

The Quaker Indigenous Boarding Schools: Facing Our History and Ourselves

*What does the Quaker history
of running Indigenous boarding schools
and the ongoing impact on Native communities
mean for Friends today?
How can Friends contribute toward healing*



ZOOM Slide Presentation + Discussion: Sunday, September 10, 2023 at 12:30 –2: 30 pm EDT
Discussions in small and large groups follows.

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In the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, Quakers managed more than thirty schools for Native American children. Some Quaker schools operated with federal funds and carried out the government's policy of forced assimilation. Quakers separated Indigenous children from their parents and tried to remake them in the Euro-American Quaker image, causing tremendous harm.

The National Native America Boarding School Healing Coalition has told us that the first step in a truth, reconciliation, and healing process is truth-telling.

Put another way — in order for healing to occur, we must bring the full truth about the boarding schools and their ongoing consequences for Native families to light in the United States.

This slide presentation brings to light the role Quakers played in the forced assimilation of Native children. In small groups, Friends will share the feelings and thoughts that arise for us in response to this history. In the full group, we will ask how our meeting might be led to acknowledge the harm that was done to Native peoples and support healing.

We aim to understand this history and its current impacts, as well as how Friends can take responsibility for our part in the historic and ongoing harm done to Native Peoples.

LINK to Register: <https://bit.ly/QuakerIndigenousBoardingSchools>



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