



# Canadian Friends Service Committee

## E-Newsletter



### **Reconciliation video series is back with new 1-2 minute clips!**

Do you ever feel that you'd like to advance the work of reconciliation, but you're confused or unsure where to begin? You have questions but don't know who to ask.

To help you out, we've spent the past three years asking Indigenous partners questions about reconciliation. Are you curious about their responses? The good news is that we brought a videographer with us to capture the conversations. More good news, new videos are being added over the coming weeks! Meet some of our

Indigenous friends and partners and hear from them directly. [Watch the short videos.](#)



## **CFSC joins Listen First network**

The Listen First Project brings together over 450 organizations who each agree that we need more listening. The networks' many members believe that when people listen first to understand each other, even if they don't agree with what's being said, society as a whole can benefit.

A great many people are hungry for more positive and rewarding interactions, especially with folks outside of their "tribe". Listening and respectful interactions can often help to address misunderstandings, false information, distrust, and fear.

To announce our joining the network, Listen First asked CFSC's Matt Legge to discuss our bridge building efforts. [Watch the 2 minute video Matt made.](#)



No Fighter Jets protest, Toronto, Jan 7, 2023. Sign reads: “F35 jets can't solve: the climate crisis, homelessness, inequality, poverty, racism, sexism, health care crisis, food insecurity, inflation, colonialism.”

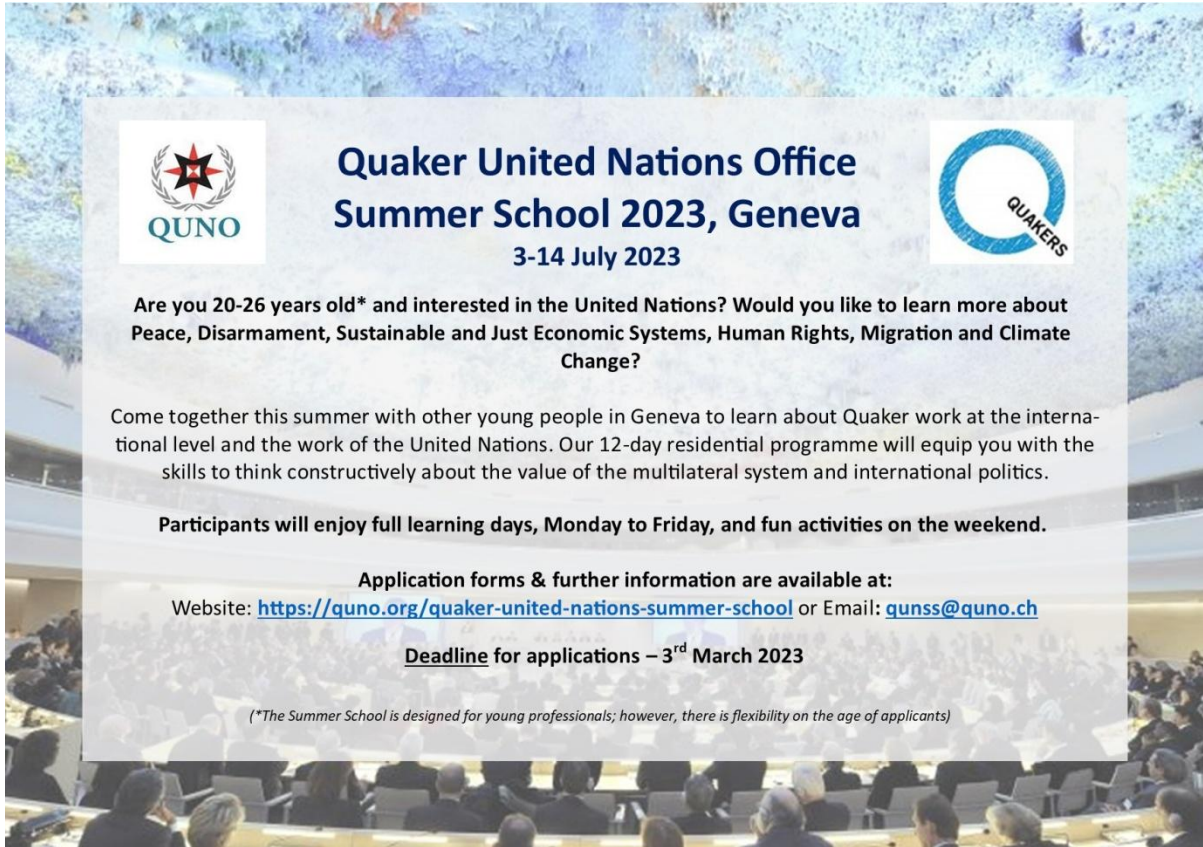




## Canada poised to buy 88 new fighter jets

Canada plans to purchase 88 new Lockheed Martin F-35 stealth fighters for \$19 billion (with a lifecycle cost of at least \$77 billion). This is a war plane. It's designed for first strike attacks and can carry a nuclear bomb. A new [Parliamentary e-petition](#) calls for Canada to:

1. Conduct and publicize a comprehensive study on the financial, climate, environmental and social costs and risks of the F-35 fighter jets;
2. Make public the findings for the gender-based analysis, environmental assessment, climate impacts, and impacts on Indigenous communities of the new fleet of F-35s; and
3. Cancel the planned purchase of F-35 fighter jets and invest in climate action and the well-being of Canadians.

[Sign the e-petition](#) and learn more about the [No Fighter Jets campaign](#) endorsed by CFSC.



 **Quaker United Nations Office  
Summer School 2023, Geneva**   
3-14 July 2023

**Are you 20-26 years old\* and interested in the United Nations? Would you like to learn more about Peace, Disarmament, Sustainable and Just Economic Systems, Human Rights, Migration and Climate Change?**

Come together this summer with other young people in Geneva to learn about Quaker work at the international level and the work of the United Nations. Our 12-day residential programme will equip you with the skills to think constructively about the value of the multilateral system and international politics.

**Participants will enjoy full learning days, Monday to Friday, and fun activities on the weekend.**

**Application forms & further information are available at:**  
Website: <https://quno.org/quaker-United-nations-summer-school> or Email: [qunss@quno.ch](mailto:qunss@quno.ch)

**Deadline for applications – 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023**

(\*The Summer School is designed for young professionals; however, there is flexibility on the age of applicants)

## **Young people can join Quakers at the United Nations**

The Quaker United Nations Office in Geneva invites young professionals to join a 12-day residential program to learn about international politics and some of the most pressing issues of our day. The program will take place in-person for the first time since 2019. The application deadline is March 3. Find out more:

<https://quno.org/quaker-United-nations-summer-school>