

Scottish Parliamentary Engagement Officer

The first 14 months

Engagement with Quakers in Scotland (approximately 40% of time)

Met Scottish Friends by visiting:

- North Area Meeting weekend away
- East Area Meeting
- A cluster meeting including Friends from Glasgow, Dumfries, Wigtown, Castle Douglas and Ayr
- Portobello and Musselburgh Meeting
- General Meeting for Scotland in Aberdeen
- General Meeting for Scotland in St Andrews
- Northern Friends Peace Board
- Glasgow Meeting
- Britain Yearly Meeting
- Meetings of the Parliamentary Liaison Function Group every two months

Engaged with Scottish Friends through:

- Facebook
- Twitter
- Scottish Round-up
- Email conversations
- Telephone conversations
- Face-to-face meetings
- General election guide and QuakerVote website
- White Feather Diary website

Engagement with other professionals (approximately 20% of time)

I met and communicated with other professionals in:

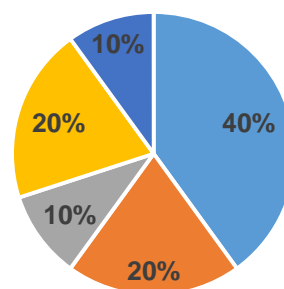
- The Scottish Parliament
- Scottish Government
- Common Space
- Salvation Army
- Scottish Churches Parliamentary Office
- Friends of the Earth Scotland
- Forces Watch
- Edinburgh Peace and Justice Centre
- Education Scotland
- Office of the Children's Commissioner in Scotland
- Sunday Herald
- SNP party conference
- Just Festival
- Edinburgh Central Mosque
- National Records of Scotland
- Scottish political parties youth wings
- Scottish Youth Parliament

Formal engagement with The Scottish Parliament through:

- A letter to all MSPs on behalf of CAAT Edinburgh.
- The White Poppy leaflet, sent to all MSPs and Scottish MPs with an accompanying white poppy.
- Parliamentary reception on the centenary of the Military Service Act, sponsored by Patrick Harvie MSP.
- Petition submitted to the Public Petitions Committee (ongoing).
- A letter to all MSPs on divestment of pensions.
- Meeting at Westminster with some Scottish MPs on fracking.
- Face-to-face meetings.
- Telephone calls.
- Emails.

Breakdown of other time

- 10% Engaging with BYM colleagues at Friends House
- 20% Research and horizon scanning
- 10% General admin tasks



Notes on the Scottish Round-up

Unfortunately given the time pressures of the job there is not enough time to complete the monthly Scottish Round-up, so I will be rethinking this. As ever, if anyone has a burning question about my work it is possible to email or telephone me. Details at the bottom.

- Engagement with Quakers in Scotland
- Engagement with other professionals
- Engaging with BYM colleagues
- Research and horizon scanning
- General administration

Notes of appointments

My time does get booked up in advance. If you would like to talk to me about a specific subject in person it is likely that an appointment will need to be made a fortnight ahead, although this can vary. It may be quicker, and easier, to email me questions.

Notes on visits

Similarly if any local meetings or area meeting want me to visit and talk on a specific subject it is best to book this several months in advance. The sooner you contact me the better! I'll be contacting Area Meetings shortly to arrange a schedule of visits for 2016.

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Above: At the SNP conference in October. Left to right are Mairi Campbell-Jack (Quakers), John Ellis (United Reformed Church), Rachel Lampard (Methodist Church), Dave Thompson MSP, Chloe Clemmons (Church of Scotland), Helen Cameron (Salvation Army).

Below: MSPs wearing the white poppy. Left to right are Alison Johnstone (Green), John Wilson (Independent), John Finney (Independent), Patrick Harvie (Green), Jean Urquhart (Independent).

