When communicating Quaker history and testimony, Friends have acknowledged the Religious Society of Friends as a minority speaking truth to power.

However re-evaluations have shown that Quakers also exercised power over people minoritised by colonialism, and participated in enslavement. Yet many Friends were also effective advocates for change with and on behalf of minorities, for example in education, housing, mental healthcare, housing, prisons and so on.

Multidisciplinary in scope, this conference will re-examine wide-ranging aspects of the Quaker narrative, including asking what it means to be a minority within a minority faith. We especially welcome contributions from fields such as Sociology, History, Theology, Gender and Queer Studies

Suggested topics include, but are not restricted to:

- The theological basis of Quaker ‘concerns’
- Speaking truth to power within and outside Quaker circles
- European and American Friends overseas as ‘foreigners in a foreign land’
- Friends, wealth, poverty, social class and caste
- Disability, illness and prejudice in Quaker groups
- Quaker engagement with political authorities
- Friends dealing with conflict, both internally and externally

Papers not connected to the general theme will also be considered.

To submit, please send a 250-word abstract for a 20-minute paper plus a brief biographical note to: Judith Roads at qconference23@gmail.com by 19th December 2022.

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