



Cape Town Peace Centre, South Africa

The Peace Centre in Cape Town works to reduce violence in South Africa. In the last couple of years, it has changed direction, to focus on work to support local communities in Cape Town and advocacy at the national level.



It has started a community support hub in Khayelitsha, a large low-income township near the city with very high levels of poverty, unemployment, crime and violence. This seeks to link individuals and community groups with sources of information and support, including internet access and computer skills, alternative approaches to tackling conflict and Alternatives to Violence Project training.

At the national level, the Centre is engaged in advocacy for stronger child protection and for holding the government to account for wasteful and corrupt expenditure.



Supported by fundraising amongst individual Friends, meetings and trusts in Britain and Ireland since the 1980s, the Centre is now a fully independent, self-governed organisation, with an office near a Quaker meeting in the city and Quakers on its board. It continues to seek funds for its work among Quakers and others.

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