

Quaker Housing Trust

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History of Quaker Housing Trust

- Housing Charity run by Quakers in Britain
- Arose out of longstanding commitment to social justice
- Over 40 years of spiritual concern in practice

Though the materials we work with are bricks, mortar and money, our concern is for people. And, though people have pressing material needs in the world, our concern is with spirit.

Current Concerns

- The use of Faith buildings and land for affordable housing
- The impact of the new Government and current economic climate on affordable housing
- The importance of social sustainability as well as environmental and economic sustainability

What we do

- Loans and grants to housing projects for vulnerable people.
- Enhance quality of housing provision emphasising the provision of HOMES
- Capital funding rather than revenue
- Encourage Quaker involvement in social housing projects

Eligibility

- Charitable status
- Aim to meet a local housing need
- Provide affordable rented housing for people in housing need
- No need for pre-existing Quaker links

Grants and loans

- Small grant – up to £10,000
- Capital costs – grants and/or loans
- Health Check Service
- Feasibility Grants
- Environmental Assessment Grants
- Dissemination of Good Practice

Recent Activity

In two years:

- 48 Grants/loans
- Helping 31 different projects
- Total £1,701,505

Spiritual Concern for Housing

Our concern is not just about the provision of homes for those who are homeless or ill-housed. We have to challenge the heartlessness and hypocrisy of a society which denies access to fit housing and other aspects of society to vulnerable people.....

Our Spiritual Concern for Housing May 1998

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