



## Canadian Friends Service Committee (Quakers)

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#### Statement on Canada's role in Libya

Drawing on the wisdom of British Friends' public statement, CFSC issued a statement to the Government of Canada regarding our concern about Canada's participation in military action in Libya, including recommendations for positive action. To read the statement, visit:

<http://www.cfsc.quaker.ca/pages/documents/201104CFSCstntonLibya.pdf>

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#### Discrimination Against Indigenous Children

CFSC joined with many partners in issuing a public statement calling on all political parties to end the discriminatory underfunding that is tearing apart First Nations families.

The statement entitled, "Indigenous children's rights denied by indifference and legal technicalities", notes that "the government spends significantly less money per child for children's services in First Nations reserves than its provincial and territorial counterparts provide in predominantly non-Aboriginal communities. More First Nations children are being placed in government care today than were taken away from their families and communities at the height of the residential school era." Read it

at: <http://cfsc.quaker.ca/pages/documents/FNchildwelfarejointletterApril272011.pdf>

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#### Welcome back, Rachel



Rachel Singleton-Polster (Vancouver Island MM, *pictured with Friend and grandmother Betty Polster. Photo credit: Nic Hume, June 2010*) started work this week as the Interim Program Coordinator for CFSC's Quakers Fostering Justice program.

Rachel was an intern last summer at CFSC, where she spent half her time working under Meredith Egan, QFJ's Program Coordinator who is currently on leave. QFJ's work includes the crime legislation that is coming back to Parliament when it resumes sitting. Rachel can be reached at [rachel \[at\] quakerservice.ca](mailto:rachel[at]quakerservice.ca).

We look forward to welcoming back Meredith Egan from her leave later this year.

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## Follow CFSC on Facebook and Twitter! Learn about CFSC Grants!

Articles, information on resources and actions, etc. are posted on CFSC's Facebook page and Twitter. Look us up using CFSC's full name on [Facebook](#) and "friend" us. Follow us at [#CFSCQuakers](#) on [Twitter](#).

CFSC makes grants to individual Friends (and active attenders) and local Meetings for projects that intersect with Friends' concerns. To learn more about CFSC grant opportunities, download our info sheet at: <http://bit.ly/dJiiKq>

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## Book: The power of story and restorative justice

*"The Power of Story and Restorative Justice"* is a new publication by Mennonite Central Committee Canada. It explores the intersection of story-catching and restorative justice. Restorative justice processes encourage the sharing of stories; stories of trauma, stories of empowerment, stories of deeply felt emotion and community.

Through interviews with people across Canada, and listening to stories and advice from participants, facilitators and other volunteers, authors Lisa Smith and Meredith Egan (CFSC staff) examine community organizing, evolving practices in facilitation, stories of facilitators, and how the public sharing of these stories can be well supported. This resource is a culmination of their experience. To order your copy today, email [resources@mennonitecc.ca](mailto:resources@mennonitecc.ca) (Hard copy: \$10 + shipping; PDF download: \$5). To read more about the book, visit: <http://canada.mcc.org/restorativejustice/storycatching>

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## Muriel Duckworth honoured in portrait exhibit

Muriel Duckworth, acclaimed peace activist and beloved Friend, is being honoured in a portrait exhibit at the Public Archives of Nova Scotia in Halifax, NS. Duckworth is an Order of Canada recipient, was awarded the Pearson Peace Medal and was the first woman from Halifax to run for a seat in the Nova Scotia Legislature. Nine women are being honoured through large-scale portraits in an interdisciplinary art exhibit by Jo Napier. The exhibit, entitled *The Nova Scotia Nine: Great Women of Nova Scotia*, runs June 10-25, 2011. For more information on the women's history and why Napier chose to paint them, visit [www.jonapier.wordpress.com](http://www.jonapier.wordpress.com).



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