










Canadian Friends Service Committee

E-Newsletter

ALTERNATIVES TO PRISON: What Would a World Without Prisons Look like?

We already have many examples of what an alternative to prisons would look like. Here are some that are already working in our society to reduce crime, increase community safety, rehabilitate people, and address the conditions that result in people going to prisons.

<h4>COMMUNITY BASED SENTENCES</h4>  <p>There are many people serving criminal sentences in the community, through probation, parole, or community supervision. This means individuals spend their criminal sentences out of prisons and in their own homes or community-based residential facilities (halfway houses) with supervision.</p>	<h4>RESTORATIVE JUSTICE</h4>  <p>Restorative Justice is a practice that provides all parties to a crime with the opportunity to talk openly about the crime. This includes the individual that committed the harm, the people they hurt (victims), police, community members and family members of the individual.</p>
<h4>EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT, AND TRAINING</h4>  <p>Instead of sending people to sit life in prisons, what if we created better education, employment, and training opportunities?</p>	<h4>ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES</h4>  <p>When the cause of criminalized behaviour is rooted in addiction or mental illness, the solution should be addiction services and mental health treatment.</p>
<h4>HEALING LODGES</h4>  <p>Healing Lodges are currently used by Indigenous people in the justice system. By connecting to Indigenous culture, values, traditions, and beliefs, Indigenous people who have been involved in criminalized behaviour can heal from their own trauma and shift their lives in a holistic way.</p>	<h4>BUT WHAT ABOUT THE 'DANGEROUS FEW'?</h4>  <p>The 'dangerous few' in the words of Quaker prison abolitionist Ruth Martin, are the very few individuals who do need to be separated from our society to keep us safe. We can do that in ways that do not rely on prisons as we see them now.</p>

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CFSC releases new handout exploring alternatives to prison

What would a world without prisons look like? This provocative question is addressed in a new double-sided handout released in October.

The handout, [*Alternatives to Prison*](#), highlights community-based sentences, Restorative Justice, education, employment, and training, addiction and mental health services, Healing Lodges, and what can be done about the “dangerous few.”

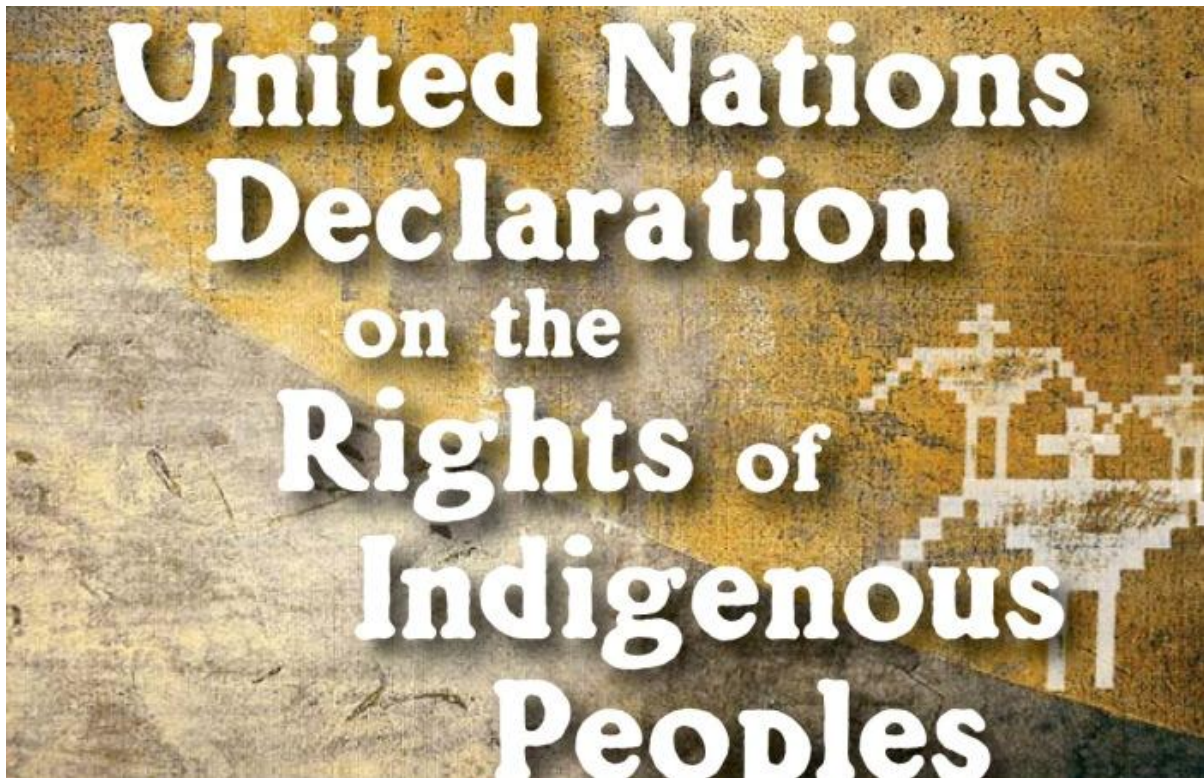
You can see it online at <https://quakerservice.ca/AlternativestoPrison>, download it [in PDF](#) (which may be easier to read), or contact our office for print copies.

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ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019: PUSHING BOUNDARIES

Year end fundraising drive in full swing

It's hard to believe that we're already in November! We send our deep thanks to everyone who has donated to CFSC's annual fundraising drive to help essential peace and social justice work continue in 2020. If you haven't done so yet, please take a look at our 2018-2019 *Annual Accountability Report* and [donate](https://report.quakerservice.ca) to support justice and peace: <https://report.quakerservice.ca>



Proposed legislation a crucial step toward reconciliation in BC

We were very pleased to see that Bill C-41 was tabled by the Government of British Columbia. C-41 requires BC to collaborate with Indigenous peoples to develop an action plan and then implement the *UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*.

BC is poised to create a legal framework to address the legacy of colonialism in provincial laws and policies. Without C-41, laws and policies continue to deny Indigenous peoples and individuals their basic human rights. C-41 would create a collaborative process to ensure that BC laws finally live up to human rights standards.

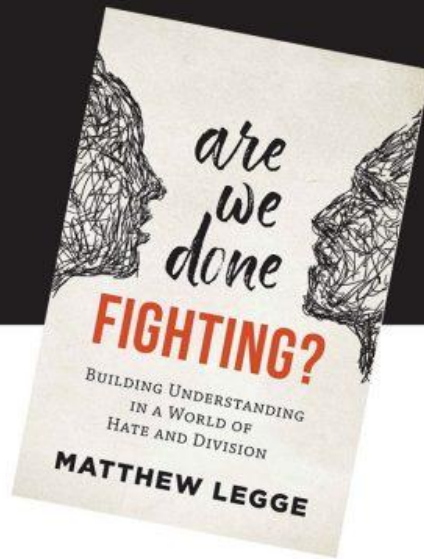
We hope BC legislators will work together to pass this Bill, and that other provinces will follow the important lead that BC has set. Read a joint statement about C-41 at: <https://quakerservice.ca/news/proposed-legislation-a-crucial-step-toward-reconciliation-in-bc>

ARE WE DONE FIGHTING?

Author

Matthew Legge

West Coast Book Tour Schedule



Sunday, November 10th

Vancouver Quaker Meetinghouse
1090 West 70th Avenue, **Vancouver**

12:30pm - 1:30pm

Wednesday, November 13th **Tuesday, November 19th**

Duncan United Church,
246 Ingram Street, **Duncan**

7:00pm - 9:00pm

Lillooet Public Library, Rec Centre
930 Main St, **Lillooet**

7:00pm

Friday, November 15th

Gabriola Island Library
#5 - 575 North Rd, **Gabriola Island**

1:30pm - 2:30pm

Wednesday, November 20th

The Smorgasbord
225 - 7th Avenue, **Kamloops**

7:00pm

Sunday, November 17th

Victoria Monthly Meetinghouse
1831 Fern Street, **Victoria**

1:00pm - 2:00pm

Thursday, November 21st

The Yoga House
1272 St. Paul St, **Kelowna**

7:30pm

Monday, November 18th

Vancouver Island University
900 Fifth St, **Nanaimo**
Building 210, Room 275

2:30pm - 4:00pm

Sunday, November 24th

Strathcona Place Senior Centre,
10831 University Ave, **Edmonton**

1:00pm

Media coverage and western Canada speaking tour

In the last month, CFSC's Peace Program Coordinator Matt Legge has been interviewed for the radio twice: [98.5 CKWR in Kitchener, Ontario](#), and [101.9 CFUV in Victoria, BC](#). He was also interviewed in print for [The Big Edition in Kamloops, BC](#). All the buzz is about CFSC's new book [Are We Done Fighting? Building Understanding in a World of Hate and Division](#).

Matt is now on the road speaking about key findings on how everyday people can respond creatively to rising hate and polarization. Additional dates and times may be announced so for the most up-to-date information about the tour check [CFSC's Facebook page](#) or the book's website <https://AreWeDoneFighting.com>

These events are all free and open to the public. Please come out if you can or share the news with others who you think may be interested.

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