkbeck College, University of London, and online. At the AGM, Rebecca Gumbrell-McCormick was re-appointed as clerk (chair). Martin Ford was re-appointed as treasurer and Elspeth Wollen as note-taker (secretary). Martin Hughes was appointed as assistant clerk (assistant chair) and re-appointed as the Charity Commission Contact.

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As noted in our 2022 Annual Report, trustees accepted the recommendations of a small group set up to review the existing constitution that no changes to the appointment and terms of service of trustees be made in the near future. Meanwhile, we developed some rules of good practice, such as the length of terms of service of our trustees, to guide the way we operate.

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In this year Britain Yearly Meeting made a direct donation to QCEA to support their work rather than making the payment via BFoQCEA.

We were able to make donations to QCEA of £54,000 in 2023 as compared with £50,000 in 2022.

<b>Donations to QCEA</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
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A total of £893 was received on behalf of the FWCC Ukraine appeal. This sum, together with the £721 remaining from 2022 was distributed under the direction of FWCC during the year. The balance held was therefore reduced to £nil and this role Acting as Agent came to an end in September 2023.

At the end of the year, our General Fund reserve was £9,493 the DW Saunders Fund was £17,456, the Ramallah bursary fund £1,102 and the FWCC fund £nil.

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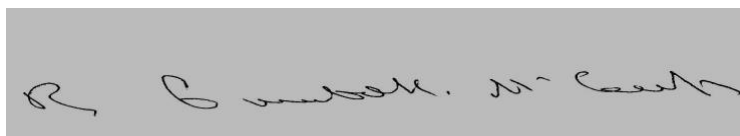
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**Rebecca Gumbrell-McCormick, Clerk, 10 June 2024**

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**David Olver, 10 Daleside Road, Riddlesden, Keighley, BD20 5ES**

**19 February 2024**

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ending 31st December 2023								
British Friends of Quaker Council for European Affairs (BfoQCEA)		Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds			Total 2023	Total 2022
		General fund	QCEA fund	FWCC for Ukraine	Ramallah Bursary	DW Saunders		
						Capital	Income	
Reg Charity: 293776								
<b>Income</b>	<b>Note</b>							
Gifts and donations	2/7/8	62,050		893			0	62,944
Conference fees	2	0						0
Interest	2/7	330			0	0	0	330
Receipts for QCEA	2/6		1,376					1,376
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<b>62,381</b>	<b>1,376</b>	<b>893</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>64,650</b>
<b>Charitable Expenditure</b>								
QHB rent paid by BfoQCEA	4	6,881						6,881
BfoQCEA grant to QCEA	3/4	45,241						45,241
Acting for FWCC (Ukraine)	8			1,614				1,614
Bursaries	7	0			0		0	0
Acting for QCEA	6		3,254					3,254
Sub-total		52,122	3,254	1,614	0	0	0	56,990
Governance		100						100
Bank charges		60						60
Admin & publicity		1,293						1,293
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>53,576</b>	<b>3,254</b>	<b>1,614</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>58,444</b>
<b>Net incoming resources</b>	6	<b>8,805</b>	<b>(1,878)</b>	<b>(721)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,206</b>
Gains/(losses) on investments						(86)		(86)
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	6	<b>8,805</b>	<b>(1,878)</b>	<b>(721)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(86)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,120</b>
Transfers between funds		(1,878)	1,878			0	0	(1,878)
Brought forward 1st January	6	2,565	(0)	721	1,103	17,570	58	22,018
Carried forward 31st December	6	9,493	(0)	(0)	1,103	17,484	58	28,138
<b>Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2023</b>								
2.5% Index Linked Treasury 2024						9,487		9,487
<b>Fixed Assets</b>								
CAF Bank current account		100						100
CAF Bank Gold account		9,393	0	0	1,103	7,997	58	18,551
Debtors & prepayments								
<b>Current Assets</b>		<b>9,493</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,103</b>	<b>7,997</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>28,138</b>
Less creditors due within one year		0						0
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>9,493</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,103</b>	<b>17,484.06</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>28,138</b>
Note: QHB = Quaker House Brussels, QCEA= Quaker Council for European Affairs and FWCC=Friends World Committee for Consultation								

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<b>Note 2 General Fund Income</b>					
<b>Gifts &amp; donations</b>		<b>2023</b>		<b>2022</b>	
Britain Yearly Meeting (BYM)		£ -		£ -	
Trusts		£ 35,000		£ 31,000	112.9%
Quaker Meetings		£ 10,035		£ 10,127	99.1%
Individuals		£ 13,269		£ 7,504	176.8%
From part of Ireland Yearly Meeting		£ 850		£ 950	89.5%
Other donations		£ 2,896		£ 4,180	69.3%
Conference fees		£ -		£ -	
		£ 62,050		£ 53,761	115.4%
<b>Interest</b>					
Bank interest		£ 330		£ 68	
		£ 62,381		£ 53,829	115.9%
<b>Receipts for QCEA</b>					
Direct Grants	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 0	112.9%
		£ 62,381		£ 53,829	115.9%
Associate Membership subs	1,376		1,162		
Supporting Membership subs	0		0		
Around Europe subscriptions	0		16		
	1,376	£ 1,376	1,178	£ 1,178	116.8%
		£ 63,757		£ 55,007	115.9%
QCEA Study Tour - UK participants	0		4,292		
QCEA Conference Fees	0		0		
BYM for European Peacebuilding Liaison Office (EPLO)	0		0		
BYM landlord's expenses	0		0		
Miscellaneous Inc received for QCEA	0		0		
Sub-total		£ 1,376		£ 5,470	25.2%
<b>Total income</b>		£ 63,757		£ 59,299	107.5%

<b>Note 3 Periodic transfers to QCEA</b>						
Periodically, BfoQCEA make a a transfer to QCEA comprised of some or all of the following:						
A) A grant made by BfoQCEA to QCEA to fund its work (Notes 4 and 5)						
B) Add amounts received in Sterling on behalf of QCEA and transferred to them						
C) Deduct Sterling expenses incurred by QCEA and paid on behalf of QCEA						
<b>Payment</b>		<b>BfoQCEA grant</b>	<b>Bursaries</b>	<b>Sterling receipts</b>	<b>Less Sterling expenses</b>	<b>Total</b>
	04/07/2023	£ 10,042.52	£ -	£ 1,056.00	£ 3,098.52	£ 8,000.00
	13/09/2023	£ 10,000.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 10,000.00
	20/12/2023	£ 33,957.48		£ 320.00	£ 7,036.72	£ 27,240.76
		£ 54,000.00	£ -	£ 1,376.00	£ 10,135.24	£ 45,240.76

#### **Note 4 BfoQCEA grant to QCEA**

Over 2023, BfoQCEA made grants to QCEA totalling £54,000. Separately BfoQCEA paid the rent for QHB totalling £6,881. This is considered to be a further indirect grant payment.

<b>Note 5 Transferring Sterling payments to QCEA in Euros</b>						
<b>Payment</b>		<b>Exchange rate</b>	<b>Sterling Payment</b>	<b>Euro equivalent</b>	<b>Sterling transfer</b>	<b>Euro equivalent</b>
	04/07/2023	1.142400	£ 8,000.00	€ 9,139.20	£ 8,000.00	€ 9,139.20
	13/09/2023	1.138500	£ 10,000.00	€ 11,380.00	£ 10,000.00	€ 11,380.00
	20/12/2023	1.135100	£ 27,240.76	€ 30,920.99	£ 27,240.76	€ 30,920.99
<b>Totals</b>			<b>£ 45,240.76</b>	<b>€ 51,440.19</b>	<b>£ 45,240.76</b>	<b>€ 51,440.19</b>

<b>Note 6 QCEA Fund</b>					
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In 2023, BFoQCEA received a total £1,376 on behalf of QCEA and made payments on behalf of QCEA totalling £3,254. This generated an in-year QCEA fund deficit of £1,878. To reset the QCEA fund back to balance, a journal transfer of £1,878 was made from the General Fund into the QCEA Fund. This in effect represents a further donation to QCEA.

<b>Note 7 DW Saunders Fund</b>					
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The DW Saunders Fund is restricted for use in providing bursary support to individuals to enable them to participate in QCEA Study Tours or other educational purposes. There was no Study Tour held during 2023. The Income Fund value at the end of the year therefore remained unchanged at £58. The DW Saunders Capital Fund decreased in value during the year by £86 due to loss of investment value, therefore ending the year with a total valuation of £17,484.

<b>Note 8 Acting for FWCC (Ukraine)</b>					
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In 2022, BFoQCEA agreed to receive funds on behalf of FWCC generated as a result of their Appeal for public donations to support Quakers in Poland, Estonia and Georgia working with refugees from the war in Ukraine. In 2023, a total of £893 was received for this purpose. A total of £1,614 was transferred to charitable recipients in the three stated countries as directed by FWCC. The balance held was thereby reduced to £nil and this role Acting as Agent on behalf of FWCC came to an end in September 2023.

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**Martin Ford, Treasurer, 27 May 2024**

**British Friends of Quaker Council for European Affairs**

England & Wales - Charity number 293776

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## **British Friends of Quaker Council for European Affairs Registered charity 293776**

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### **ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2022**

#### **1. Purpose, Objectives and Activities**

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The appointment by QCEA of a Communications Officer, who has attended meetings of BFoQCEA since July 22, has enabled us to be well informed about the ongoing work of QCEA.

Recent work has included: participation in debates and conferences on peace building and prevention of violent conflict; contributing to a workshop at the European parliament “European arms trade and human rights: The Case of Yemen and alleged war crimes”; working with partners to promote a human rights based approach to migration at the EU level, and working towards the 2023 publication of a major study telling the stories of communities around the world affected by the impact of militarism on the environment and climate.

In addition to fund raising, in 2022 BFoQCEA participated in the Yearly Meeting (annual gathering) of Quakers in Britain by holding an online event entitled “Voicing your values in Europe” to promote the work of QCEA, and organised an event jointly with Northern Friends Peace Board (<https://nfpb.org.uk>) and QCEA on the relationship between militarism and climate change. This event took place in January 2022 as a follow up to COP 26.

BFoQCEA helped with the distribution of ‘Around Europe’, the quarterly newsletter of QCEA, and prepared an appeal leaflet for insertion in ‘the Friend’ (Quaker weekly publication), which appeared in January 2023.

In July 2022, the application by British Friends of QCEA to become a ‘Quaker Recognised Body’ was considered and approved by the standing representative body of Britain Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends.

In April 2022, BFoQCEA agreed to a request from Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) to act as the collector of sterling donations to the FWCC appeal for funds for Quakers in Poland, Georgia and Estonia who were supporting Ukrainian refugees fleeing the effects of Russian warfare.

BFoQCEA promoted and provided banking support for the November 4-day QCEA “Europe at the Crossroads” Study Tour of European Institution formal and informal structures.

## **2. Governance**

The Trustees of the charity met 8 times during 2022 via Zoom video-conferencing. In addition, an Annual General Meeting of the Charity was held on May 27<sup>th</sup> at Friends House, London, and online. At the AGM, Rebecca Gumbrell-McCormick was appointed as clerk (chair) taking over from John Crosfield who has served as a member of the Executive Committee of QCEA since January 2022. Sarah Dodgson was appointed deputy clerk (chair) and Elspeth Wollen note-taker (secretary), Martin Ford as Treasurer and Martin Hughes as the Charity Commission Contact.

As of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022, the trustees were:

John Crosfield  
Sarah Dodgson  
Martin Ford  
Martin Hughes  
Sue Myers

Andrew Jameson  
Rebecca Gumbrell-McCormick  
Marcie Winstanley  
Elsbeth Wollen

As noted as an intention in our 2021 Annual Report, during 2022 trustees considered ways of clarifying the governance of the charity and simplifying our financial reporting where possible and appropriate. Trustees accepted the recommendations of a small group set up to review the existing constitution that no changes be made in the near future. Meanwhile, we developed some rules of good practice, such as the length of terms of service of our trustees, to guide the way we operate.

A copy of our Governing Document and annual financial returns can be found on the Charities Commission website here:  
<https://register-of-charities.charitycommission.gov.uk/cy/charity-search/-/charity-details/293776>.

### 3. Financial Summary

The Income of the charity during 2022 was £ 59,299. This compares with £188,037 in 2021. Donations from Quaker Meetings were £11,077 (including part of Ireland Yearly Meeting), donations from individuals £7,504 and donations from Quaker and other grant-making Trusts £31,000. A donation of £450 was received into the DW Saunders Fund to support QCEA Study Tour Bursaries. A total of £5,470 was received on behalf of QCEA acting as agent for membership and publication payments and a total of £6,418 in disbursements was made on behalf of QCEA. This included rent payments to Britain Yearly Meeting for the use of Quaker House in Brussels.

In this year Britain Yearly Meeting made a direct donation to QCEA to support their work rather than making the payment via BFoQCEA.

We were able to make a donation to QCEA of £50,000 in 2022.

Donations to QCEA	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Sterling	50,000	182,798	63,000	83,000	88,000
Euros	57,909	210,823	70,280	95,590	96,681

The significant fall in the value of the donation to QCEA reflects the very substantial one-off donation in 2021 from a Quaker Charitable Trust which was disposing of all its invested assets prior to ceasing operation.

QCEA's Study Tour, 'Europe at a Crossroads', based at Quaker House, Brussels, took place 14 – 17 November 2022. BFoQCEA received and passed on £4,292 acting as agent for Study Tour payments for QCEA and additionally provided direct and indirect Study Tour bursaries totalling £1,120 supporting 3 participants from the global south and 1 from the UK.

A total of £7,282 was received on behalf of the FWCC Ukraine appeal of which £6,561 was distributed under the direction of FWCC during the year and the remainder retained for distribution during 2023.

At the end of the year, our General Fund reserve was £2,565, the DW Saunders Fund was £17,628, the Ramallah bursary fund £1,102 and the FWCC fund £720.

These funds were held as £12,444 cash in the charity's two CAF Bank Accounts and as a fixed asset bond valued at £9,573.

#### **4. Looking ahead to 2023**

During 2023 we will continue our core work of supporting, promoting and fund-raising for the work of QCEA with Quakers and Quaker Meetings throughout Britain.

#### **5. Public Benefit**

The Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. British Friends of QCEA supports work that benefits the public in Britain as a part of Europe's sphere of influence and elsewhere in the world by promoting the values of peace and human rights embodied in the Quaker testimonies to peace, simplicity, integrity and equality.

**Signed: Rebecca Gumbrell-McCormick**

**Rebecca Gumbrell-McCormick, Clerk, 12 April 2023**

## **6. Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of the British Committee of the Quaker Council for European Affairs**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees of the British Committee of the Quaker Council for European Affairs you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the British Committee of the Quaker Council for European Affairs accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the British Committee of the Quaker Council for European Affairs as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



David Olver, 10 Daleside Road, Riddlesden, Keighley, BD20 5ES

23 February 2023

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ending 31st December 2022									
British Friends of Quaker Council for European Affairs (BFoQCEA)		Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds			Total 2022	Total 2021	
		General fund	QCEA fund	FWCC for Ukraine	Ramallah Bursary	DW Saunders			
Reg Charity: 293776						Capital	Income		
<b>Income</b>	<b>Note</b>								
Gifts and donations	2/7/8	53,761		7,282			532	61,575	186,421
Conference fees	2	0						0	0
Interest	2/7	68			0	0	206	275	101
Receipts for QCEA	2/6		5,470					5,470	1,613
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<b>53,829</b>	<b>5,470</b>	<b>7,282</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>738</b>	<b>67,320</b>	<b>188,135</b>
<b>Charitable Expenditure</b>									
QHB rent paid by BfoQCEA	4	8,630						8,630	6,062
BFoQCEA grant to QCEA	3/4	50,114						50,114	176,487
Acting for FWCC (Ukraine)	8			6,561				6,561	
Bursaries	7	0			0		1,385	1,385	0
Acting for QCEA	6		6,418					6,418	1,613
Sub-total		58,744	6,418	6,561	0	0	1,385	73,109	184,162
Governance		148						148	249
Bank charges		81						81	96
Admin & publicity		0						0	355
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>58,973</b>	<b>6,418</b>	<b>6,561</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,385</b>	<b>73,338</b>	<b>184,862</b>
<b>Net incoming resources</b>	6	<b>(5,144)</b>	<b>(948)</b>	<b>721</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(647)</b>	<b>(6,018)</b>	<b>3,273</b>
Gains/(losses) on investments						450		450	(98)
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	6	<b>(5,144)</b>	<b>(948)</b>	<b>721</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>(647)</b>	<b>(5,568)</b>	<b>3,175</b>
Transfers between funds		(1,173)	1,173			0	0	(1,173)	0
Brought forward 1st January	6	8,883	(225)	0	1,103	17,120	705	27,586	24,410
Carried forward 31st December	6	2,565	(0)	721	1,103	17,570	58	22,018	27,586
<b>Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2022</b>									
2.5% Index Linked Treasury 2024						9,573		9,573	9,123
<b>Fixed Assets</b>									
CAF Bank current account		100						100	100
CAF Bank Gold account		2,465	0	721	1,103	7,997	58	12,344	18,362
Debtors & prepayments									
<b>Current Assets</b>									
		2,565	0	721	1,103	7,997	58	22,018	27,586
Less creditors due within one year		0						0	0
<b>Net Assets</b>									
		2,565	0	721	1,103	17,570	58	22,018	27,586

Note: QHB = Quaker House Brussels, QCEA= Quaker Council for European Affairs and FWCC=Friends World Committee for Consultation

<b>Note 1 Accounting Policies</b>								
A) Basis of accounting: The accounts have been prepared:								
1) on a cash basis								
2) Under the historic cost convention, but with investments shown at market value								
B) Foreign currencies Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are converted into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction.								
Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are converted into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the end of the Financial Year.								
<b>Note 2 General Fund Income</b>								
		<b>2022</b>		<b>2021</b>				
<b>Gifts &amp; donations</b>								
Britain Yearly Meeting (BYM)		£	-	£	31,000	0.0%		
Trusts		£	31,000	£	121,200	25.6%		
Quaker Meetings		£	10,127	£	13,777	73.5%		
Individuals		£	7,504	£	14,953	50.2%		
From part of Ireland Yearly Meeting		£	950	£	970	97.9%		
Other donations		£	4,180	£	4,522	92.4%		
Conference fees		£	-	£	-			
		£	53,761	£	186,421	28.8%		
<b>Interest</b>								
Bank interest		£	68	£	3			
		£	53,829	£	186,424	28.9%		
<b>Receipts for QCEA</b>								
Direct Grants	£	-	£	-	£	0	25.6%	
		£	53,829	£	186,424	28.9%		
Associate Membership subs		1,162		1,577				
Supporting Membership subs		0		0				
Around Europe subscriptions		16		36				
		1,178	£	1,178	£	1,613	73.0%	
		£	55,007	£	188,037	29.3%		
QCEA Study Tour - UK participants		4,292		0				
QCEA Conference Fees		0		0				
BYM for European Peacebuilding Liaison Office (EPLO)		0		0				
BYM landlord's expenses		0		0				
Miscellaneous Inc received for QCEA		0		0				
Sub-total		£	5,470	£	1,613	339.1%		
<b>Total income</b>		£	59,299	£	188,037	31.5%		
<b>Note 3 Periodic transfers to QCEA</b>								
Periodically, BfoQCEA make a transfer to QCEA comprised of some or all of the following:								
A) A grant made by BfoQCEA to QCEA to fund its work (Notes 4 and 5)								
B) Add amounts received in Sterling on behalf of QCEA and transferred to them								
C) Deduct Sterling expenses incurred by QCEA and paid on behalf of QCEA								
<b>Payment</b>		<b>BFoQCEA grant</b>	<b>Bursaries</b>	<b>Sterling receipts</b>	<b>Less Sterling expenses</b>	<b>Total</b>		
	27/04/2022	£	25,000.00	£	-	£	25,000.00	
	31/10/2022	£	10,000.00	£	-	£	10,000.00	
	05/12/2022	£	15,000.00	£	-	£	15,000.00	
	13/10/2022	£	-	£	3,149.00	£	-	Study Tour Participants Payment
	24/10/2022	£	-	£	1,143.00	£	-	Study Tour Participants Payment
	09/11/2022	£	-	£	670.00	£	-	Study Tour Bursary Payment
		£	50,000.00	£	670.00	£	54,962.00	
In 2022, BfoQCEA transferred £4,292 received from study tour participants and additionally made a study tour bursary payment to QCEA of £670.								
In 2022, no Sterling expenses were deducted from the transfers.								
<b>Note 4 BfoQCEA grant to QCEA</b>								
For 2022, BfoQCEA agreed to make a grant to QCEA of £50,000. A further study tour payment of £114 was refunded to a participant with agreement from QCEA. BfoQCEA have designated this sum as an additional donation to QCEA from the BfoQCEA General Fund. Separately BfoQCEA paid the rent for QHB totalling £8,630. This is considered to be a further indirect grant payment.								

<b>Note 5 Transferring Sterling payments to QCEA in Euros</b>									
<b>Payment</b>	<b>Exchange rate</b>	<b>Sterling Payment</b>	<b>Euro equivalent</b>	<b>Sterling transfer</b>	<b>Euro equivalent</b>				
27/04/2022	1.176500	£ 25,000.00	€ 29,415.50	£ 25,000.00	€ 29,412.50				
31/10/2022	1.144200	£ 10,000.00	€ 11,442.00	£ 10,000.00	€ 11,442.00				
05/12/2022	1.137000	£ 15,000.00	€ 17,055.00	£ 15,000.00	€ 17,055.00				
13/10/2022	1.136800	£ 3,149.00	€ 3,579.78	£ 3,149.00	€ 3,579.78				
24/10/2022	1.119300	£ 1,143.00	€ 1,279.36	£ 1,143.00	€ 1,279.36				
09/11/2022	1.117400	£ 670.00	€ 748.66	£ 670.00	€ 748.66				
<b>Totals</b>		<b>£ 54,962.00</b>	<b>€ 63,520.30</b>	<b>£ 54,962.00</b>	<b>€ 63,517.30</b>				
<b>Note 6 QCEA Fund</b>									
<p>In 2022, BFoQCEA received a total £5,470 on behalf of QCEA and made payments on behalf of QCEA totalling £6,418. The generated an in-year QCEA fund deficit of £948 to add the the QCEA fund deficit of £225 standing at the end of 2021. The QCEA Fund cumulative deficit at the end of 2022 therefore stood at £1,173. To reset the QCEA fund back to balance, a journal transfer of £1173 was made from the General Fund into the QCEA Fund. This in effect represents a further donation to QCEA.</p>									
<b>Note 7 DW Saunders Fund</b>									
<p>The DW Saunders Fund is restricted for use in providing bursary support to individuals to enable them to participate in QCEA Study Tours. During 2022, income totalled £206 from investments and £532 from donations making a total income of £738. A total of £1,385 in bursary support was made for participants of the November 2022 Study Tour (£670 direct to QCEA and £715 to a participant via an intermediary), resulting in a reduction in the DW Saunders Income Fund value of £647. The net Income Fund value at the end of the year therefore fell from £706 to £58. The DW Saunders Capital Fund increased in value during the year by £450 ending the year with a valuation of £17,570.</p>									
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<p>In 2022, BFoQCEA agreed to receive funds on behalf of FWCC generated as a result of their Appeal for public donations to support Quakers in Poland, Estonia and Georgia working with refugees from the war in Ukraine. A total of £7,282 was received of which £6,561 was transferred by the end of the year to charitable recipients in the three stated countries as directed by FWCC. The remaining £721 will be transferred to recipients during 2023.</p>									

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Martin Ford', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

**Martin Ford,**  
**Treasurer, 9 April 2023**

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## **2. Governance**

The Trustees of the charity have met regularly via Zoom video-conferencing throughout 2021.

At the time this Annual Report was approved the Trustees were:

John Crosfield	Sarah Dodgson
Marcie Winstanley	Simon Bond
Andrew Jameson	Sue Myers
Martin Hughes	Elspeth Wollen
Rebecca Gumbrell-McCormick	Martin Ford

John Crosfield is the Clerk (Chair) and Martin Ford is the Treasurer.

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John Crosfield was appointed as a member of the Executive Committee of QCEA in January 2022.

## **3. Financial Summary**

The Income of the charity during 2021 was £186,424. This compares with £72,939 in 2020. The very significant increase in income for 2021 chiefly resulted from a number of donations from UK Registered Charitable Trusts, including a single donation of £85,000. Donations from Quaker Meetings also increased, but donations from individuals decreased. Our General Fund reserve at the end of the year was £8,883. The continuing Covid 19 pandemic prevented study tours of the work of QCEA, resulting in no requirement for bursary funding.

We are pleased to be able to report that we were able to make a donation to QCEA of £182,798 in 2021.

Donations to QCEA	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Sterling	182,798	63,000	83,000	88,000	59,250
Euros	210,823	70,280	95,590	96,681	66,876

This donation represents the most significant activity of the charity during 2021.

#### **4. Looking ahead to 2022**

During 2022 we will continue our core work of promoting Quaker values of peace and reconciliation by supporting, promoting and fund-raising for the work of QCEA with Quakers and Quaker Meetings throughout Britain. At the time of writing this report, the war in Ukraine continues and we are working with Friends World Council for Consultation (FWCC) to enable the raising of funds for relief of suffering of Ukrainian refugees.

We are also considering ways of clarifying the governance of the charity and simplifying our financial reporting where possible and appropriate.

#### **5. Public Benefit**

The Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. British Friends of QCEA supports work that benefits the public in Britain as a part of Europe's sphere of influence and elsewhere in the world by promoting the values of peace and human rights embodied in the Quaker testimonies to peace, simplicity integrity, and equality.

**Signed: *John Crosfield***

**John Crosfield, Clerk, April 05 2022**

## **6. Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of the British Committee of the Quaker Council for European Affairs**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees of the British Committee of the Quaker Council for European Affairs you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the British Committee of the Quaker Council for European Affairs accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the British Committee of the Quaker Council for European Affairs as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



David Olver  
18 February 2022

## Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ending 31st December 2021

	Note	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds			Total 2021	Total 2020
		General fund	QCEA fund	Ramallah Bursary	DW Saunders			
					Capital	Income		
<b>Income</b>								
Gifts and donations	2	186,421					186,421	72,931
Conference fees	2	0					0	0
Interest	2	3		0	0	98	101	216
Receipts for QCEA	2		1,613				1,613	25,538
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		186,424	1,613	0	0	98	188,135	98,685
<b>Charitable Expenditure</b>								
QHB rent paid by BfoQCEA		6,062					6,062	6,152
BfoQCEA Grant to QCEA	3	176,487					176,487	63,000
Bursaries		0		0		0	0	0
Acting for QCEA	3		1,613				1,613	25,974
Sub-total		182,549	1,613	0	0	0	184,162	95,126
Governance (QCEA Trustee)		249					249	0
Bank charges		96					96	60
Admin & publicity		355					355	0
<b>Total resources expended</b>		183,249	1,613	0	0	0	184,862	95,186
<b>Net incoming resources</b>		3,175	0	0	0	98	3,273	3,498
Gains/(losses) on investments					(98)		(98)	(138)
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		3,175	0	0	(98)	98	3,175	3,360
Transfers between funds		0			0	0	0	0
Brought forward 1st January		5,707	(225)	1,103	17,218	607	24,410	21,031
Carried forward 31st December		8,883	(225)	1,103	17,120	705	27,586	24,391

## Balance Sheet as of 31st December 2021

2.5% Index Linked Treasury 2024 Bond				9,123		9,123	9,221
<b>Fixed Assets</b>							
CAF Bank current account	100					100	100
CAF Bank Gold account	8,783	(225)	1,103	7,997	705	18,362	15,070
Debtors & prepayments							
<b>Current Assets</b>	8,883	(225)	1,103	7,997	705	27,586	24,391
Less creditors due within one year	0					0	0
<b>Net Assets</b>	8,883	(225)	1,103	17,120	705	27,586	24,391

- BfoQCEA = British Friends of Quaker House Brussels (**also known as British Committee of QCEA, the term used by the Independent Examiner**)
- QCEA = Quaker Council For European Affairs
- QHB = Quaker House Brussels
- DW Saunders funds were generated by an appeal in The Friend magazine to support the provision on bursaries for individuals to visit Brussels and learn more of QCEA's work.
- Ramallah Bursary was specifically created to enable students at Ramallah School to visit Brussels and learn more of QCEA's work. This fund has been exhausted for several years.

### Note 1 Accounting Policies

A) Basis of accounting:

The accounts have been prepared:

1) On the accruals basis, with all known debtors and creditors at the year-end included in the figures for the year to which they relate.

2) Under the historic cost convention, but with investments shown at market value

B) Foreign currencies

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are converted into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction.

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are converted into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the end of the Financial Year.

**Note 2 General Fund Income**

	2021		2020		Change
<b>Gifts &amp; donations</b>					
Britain Yearly Meeting (BYM)	£	31,000	£	25,564	121.3%
Trusts	£	121,200	£	11,400	
Quaker Meetings	£	13,777	£	10,129	136.0%
Individuals	£	14,953	£	24,292	61.6%
From part of Ireland Yearly Meeting	£	970	£	1,545	
Other donations	£	4,522	£	-	
Conference fees	£	-	£	-	
	£	186,421	£	72,931	255.6%
<b>Interest</b>					
Bank interest	£	3	£	9	
	£	186,424	£	72,939	255.6%
<b>Receipts for QCEA</b>					
Direct Grants	£	-	£	21,764	365.5%
	£	186,424	£	94,703	196.9%
Associate Membership subs		1,577		2,561	
Supporting Membership subs		0		460	
Around Europe subscriptions		36		172	
		1,613		3,193	
	£	1,613	£	3,193	50.5%
	£	188,037	£	97,896	192.1%
Study Tour - UK participants		0		150	
Brussels Conference Fees		0		431	
BYM for European Peacebuilding Liaison Office (EPLO)		0		0	
BYM landlord's expenses		0		0	
Miscellaneous Inc received for QCEA		0		1	
Sub-total	£	1,613	£	25,538	6.3%
<b>Total income</b>	£	188,037	£	98,478	190.9%

### Note 3 Periodic transfers to QCEA

Periodically, BfoQCEA make a transfer to QCEA in Brussels comprised as follows:

- A) A grant made by BfoQCEA to QCEA to fund its work (Notes 4 and 5)
- B) Add amounts received in Sterling on behalf of QCEA and transferred to them
- C) Deduct Sterling expenses incurred by QCEA and paid on behalf of QCEA

Payment	BfoQCEA grant	Bursaries	Sterling receipts	Less Sterling expenses	Total
15 April	£ 100.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 100.00
23 April	£ 50,777.98	£ -	£ 638.00	-£ 1,515.98	£ 49,900.00
14 July	£ 99,315.98	£ -	£ 200.00	-£ 1,515.98	£ 98,000.00
16 December	£ 32,604.55	£ -	£ 775.00	-£ 3,279.55	£ 30,100.00
	£ 182,798.51	£ -	£ 1,613.00	-£ 6,311.51	£ 178,100.00
Plus amounts awaiting transfer			0		
Total			1,613		

### Note 4 BfoQCEA grant to QCEA

For 2021, British Friends of QCEA agreed to make a grant to QCEA of £182,798.51. This was made up of the payments below. Sterling expenses paid on behalf of QCEA are deducted from the grant. BfoQCEA pays the rent for Quaker House Brussels (QHB) to the landlords BYM, on behalf of QCEA.

### Note 5 Transferring Sterling payments to QCEA in Euros

Payment	Exchange rate	Sterling grant	Euro equivalent	Sterling transfer	Euro equivalent
15 April	1.102900	£ 100.00	€ 110.29	£ 100.00	€ 110.29
23 April	1.138400	£ 50,777.98	€ 57,805.65	£ 49,900.00	€ 56,806.16
14 July	1.158000	£ 99,315.98	€ 115,007.90	£ 98,000.00	€ 113,484.00
16 December	1.162400	£ 32,604.55	€ 37,899.53	£ 30,100.00	€ 34,988.24
Totals		£182,798.51	€ 210,823.38	£ 178,100.00	€ 205,388.69

Signed: *John Crosfield*, Clerk, 5 April 2022

Signed: *Martin Ford*, Treasurer, 5 April 2022

**British Friends of Quaker Council for European Affairs**

England & Wales - Charity number 293776

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# Accounts

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# British Friends of Quaker Council for European Affairs

## Registered charity 293776

Registered Address: C/O Finance and Property, Religious Society of Friends, Friends House, Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ

### **ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2020**

The examination of our accounts was completed in April 2021. The world was dominated by the effects of the Covid 19 Pandemic, with very significant contractions in most major economies. Against this backdrop, we have endeavoured to maintain the support of British Friends for QCEA, an organisation which has become more important than ever after Brexit in allowing the voices of British Friends to be heard in Europe. The long-term work on peace and human rights remains our focus.

#### **Financial Summary**

We are pleased to be able to report that we were able to make a grant to QCEA of £63,000 in 2020

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
Sterling	63,000	83,000	88,000	59,250	62,500
Euros	70,280	95,590	96,681	66,876	73,071

This was achieved whilst keeping our expenses to £60 Bank Charges (£65 in 2019). All members of the committee are volunteers.

We are very grateful to individual Friends, whose contributions increased in response to the crisis, as inevitably contributions from Quaker Meetings were lower due to the closure of many Meeting houses for most of the year.

Our General Fund reserve at the end of the year was £5,707. Our end of year reserve has been minimal since the sterling devaluation of 2016/7, so each year we have to raise as much as possible to enable QCEA's valuable work to continue.

#### **Purpose, Objectives and Activities**

British Friends of QCEA is a Quaker charity whose main purpose is to promote Quaker values at the European level. These values are based on Quaker testimonies to peace, integrity, simplicity, equality and good stewardship of the planet, which we commend to everyone. This purpose is primarily achieved by supporting the work of QCEA, an international non-profit organisation based in Brussels, and by promoting its work within Britain Yearly Meeting.

British Friends of QCEA participates in the governance of QCEA by appointing a member of its Council, as do each of the Quaker Yearly Meetings in Europe. QCEA relies for funding from year to year entirely on the Yearly Meetings, Quaker Meetings, individual Friends and Quaker and other trusts throughout Europe. British Friends of QCEA supports QCEA by channelling funds from Friends and meetings in Britain to QCEA and by

promoting its work so that British Friends and other interested people are aware of the important work of speaking truth to power at the European level.

British Friends of QCEA also transmits Sterling funds (£24,958 in 2020, £69,208 in 2019 when there were a larger number of one-off grants received) collected on behalf of QCEA such as grants directly awarded to QCEA for specific purposes following successful grant applications and membership subscriptions and pays any Sterling expenses incurred by QCEA. In this way, exchange costs are minimised. In addition, British Friends of QCEA administers funds for bursaries to enable participation in QCEA study tours / conferences by those who live outside the UK and could not otherwise afford to participate. These are the Ramallah and DW Saunders restricted funds (the Brummana fund having been fully used up).

### **Members of British Friends of QCEA Charity**

At the time this report was approved the members of British Friends of Quaker Council for European Affairs (trustees of the charity) are:

Derek McLean	Martin Hughes	Simon Bond
John Crosfield	Rebecca Gumbrell-	Sue Myers
Marcie Winstanley	McCormick	Elsbeth Wollen
Andrew Jameson	Sarah Dodgson	Martin Ford

John Crosfield is the clerk and Martin Ford is the treasurer.

The Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. British Friends of QCEA supports work that benefits the public in Europe's sphere of influence and elsewhere in the world by promoting the values of peace and human rights embodied in the Quaker testimonies to peace, simplicity integrity, and equality.

**Signed:** *John Crosfield*

**John Crosfield, Clerk, 7 May 2021**

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### **Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020 comprising the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet and related notes.

#### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

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**Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

**Signed:** *Beatriz Medina Amaris*

**Beatriz Medina Amaris, Examiner 19 April 2021**

## Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ending 31st December 2020

	Note	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds				Total 2020	Total 2019
		General fund	QHB fund	Ramallah Bursary	Brummana Bursary	DW Saunders			
						Capital	Income		
<b>Income</b>									
Gifts and donations	2	72,950						72,950	89,952
Conference fees	2	0						0	0
Interest	2	9		2	0	11	194	216	230
Receipts for QHB	2		25,538					25,538	69,208
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		72,959	25,538	2	0	11	194	98,704	159,389
<b>Charitable Expenditure</b>									
QHB rent paid by BC		6,152						6,152	6,234
BC Grant to QHB	3	63,000						63,000	83,001
Bursaries		0		0	0		0	0	0
Acting for QHB	3		25,974					25,974	68,997
<b>Sub-total</b>		69,152	25,974	0	0	0	0	95,126	158,232
Governance		0						0	0
Bank charges		60						60	65
Admin & publicity		0						0	0
<b>Total resources expended</b>		69,212	25,974	0	0	0	0	95,186	158,297
<b>Net incoming resources</b>		3,747	(436)	2	0	11	194	3,518	1,092
Gains/(losses) on investments						(138)		(138)	8
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		3,747	(436)	2	0	(127)	194	3,380	1,006
Transfers between funds		0				(25)	25	0	0
Brought forward 1st January		1,961	211	1,101	(0)	17,371	388	21,031	20,025
Carried forward 31st December		5,707	(225)	1,103	(0)	17,218	607	24,410	21,031

## Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2020

2.5% Index Linked Treasury 2024					9,221		9,221	9,360
<b>Fixed Assets</b>								
CAF Bank current account	100						100	100
CAF Bank Gold account	5,607	(225)	1,103	0	7,997	607	15,089	11,571
Debtors & prepayments								
<b>Current Assets</b>	5,707	(225)	1,103	0	7,997	607	24,410	21,031
Less creditors due within one year	0						0	0
<b>Net Assets</b>	5,707	(225)	1,103	0	17,218	607	24,410	21,031

Note: QHB = Quaker House Brussels and BC = British Committee

### Supplementary note:

Our bank details are sort code 40-52-40 (CAF Bank) account 00004748 (BFoQCEA).

We are grateful to everyone who BACS transfers donations etc. to us rather than posting a cheque as in current circumstances this minimises visits to a bank to pay in cheques.

## Note 1 Accounting Policies

A) Basis of accounting:

The accounts have been prepared:

1) on the accruals basis, with all known debtors and creditors at the year-end included in the figures for the year to which they relate.

2) Under the historic cost convention, but with investments shown at market value

B) Foreign currencies

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are converted into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction.

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are converted into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the end of the Financial Year.

## Note 2 General Fund Income

<b>Gifts &amp; donations</b>	<b>2020</b>		<b>2019</b>	
	£		£	
Britain Yearly Meeting (BYM)	25,564		24,938	
	£		£	
Trusts	11,400		31,164	
	£		£	
Quaker Meetings	10,129		13,438	
	£		£	
Individuals	24,312		18,896	
	£		£	
From part of Ireland Yearly Meeting	1,545		1,250	
			£	
Other donations	£ -		265	
Conference fees	£ -		£ -	
	£		£	
	72,950		89,952	
<b>Interest</b>				
	£		£	
Bank interest	9		19	
	£		£	
	72,959		89,970	
<b>Receipts for Quaker House Brussels</b>				
	£	£	£	£
Direct Grants	21,764	21,764	56,850	56,850
		£		£146,82
		94,723		0
Associate Membership subs	2,561		2,474	
Supporting Membership subs	460		465	
Around Europe subscriptions	172		397	
	£	£	£	£
	3,193	3,193	3,336	3,336
	£			£150,15
	97,915			6

Study Tour - UK participants	150	0
Brussels Conference Fees	431	7,170
BYM for European Peacebuilding Liaison Office (EPLO)	0	0
BYM landlord's expenses	0	0
Miscellaneous Inc received for QCEA	1	1,852
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Sub-total	£ 25,538	£ 69,208
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<b>Total income</b>	£ 98,497	£159,17 8
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**Note 3 Periodic transfers to Quaker House Brussels (QHB)**

Periodically, British Committee (BC) make a a transfer to QHB comprised as follows:

- A) A grant made by British Committee to QHB to fund its work (Notes 4 and 5)
- B) Add amounts received in Sterling on behalf of QHB and transferred to them
- C) Deduct Sterling expenses incurred by QHB and paid on behalf of QHB

<b>Payment</b>	<b>BC grant</b>	<b>Bursaries</b>	<b>Sterling receipts</b>	<b>Less Sterling expenses</b>	<b>Total</b>
March	37,000		2,482	(532)	38,949
June	11,000		400	(883.00)	10,517
November	15,000		27,178	(4,996)	37,182
			30,059.7		
	63,000		9	(6,411)	86,648
Plus amounts awaiting transfer			0		
<b>Total</b>			30,060		
	(Check totals		£	£	)
			4,521.58	210.50	

**Note 4 British Committee grant to QHB**

For 2020, the British Committee agreed to make a grant to QHB as made up below. Sterling expenses paid on behalf of QHB are deducted from the grant. The British Committee also pays the rent for QHB

**Note 5 Transferring Sterling payments to QHB in Euros**

<b>Payment</b>	<b>Exchange rate</b>	<b>Sterling grant</b>	<b>Euro equivalent</b>	<b>Sterling transfer</b>	<b>Euro equivalent</b>
March	1.121026	37,000	41,478	38,949	43,663
June	1.097600	11,000	12,074	10,517	11,543
November	1.115200	15,000	16,728	37,182	41,465
<b>Totals</b>		<b>63,000</b>	<b>70,280</b>	<b>86,648</b>	<b>96,672</b>

**Signed:** *John Crosfield*

**John Crosfield, Clerk, 7 May 2021**

**Signed:** *Simon Bond*

**Simon Bond, Treasurer (to 31 December 2020), 7 May 2021**

**Signed:** *Martin Ford*

**Treasurer (from 1 January 2021), 7 May 2021**