



Canadian Friends Service Committee E-Newsletter



Canadian Friends Service Committee (Quakers) joins 300+ organizations in the Draw the Line campaign

We've joined over 300 organizations to endorse and take part in the [Draw the Line campaign](#). Across the country over 50 cities will be taking to the streets to call for Canada to:

- Put people over corporate profit. **Fund our families and communities.**
- Refuse ongoing colonialism. **Uphold Indigenous Sovereignty.**
- Stop blaming migrants. **Demand full immigration status for all now!**

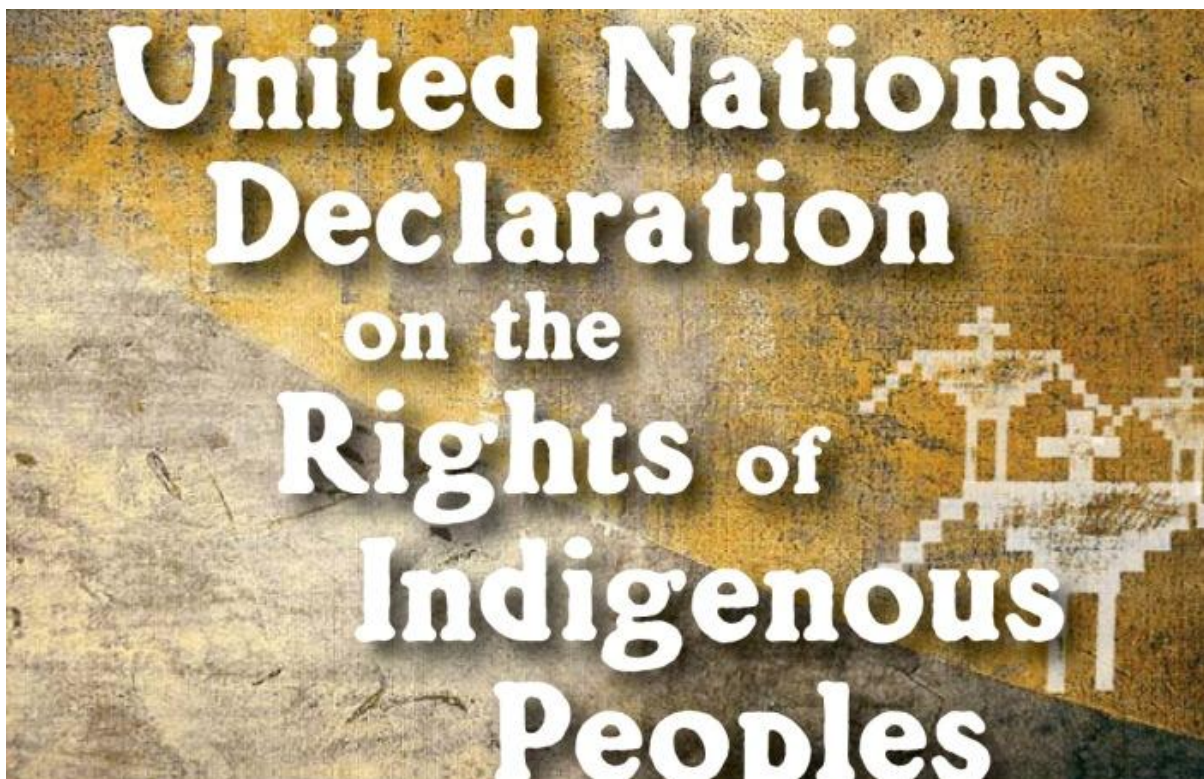
- End the war machine. **Stand for justice and peace.**
- End the era of fossil fuels. **Protect Mother Earth.**

This is in response to deeply troubling and human rights violating [bills like C-2](#), planned deep cuts to the [services Canadians rely on](#), and [massive increases in military spending](#).

The broad nature of this campaign means that a diverse range of organizations—climate, migrant justice, economic justice, labour, Indigenous Peoples' human rights, and peace groups—are all raising their voices and joining in.

This will take more than just one day of action. This is planned to be the beginning of further learning and collaboration long after September 20th. The crises we face will require sustained, coordinated action to change.

Join us on September 20: find [your local protest event](#). During the protests don't forget to tag @CFSCQuakers when you post on social media with #DrawTheLine so we can amplify your posts!



Marking the 18th Anniversary of the adoption of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

The adoption of the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* by the UN General

Assembly in 2007 marked the culmination of decades of advocacy by Indigenous human rights defenders. Many put their lives on hold for years to realize this achievement. The *Declaration* is the first human rights instrument where the rights holders themselves, Indigenous Peoples, played a direct role in the development and negotiation of the text.

The 2021 *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act* requires consistency between the laws of Canada and the provisions of the *Declaration* and commits the federal government to a process of implementing these rights. This includes the creation of a properly funded Indigenous-led monitoring mechanism focused on Indigenous Peoples' human rights.

Unfortunately, Canada is failing to act on critical steps needed to honour its commitments to the rights of Indigenous Peoples. In their 2025 report evaluating its progress on implementation, the federal government states they are "behind" in creating an Indigenous Peoples' human rights monitoring mechanism. This is a significant concern given that such a mechanism is an essential component of implementation not only to protect against the infringement of rights, but also to mandate redress in cases of their violation.

Keep reading [this joint statement on the 18th anniversary of the *Declaration*](#).



Report shows Canada still arming Israel

A major report from the Arms Embargo Now campaign, which CFSC supports, has shed light on Canada's secret arms exports to Israel. As [CBC put it](#), while the government of Canada has said repeatedly that Canadian arms aren't being exported to Israel any more, "shipping data gives detailed tracking of military equipment [sent to Israel] that traces back to the door of one of Canada's biggest arms companies, as recently as last week."

Read the [Arms Embargo Now](#) report.

CFSC continues to call for a comprehensive two-way arms embargo between Canada and Israel.



Does your rage change the world?

In this [blog post for Psychology Today](#) we share research about what drives action for social change. Together this research says that outrage is only one small part of what makes people act. The post explores some factors other than anger that may be more important for winning social change campaigns.

Being a Quaker, Being an Activist



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Featured resource: how to be a spiritually grounded and effective activist

Exploring the practical issues people face when trying to help the world heal from injustice, CFSC's pamphlet [Being a Quaker, Being an Activist](#) is short but full of helpful stories, advice, and questions. Don't like to read on your screen? Print copies of this pamphlet are available for free. [Contact our office.](#)