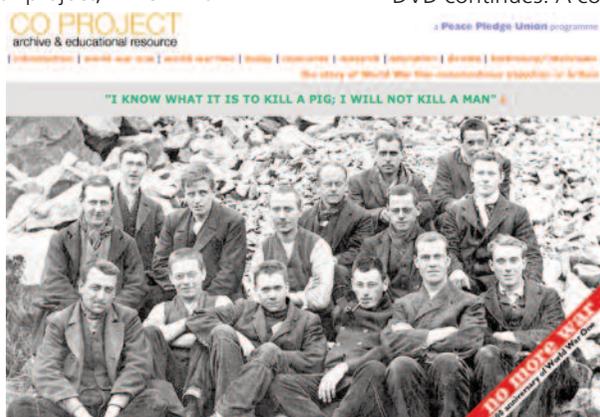


## ANNUAL REPORT 2012-2013

The Peace Research & Education Trust (PRET) has continued to support peace education and research by making grants to the Peace Pledge Union (PPU) for a variety of educational projects. The period 2014-2018 will see commemorations of the First World War (WW1) all over the country. The pacifist movement is preparing to make sure that the story of the role of the peace movement before and during the war is heard as widely and as loudly as possible. This is endorsed by the Trustees of PRET who are already supporting PPU financially (see Grants below) with their Objecting to War project. This wide-ranging project will be seeking to add to our existing knowledge about conscientious objectors (COs) in WW1 by encouraging groups and individuals to find out more information about COs in their area. This is very much in harmony with the objects of PRET.

### CO Resource Centre and the Objecting to War project

The facilities of the Conscientious Objection Resource Centre which is situated at the offices of PPU continue to be enhanced and will be updated with a bigger standing exhibition, and this written and visual information will also be available on the website. This enhancement is an aspect of the major Objecting to War project, which PPU is embarking on with PRET's support (see Grants below). The Objecting to War project has now received Heritage Lottery Fund support, in addition to a grant from PRET, and will be launched in summer 2014. The memorial plaque to WW1 COs who died as a result of imprisonment or ill-treatment will be a major focus and it is hoped that schools and other groups will visit the exhibition and learn about the role of WW1 COs and other anti-war activity at the time. More names



WW1 conscientious objectors at Dyce quarry.

[www.nomorewar.org.uk](http://www.nomorewar.org.uk)

have been added to the CO data base which now has approximately 9200 names, divided roughly equally between WW1 and WW2. The Trust continues its annual contribution to the running of the Resource Centre (see Grants below)..

### PPU archives

The sorting and cataloguing of the PPU central archives is now almost complete. The archives of the local PPU groups are still to be sorted and catalogued. PRET makes an annual grant to cover the ongoing costs of maintaining the facility (see Grants below). Researchers from Britain and abroad exploring a wide range of topics visit the PPU archives and the CO Centre. In addition, many enquiries by post, telephone and e-mail are handled by the PPU Co-ordinator and the Honorary Archivist.

### A Century Action for Peace project

This website-based project, initiated in 2009, continues and will be further updated to include more information about peace movement activity before and during WW1, in preparation for the centenary from 2014 to 2018. More information about conscientious objection has already been added to the PPU website.

### Video interviews of World War 2 COs

Work on converting the video interviews of WW2 COs to DVD continues. A considerable amount of editing and compilation along with the writing of a script is required to give the DVD cohesion. One of the Trustees, Lucy Beck, is assisting the PPU Co-ordinator with this project.

### The Citizenship Curriculum

There has been increasing uncertainty regarding the position of Citizenship in schools but in February Michael Gove MP, the Secretary of State for Education, confirmed that Citizenship will continue as a National Curriculum subject in secondary schools. Citizenship Studies

**'Suffer dishonour and disgrace, but never resort to arms. Be bullied, be outraged, be killed: but do not kill.'** Wilfred Owen 1917

examinations will continue to be offered at both GCSE and A Levels. Two of the Trustees are continuing with the writing of several two-page A4 study guides, each of which will focus on a topic in the Citizenship curriculum.

### Peace History Conference

The PPU Honorary Archivist attended the Peace History Conference (see Grants below) and made significant contributions to several of the post-lecture discussions.

### RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT - year ended 31 March 2013

	General Fund £	Restricted Fund £	TOTAL FUNDS £	Year ended 31.3.12 £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
Legacies	0	0	0	0
Donations - general	13,085	0	13,085	11,267
Tax reclaim on donations	1,325	0	1,325	1,896
Bank interest	151	0	151	183
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>14,561</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14,561</b>	<b>13,346</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
Direct charitable expenditure				
Grants - Peace Pledge Union	7,000	0	7,000	2,000
Grants - individuals	50	0	50	100
CO Project expenditure	2,000	0	2,000	2,314
Annual Review costs	440	0	440	485
Publicity and advertising	374	0	374	325
Other expenses	0	0	0	0
Management & administration of charity	9,864	0	9,864	5,224
Secretarial expenses	1,245	0	1,245	1,245
Independent Examiner's fee	300	0	300	300
	1,545	0	1,545	1,545
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>11,409</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11,409</b>	<b>6,769</b>
Net income to funds	3,152	0	3,152	6,577
Total funds brought forward	19,166	0	19,166	12,589
Total funds carried forward	22,318	0	22,318	19,166

The Archivist was also able to collect more individual names for the CO database. A written report from the Archivist was received by the Trustees.

### Peace Education Network

PRET maintains contact with the Peace Education Network. In February the Network hosted a workshop which explored some of the underlying causes of mass violence and social discrimination and looked at the experience of the Civil Rights activists who challenged by non-violent action the deeply entrenched racism in the USA in the 1950s and 60s..

### Monitoring of Projects funded and Grants

The Trustees receive regular reports from the PPU Co-ordinator on the progress of PPU projects to which the Trust has made grants, as reported in the sections above on the individual projects. They also receive feedback on the use of educational materials published by PPU. The book Refusing to Kill which focuses on First World War COs, and complements the 'Voices for Peace' CD, continues to be available and is selling well.

PRET made grants totalling £9050 during the year as follows:

1. £2000 to PPU as its annual contribution to the running of the CO Resource Centre
2. £2000 to PPU as its annual contribution to the cost of the on-going work on the archives.
3. £50 to enable the PPU's Honorary Archivist to attend the annual Conference on Peace History.
4. £5000 to PPU towards the setting up of their Objecting to War Project.

### Finance

PRET was most fortunate to receive a substantial donation of £6800 from a longstanding supporter and the Trustees were also very grateful for the many other smaller donations, especially for the regular standing orders. The Trust has been notified of a legacy of £8500 from the estate of Eve Grant (received post the end of this financial year) for which the Trustees are most grateful.

### FUTURE WORK

The very successful book Refusing to Kill which focuses on First World War Conscientious Objectors is in need of updating and expanding, which is currently underway, in

time for the WW1 centenary. With the heightened interest in WW1 the Trustees are supporting projects which introduce a wider public to the largely forgotten voices of resistance to that war. We see this period as an opportunity to raise fundamental issues about the ever tightening grip of militarism, the economic reliance on arms manufacture and the increasing spread of weapons as well as celebrating the anti war struggles of the past – struggles which led to the non-violent movements of today.

### 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 results of such research.

### TRUSTEES

Florence Assie, Lucy Beck, Ed Evans and John Morris continued to serve as Trustees throughout the year. Florence Assie is the representative Trustee nominated by PPU 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 continuing 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. Jan Melichar updates the website and designs the PRET leaflet and Annual Review. For this essential administrative work the Trustees pay PPU as well as for the occasional use of an office and meeting room.

The annual accounts are subject to an independent examination by the accountancy firm Evans & Evans Ltd with whom there is a good working relationship.

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