

# Urgent Assistance Required for Peace Volunteers in Afghanistan

*Message from Lorraine Thomson, Clerk, Canberra & Region Quakers:*

Dear Friends,

We received the following message yesterday through the Australia Yearly Meeting Secretary, Jacque Schultze, regarding urgent assistance required for Peace Volunteers in Afghanistan.

## **Afghanistan Appeal**

**A small group of Friends is working to get a group of 20-25 young people from the Afghan Peace Volunteers out of Afghanistan. We have worked with these friends over the years and can vouch for their good character. Most of them are Hazara. They are in immediate danger of their lives and the Taliban is actively looking for them.**

We have been fortunate to obtain the services of a Human Rights lawyer to help with the applications to get them on the list to bring them to Australia. There are no guarantees that this will work but it is worth a try.

We need to find a person who is willing to be listed as a sponsor for each person for their application. Time is crucial. The applications need to be filed quickly.

I invite you to become a sponsor if you are able. Sponsorship would mean providing accommodation and seeing to the needs of the person over the short term while the person establishes him/herself. In this event we see this as a responsibility falling not solely on an individual but having the support and involvement of an organisation such as a church or community group.

We are seeking funds and have had offers of funds to provide financial support for this.

*Dale Hess of the Victoria Regional Meeting is the contact for this appeal. His email address is: [d.hess@ozemail.com.au](mailto:d.hess@ozemail.com.au).*

*Please contact him for more information or to indicate your willingness to volunteer.*

**In Friendship,**

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