

The injustice and violence in the world may seem just too big for one person or a small group to do anything about; but we can all do something.

Groups can be involved in:

raising awareness ..  
displays .. study days ..  
discussion groups ..



prayer .. vigils .. services ..

letter writing .. online  
petitions .. lobbying ..



practical help .. food banks ..  
credit unions ..

fair trade stalls ..  
energy saving projects...



*'This is what we are about:  
We plant seeds that one day will grow.  
We water seeds already planted, knowing  
that they hold future promise.  
We lay foundations that will need further  
development.  
We provide yeast that produces effects  
beyond our capabilities.'*



Fr Ken Untener, Bishop of Saganaw.  
Often attributed to Oscar Romero

**Support and information** is available on a wide range of topics: most dioceses have a Commission or a Network; some have workers. Many organisations have regional staff.

**National Justice and Peace Network** can help to put you in touch with J&P groups in your area or with your diocesan contact.

We can also advise on agencies and campaigns on specific issues.

Visit our website

[www.justice-and-peace.org.uk](http://www.justice-and-peace.org.uk)

where you can find links to diocesan J&P contacts, agencies, current campaigns and many resources to help you.

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**Your local/diocesan contact is:**



# Justice and Peace



*Act Justly, Love Tenderly,  
Walk Humbly with God*

Micah 6:8

**"We know that every effort to  
better society, especially when  
injustice and sin are so ingrained,  
is an effort  
that God blesses,  
that God wants,  
that God demands of us."**

St Oscar Romero

## What is justice and peace?

In the Gospel, Jesus says that he came so that we might 'have life and have it to the full.'

*John 10:10*

As followers of Jesus, we are called to seek this fullness of life for everyone and for all of creation.

This means:

- Being aware of the reality of injustice, suffering and violence in our world;
- Seeking to understand the structures and attitudes that create and perpetuate situations of injustice, conflict and environmental destruction;
- Reflecting on this in the light of the Gospel and the Church's teachings;
- Loving our brothers and sisters, near and far, in response to God's love for us;
- Working for justice, peace and the care of creation on our doorstep and overseas;
- Living out our faith and promoting action for justice and peace.

***Help one another.  
This is what Jesus teaches us.  
This is what I do.  
And I do it with my heart.***

Pope Francis,  
Mass of the Lord's Supper 2013

## What are the issues?

As Christians we believe in the dignity of human beings, the right of people to live in peace and our duty to care responsibly for God's creation.

Some of the many issues which justice and peace groups are involved in include:



Unlike single focus organisations justice and peace covers the whole spectrum, helping us see how these issues are closely connected.

## How is this done?

### Personally:

In my own life, being aware of the issues and what small changes can be made that contribute to building God's kingdom e.g. challenging racism, writing letters, living more simply.

### Locally:

You could be part of a local J&P or JPIC (Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation) group in your parish or deanery, or join a local ecumenical or interfaith group.

Or you may wish to focus on a particular issue through one of the many agencies and organisations in our network.

### Nationally:

Working for justice and peace often results in friends around the country and the globe!

National Justice & Peace Network encourages mutual support between grassroots activists and national agencies.

We hold 4 Open Networking Days a year around the country and organise an annual conference. You can also keep in touch via our website, E-Bulletins, Facebook, Twitter and newsletter.

Together we can all do something.

***You must be the change  
you want to see in the world.***

Mahatma Gandhi