



Dave Swindells



Dave Swindells is a retired teacher-trainer who lives in Leeds. He is a Quaker and has been very interested in the tragic situation in Israel and Palestine for many years. After much reading about this since he was a teenager, Dave spent time on the Palestinian West Bank and Israel in 2012, while on a Quaker Working Retreat. He met Quakers and Israeli Jews, as well as both Muslim and Christian Palestinians. However, the other purpose of the trip was to help with the olive harvest in three West Bank villages, where people were experiencing verbal and physical harassment from residents of ever-encroaching illegal Israeli settlements.

On his return, Dave became aware of the work of FODIP and became involved in a Quaker/Jewish faith representatives dialogue group in Manchester. This still meets after over four years, even though discussions are often difficult. Having recently moved to Leeds, he is now a member of the dialogue group there. He remains keen to support FODIP in any way that will be useful in the dialogue process, feeling this has to be the way forward in this longstanding and often misunderstood situation in that part of the world that damages everyone there.