



# Quaker Voluntary Action

## ENCOUNTERS WITH PEACEMAKERS

### AN ONLINE RETREAT

#### What is an 'online retreat'?

Our aim is to create a virtual space together in which we pause, reflect and imagine – a retreat in spirit if not in person and a way of connecting with people far and wide.

#### What is 'Encounters with Peacemakers' about?

Everywhere conflict exists, voices of peace can be difficult to hear above the noise. In the decades-long conflict between Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories those voices often seem to be drowned out by the eye-catching if true stories of repression and violence. But ordinary people on both sides determined to build bridges and move forward in faith can still be heard if we are willing to listen carefully.

This retreat is an opportunity to hear some of those voices. For people new to the issues they will be a way to learn about the humanity behind the headlines. For those with prior knowledge, the sessions will represent an update on the situation after a year of global lockdown.

#### What will be involved?

Each session will include a short talk and interactive reflection on the theme of the evening. Contributors will include Zoughbi Alzoughbi of Wi'am – the Palestinian Conflict Resolution Center in Bethlehem, Issa Souf, co-founder of the International Solidarity Movement and representatives of the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI).

#### When will it be?

Tuesdays *May 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, June 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 2021*, 6.30pm – 8pm (UK time) via Zoom.



#### What will it cost?

This event is free to participate but donations will be welcomed. 50% of donations will be forwarded to contributing organisations.

#### Who can participate?

Anyone of any age or background. Places are limited to 16 participants.

#### How to apply...

Write to [retreats@qva.org.uk](mailto:retreats@qva.org.uk).