



Friends Place on Capitol Hill is a welcoming space that offers hospitality centered in peace, civic education, and justice-based advocacy for learners and leaders of all ages.

Quarterly Metrics

Friends Place engaged **37 groups** and **691 guests** for lodging and programming and hosted **three events** totaling **55 attendees** (39 in-person and 16 online).

Sixteen groups engaged **24 workshops**, including 10 lobby trainings, and **1,392 pounds** of organic materials were composted.

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Friends Place Fly-In

In February, a group of dedicated advocates participated in the second Friends Place Fly-In. Fifteen people from seven states and 13 congressional districts lobbied their members of Congress about the importance of protecting the clean energy tax credits in the Inflation Reduction Act.



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During the Fly-In, participants sharpened their storytelling skills and practiced strategies for engaging members of Congress on the policy ask. They also spent time connecting and sharing wisdom from their experiences as advocates for the environment. In total, the group engaged the offices of their representatives in 27 lobby visit meetings.

FCNL's Spring Lobby Weekend



More than 300 young adults gathered in Washington, DC to ask Congress to prevent cuts to Medicaid and SNAP and keep millions of people from losing healthcare and food assistance. The Friends Place team facilitated Art for Social Change workshops where participants created the event's banner and new art for the Friends Place gallery.



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Community Engagement Series

On the evening of February 20th, 22 poetry enthusiasts gathered at Friends Place and online to read poems that illustrated peace and the pursuit of peace. Some read works written by their favorite poets and others shared pieces that they had written themselves. Friends were invited to offer reflections on the poetry that was shared, responding to queries about feelings, images, and memories that arose for them. FCNL's Program Associate for Middle East Policy Odeliya Matter joined the event and provided guidance on how to support peace through the provision of aid and not arms. Odeliya discussed the worsening humanitarian crisis in Gaza and the essential role that UNRWA plays in providing aid to Palestinian refugees across the Middle East. In March, we invited people to Friends Place to build kites for peace. Attendees, including lodging guests from Lancaster Friends School, built and decorated their kites and then walked to the National Mall to fly them during the 2025 Blossom Kite Festival.



Programming

Friends Place has been taking its programming on the road, traveling to Delaware, New York, North Carolina, and Pennsylvania. In January, Olivia and Jackson led a Friends in Unlikely Places workshop with eighth graders at Friends Seminary for their school-wide peace day. Jackson traveled to Carolina Friends School for the annual Quaker Youth Leadership Conference, leading a letter-writing workshop on energy and the environment, and later went to Wilmington, Delaware for the Youth Environmental Summit.



Friends Seminary



Micah MacColl Nicholson and Jackson Malkus

Upcoming Events

April 24th: Earth Week Clothing Swap

June 12th-14th: Continuing Revolution: Queer Liberation and Spirit-Rooted Justice

June 26th: Sanctuary and Solidarity: Working Together for Immigration Justice

For more information and event registration, please visit friendsplacedc.org/events.

For programming and lodging requests, please visit the Friends Place website.

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