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Earthcare in Action

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The QEW Earthcare Day of Action

invites Friends to act for the Earth together, each in their own community. September 19 of this year was our first Day of Action, the start of what we hope becomes a long tradition. Amazingly, 68 congregations on three continents took part, whether by planting, cleaning, building, learning, or speaking out - read more below! We plan to hold one twice a year: each fall, and each spring around Earth Day.

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Meetings	Participants	Actions

- **25 habitat restoration and native planting events.** Chico Friends planted sage, monkey flower, and buckwheat. Durango handed out milkweed seed for monarchs.

- **11 resilience projects.**Westerly put up solar panels. Seattle set up neighborhood Emergency Hubs, and Illinois Yearly Meeting built composting systems on its campus.

- **18 workshops and talks.** Chico Friends heard from a Master Gardener, and Iowa City dug into entomologist Doug Tallamy's oak research.

- **7 waste cleanups.** Central Coast Friends swept Cuesta Canyon Park alongside local families. Richmond cleaned the James River with the Sierra Club.

- **7 public actions.** Northern California Friends wrote legislators, London and Berkeley held silent vigils, and Annapolis built a Pride float backing the Make Polluters Pay Act.

Action in Western Kenya is Leading the Way:

Supported by a $1,500 QEW Mini-Grant for seedlings, cleanup supplies, and a march, 1,300 young Friends from 23 Yearly Meetings in western Kenya organized a market cleanup and peace walk in Vihiga County. Youth collected and sorted waste at Majengo Market, planted native tree seedlings, and marched to counter violence ahead of the elections. The action even made the news in Kenya! Thank you to our Friends United Meeting partners Getry Agizah, Lynette Kisaka, and Dan Kasztelan.

Photo courtesy of Getry Agizah



Voices in Action

Speakers we've hosted this year whose work moves faith into action. Watch the recordings on our YouTube Channel @QuakerEarthcare

Sikowis Nobiss (Plains Cree/Saulteaux) keynoted our fall gathering. She founded the Great Plains Action Society in 2015 and leads it as executive director. The Indigenous-led group in Iowa City works across Iowa and eastern Nebraska to defend land, protect Native culture, and push for fair representation of Native communities. She places rematriation within that land defense work. Learn more or give at greatplainsaction.org.

Harjeet Singh led our July webinar "Defending the Frontlines". He is Strategic Advisor to the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty Initiative and Global Convenor of the Fill the Fund campaign for loss and damage finance, work that links international climate negotiations to local organizing. Follow the treaty effort at fossilfueltreaty.org.



Get into Action!

Speak up

» **Write your members of Congress.** The Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) is the Quaker lobby in Washington, D.C., working for peace, justice, and a healthy environment. Use its Action Center to contact your representatives.

» **Take on corporate polluters.** The American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) Action Center for Corporate Accountability includes a campaign pressing Vanguard to stop funding fossil fuels.

Join in

» Register your Meeting for the Spring 2027 Earthcare Day of Action, around Earth Day, at quakerearthcare.org/day-of-action.

» **Already doing Earthcare work?** Tell us and help spread the word. Explore the Quaker Earth Action Map of Meetings worldwide, or join at quakerearthcare.org/map.

Reconnect

Make time to remember why. Spend time outdoors, listen for what is alive around you, and recall the connection and the sacredness that make this work worth doing.

> What we plant in the soil of contemplation, we shall reap in the harvest of action.
>
> Meister Eckhart

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