



Canadian Friends Service Committee
E-Newsletter

Most Popular

Content of 2023



Our most popular content of 2023

We're producing new educational resources all the time as part of our peace and social justice work at Canadian Friends Service Committee. As we move into a new year, here's a roundup of the most popular content we created in 2023. Below are the top five pieces in three different categories: blog posts and print resources, articles from our newsletter [Quaker Concern](#), and [videos](#).

Blog posts and print resources

1. [Being a Quaker, being an activist](#) (PDF)
2. [National Indigenous Peoples Day 2023: joint statement](#)
3. [In response to the ongoing intensity of violence in Palestine/Israel](#)
4. [Academic journal article on "culture wars" and how to build positive peace](#) (PDF)
5. [Donate to humanitarian relief in Gaza](#)

Quaker Concern articles

1. [Canada, stand up for Palestinian children's rights](#)
2. [Being an anti-racist Quaker here and now](#)
3. [Through the bars: making connections](#)
4. [What does theory of change have to do with justice and peace?](#)
5. [Occupation hurts the occupied and the occupier](#)

Videos ([watch them here](#))

1. The Water Song—Mary Lou and Dan Smoke
2. Truth and reconciliation and land acknowledgements
3. How can a non-Indigenous person be a good ally?
4. Breaking: the Quaker voice is coming to Parliament Hill!
5. Canadian Friends Service Committee—Quakers working for justice and peace



**WE'RE
HIRING**



Canadian Friends Service Committee—the national peace and social justice agency of Quakers in Canada—seeks a part-time

Criminal Justice Program Coordinator.

QuakerService.ca/Jobs



**Thank you Nancy and CFSC
is hiring!**

At the end of this month our Criminal Justice Program Coordinator Nancy Russell is retiring. We thank Nancy for her years of service! We're now hiring for this position.

The Criminal Justice Program Coordinator is a part-time position (17.5 work hours/week). Consideration will be given to all qualified applicants regardless of their location in Canada; however, preference will be given to those able to commute to the CFSC office in Toronto. Find out more including the job description and how to apply at <https://QuakerService.ca/Jobs>. Application deadline is February 2, 2024.

Please share this news with anyone you think might be interested in applying!



CFSC's Jennifer Preston tells QUNO Geneva summer school participants about the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, 2018.

QUNO Geneva summer school accepting applications

Applications for the 2024 Quaker United Nations (QUNO) summer school are open until Feb 15. The school will happen from July 1-12, 2024 in Geneva. The summer school offers a unique opportunity for young people to engage with issues of disarmament, economic justice, human rights, and climate change at the international political level.

QUNO seeks to bring together a diverse group of young people to learn more about the United Nations and Quaker work at the multilateral level, build community, and build on existing skills and knowledge. For cost, application criteria, and more see: <https://quno.org/quaker-united-nations-summer-school>



Sign at Dec 2023 protest in Toronto calls for an immediate ceasefire between Israel and Hamas



Calling for support for Genocide Convention case against Israel

Canadian Friends Service Committee joined more than a thousand organizations from

various countries in signing the following open letter.

We, the undersigned organizations, commend South Africa on its Application to the International Court of Justice (ICJ) invoking the Genocide Convention against Israel.

We now urge other countries to reinforce this strongly worded and well-argued complaint by immediately filing a Declaration of Intervention with the ICJ, also called the World Court.

Many countries have rightly expressed their horror at the State of Israel's genocidal actions, war crimes and crimes against humanity being committed against Palestinians. Israeli Occupying Forces have bombed hospitals, residences, United Nations refugee centers, schools, places of worship and escape routes, killing and injuring tens of thousands of Palestinians since October 7, 2023. More than half of the dead are women and children. Israeli leaders have made brazenly genocidal statements openly declaring their intention to permanently and completely displace Palestinians from their own land.

South Africa is correct in charging that under the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, Israel's actions "are genocidal in character, as they are committed with the requisite specific intent ... to destroy Palestinians in Gaza as a part of the broader Palestinian national, racial and ethnic group."

Parties to the Genocide Convention are obliged to act to prevent genocide; therefore, action must be immediate. A Declaration of Intervention filed with the ICJ in support of the South African case against Israel is one way to ensure that all acts of genocide are stopped and those responsible are held accountable.

Israel's killing, injuring, traumatizing, and displacing large numbers of Palestinians and denying water, food, medicine, and fuel to an occupied population meet the criteria for the crime of genocide. If a majority of the world's nations call for a ceasefire, yet fail to press for prosecution of Israel – what is to stop Israel from ethnically cleansing all Palestinians? For that matter, what is to stop other nations from repeating a horror of this magnitude?

We urge national governments to immediately file a Declaration of Intervention in support of the South African case against Israel at the International Court of Justice to stop the killing in the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

Read this open letter [on our website](#).

Learn more about our support for a [just peace](#) that would benefit all in Israel/Palestine.