



ADVOCACY TEAMS

FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL LEGISLATION

QUAKER VISION. COLLECTIVE ACTION.

The Advocacy Teams network is made up of over 1,000 Quakers and friends from across the country who use their power as constituents to make change in Washington. Our success comes from our commitment to building relationships with Congress grounded in mutual respect and listening.

AS A MEMBER OF AN ADVOCACY TEAM, YOU WILL:



BUILD

Build a team of advocates in your local community that works alongside a national network.



LEARN

Learn the skills you need to advocate Congress and work with the media to create the news you want to see.



ADVOCATE

Foster ongoing relationships with your members of Congress and their offices.



TRANSFORM

Create congressional champions for peace and justice.

“FCNL’s lobbying based in long-term relationship building and staying engaged — of just being myself — [taught me] that the power of my voice comes from being most authentically who I am.”

*Trish Bruxvoort Colligan
Iowa*

“I had long questioned whether Congress cared about what ordinary citizens think, but I’ve learned through deep advocacy with my congressional offices that our elected officials really do want to hear from us.”

*Sara Avery
Colorado*

Learn more and join a team:
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California advocates lobbying Representative Bass' district office.

START AN ADVOCACY TEAM: SIX STEPS

1. Tell us you're interested

Think Advocacy Teams are the right fit for you? The first step is easy: Answer a few questions at fcnl.org/getstarted and we'll get in touch to start you on steps 2-6!

2. Take the leap

We'll support you to host an advocacy workshop that starts your team with momentum. To prepare, gather 3-8 people to join an hour-long Host Committee call with FCNL. We'll introduce you to the Advocacy Teams program and get you started with recruiting the 15-30 people for the workshop.

3. Launch a team

An FCNL staff member will lead a workshop in your community. Together, we will dive into FCNL's approach to advocacy, the campaign, and effective grassroots tools for social change. **All you have to do is bring the people, find a location, and provide some simple supplies.** You and FCNL decide whether to move forward with a team.

4. Build your skills

New teams take part in a one-time series of four trainings to build a structure and get you ready to lobby as a group.

5. Sustain the momentum

Meet in person with your team once a month around a national call to hear from experts, celebrate, and learn from other advocates. In these meetings, you'll take action and plan for the month to come. One or more delegates from each team join an additional call twice a month for legislative updates, training, and collaboration.

6. Make real change

Advocacy Teams act for change on a regular basis, using lobbying and media engagement as their tools. Since Advocacy Teams' founding in 2015, the network of teams has expanded rapidly. We've taken on campaigns in support of the Iran nuclear deal, ending endless wars, criminal justice reform, and a moral budget.

Individuals can resist injustice, but only in community **can we do justice.**

-Jim Corbett, "Sanctuary as a Quaker Testimony"