

You are invited to a one and a half-day seminar 18th and 19th February

From Peace Projects to Peace Politics

At Litteraturhuset, Wergelandsveien 29, Oslo

Thursday, 18th February 09.00 – 15.15

Friday, 19th February 09.45 – 13.30

How can we contribute to peace by connecting lessons learnt from positive local projects to political decision-makers?

Kvekerhjelp (Quaker Service Norway) has, since the 90s, supported a peace and reconciliation programme called the Change Agent Peace Programme (CAPP). CAPP is active in the Great Lakes Region in Africa through grants from the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Quaker organisations and private donors. Local groups in Rwanda, Burundi and East Congo have developed their own training methodology allowing local communities to analyse their own problems and then receive training on how to deal with them. The activities are clearly successful at the grassroots level, but do they lead to long lasting change? Do decision-makers at national, regional and international levels know about this success? And would they listen if they were told? The seminar will focus on panel discussions and contributions from the audience.

To assist us we will have:

Jan Egeland, director of NUPI (Norwegian Institute of International Affairs)

Bridget Butt, Levy Ndikumana, Jacinta Makokha, Mkoko Boseka, Marcelin Sizeli and Elizabeth Kabankaya representing CAPP partners in Rwanda, Burundi, DR Congo and Kenya and Kvekerhjelp's partner; Change Agents for Peace International (CAPI)

Rachel Brett, Representative for Human Rights and Refugees at the Quaker UN office in Geneva

Ingrid Fiskaa, State secretary at the Ministry of the Environment and International Development

Martina Weitsch, Representative/Head of Office of the Quaker Council for European Affairs in Brussels

Carne Ross from Independent Diplomat

Registration: before 5th February, to khjelp@kveker.org

Cost: Kr. 500 per person, which includes a light lunch.

Join us to explore, contribute and learn!

**With Best Wishes from
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