

GRANTS

The Trustees' assessment of the projects they fund consists of reports on work in progress or on conferences attended, and of feedback from the use of educational materials in schools. Reports on the progress of PPU projects are given orally to each meeting of the Trustees by the PPU Coordinator.

PRET made grants totalling £7,175 during the year as follows:

1. £7,000 to the PPU for videoing COs for the CO Project and for the CO Resource Centre
2. £75 to enable the PPU's Honorary Archivist to attend a Conference on Peace History.
3. £100 to Pax Christi to help maintain the Peace Education Network website.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENT ACCOUNT

Year ended 31 March 2008

	General Fund	Restricted Fund	TOTAL FUNDS	Year ended 31.03.07
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust	0	0	0	20,000
Legacies	1,000	0	1,000	1,000
Donations – general	8,283	0	8,283	5,471
Donations – CO Project	367	0	367	0
Tax reclaims on donations	1,770	0	1,770	2,537
Bank interest	577	0	577	622
Total receipts	11,997	0	11,997	29,630
PAYMENTS				
Direct charitable expenditure				
Grants – Peace Pledge Union	7,000	0	7,000	26,727
Grants – Individuals	175	0	175	0
CO Project expenditure	390	0	390	0
Secretarial expenses	840	0	840	540
Annual Review costs	660	0	660	0
Publicity and advertising	1,002	0	1,002	841
Other expenses	57	0	57	75
	10,124	0	10,124	28,183
Management & administration of charity				
Office costs	130	0	130	11
Independent Examiner's fee	270	0	270	270
	400	0	400	281
Total payments	10,524	0	10,524	28,464
Net income to funds	1,473	0	1,473	1,116
Total funds brought forward	14,952	0	14,952	13,786
Total funds carried forward	16,425	0	16,425	14,952

OBJECTS

The objects of the Trust are:

1. the advancement of education for the public benefit by the provision of advice and information on the causes and effects of war and violence and their peaceful resolution; and
2. the conduct of research into the causes and effects of war and violence in society and into the history of peacemaking and publication of the useful results of such research.

The Trustees have noted the new guidelines to charities which have been issued by the Charity Commission regarding the aims and public benefit of the charity.

TRUSTEES

Florence Assie, Lucy Beck, Elnora Ferguson and John Morris continued to serve as trustees throughout the year. Florence Assie is the representative trustee nominated by the Peace Pledge Union and also served as Chair of PRET. John Morris served as Vice-Chair and Lucy Beck as Treasurer.

ADMINISTRATION

The Trustees wish to record their appreciation for the resources and facilities provided for them by the PPU staff. Annie Bebington handles the administrative work, including donations, tax reclaims, mailings and meetings while Jan Melichar has updated the website, and produces PRET leaflets and the Annual Review. For this essential work the Trustees pay PPU which covers the production of materials and mailings, the maintenance of financial records, and the occasional use of an office and a meeting room.



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ANNUAL REVIEW 2007-08

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

During the year the Trustees have continued their support for peace education and research by making grants to the Peace Pledge Union (PPU) for educational work. The main focus has been on further development of work on conscientious objection. This already included an extensive archive, a CD, "Voices for Peace", covering 3000 years of action for peace and a book, "Refusing to Kill", about conscientious objectors during the First World War. Through the year this work has been augmented, with funding from PRET, by a series of invaluable interviews with conscientious objectors from the Second World War, which will be made available on DVD. Plans had already been made and put into action, as reported in the 2006-7 Annual Report, for a CO Resource Centre to be set up at the PPU offices offering research facilities in this previously neglected field of history. The Resource Centre has been working throughout the year, and plans were made for a formal Open Day in May 2008, when visitors would be able to explore the archives, see an exhibition, watch videos of the interviews with conscientious objectors, and talk to conscientious objectors themselves. The Trustees have also given attention to several other issues, ranging from the direction of future work, the more effective monitoring of projects, the raising of funds, co-operation with other organisations concerned with education for peace, the content of school history syllabuses and the preservation of archive material, and to the new requirements of recent charity legislation.

The CO Project website offers a wealth of information about conscientious objection; it provides teaching, study and research resources. The website's front page - pictured here - shows some of the WW1 COs who were sent to France and sentenced to be shot. Below is a scrolling list of thousands of British COs.



Websites

The Trustees continue to support the development and updating of the PPU website in pursuance of PRET's objective to provide advice and information on the causes and effects of war and violence and their peaceful resolution. The



■ A visitor viewing one of a series of panels outlining the story of conscientious objection – past and present; the panel is part of a new exhibition specially designed for the Project. Presently the artwork for the exhibition is available for reproduction. More funds would enable printing more copies for wider use.

PPU's website is a central part of its educational work, providing information about its projects, its educational and other materials and establishing contacts with people interested in pacifism and peace work around the globe. The PRET website is also updated regularly, and the Trustees are actively considering how it can most usefully be used to promote their work for peace education.

Archives

The Trustees are aware of the valuable contribution to peace work made by the PPU's archives. They are, therefore, pleased to contribute to the preservation and cataloguing of the photographic archives, including the purchase of poly-weld pockets and light-sensitive boxes for storage of the collection. The catalogue will be available to the public for research and general interest.

PEACE EDUCATION NETWORK

PRET is represented on the Peace Education Network (PEN) by Trustee John Morris who continues to help with organising the annual conference which was held this year in London in March. Membership of PEN enables the Trustees to maintain close contact with several other peace and teachers' organisations. The Trustees also maintain an interest in the work of the Peace Museum and have funded the attendance of the PPU's Honorary Archivist at the Peace History Conference organised at the Imperial War Museum.

FUTURE WORK

While the CO Project will remain an important focus, the Trustees are increasingly aware of the enormous gaps in historical knowledge of peace work throughout the centuries. This is particularly serious in nineteenth and twentieth century history. The general omission of the history of peacemaking, and of the causes and effects of war and violence in society from the school history syllabuses is a matter for concern. The Trustees are considering the possibilities of funding two relevant and topical areas of work: war and the environment, and security without the military.

The Trustees have taken note that the PPU will celebrate its 75th anniversary in 2009, and are considering the opportunities of this for publicising the objectives of PRET.



■ Visitors to the Project Open Day explore documents on the computer. Documents too fragile for frequent handling have been digitised and are now easily available for students and researchers.