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Press Release

## **QUAKERS BRING THEIR MESSAGE OF PEACE TO CAMBRIDGE REGIONAL COLLEGE**

**Cambridge Quakers brought the message of peace to Cambridge Regional College this week as part of a programme of events nationally to mark the group's 350-year history.**

'Make Peace a Way of Life' was the theme of the week, with students invited to attach a dove to a Tree of Peace and talk about their thoughts on achieving peace and justice in the world.

The event was part of National Quaker Week and included a visit to the College by Alistair Fuller, head of Outreach at Friends House in London, and a colourful stall in the College which attracted hundreds of visitors.



The Quakers – the Religious Society of Friends – work for social justice, to support peacemakers and care for the environment. Their visit to CRC was aimed at educating staff and students about the beliefs and history of the movement, which began in the 17<sup>th</sup> century.

They are among the many religious groups invited into the College to talk to students and encourage them to learn more about each other. The College's Multi-faith Chaplaincy provides information and support for students of all faiths, and holds regular events to celebrate different beliefs and affirm Equality and Diversity throughout the College community.

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#### **NOTES TO EDITORS**

Cambridge Regional College is one of the largest providers of full-time education for 16 to 19 year-olds in the eastern region. The College has around 3,500 full-time and 6,000 part-time students. Students come in from a 40-mile radius, covering Cambridge and its surrounding villages, eastern Bedfordshire, northern Essex and western Suffolk.

Over 80 per cent of full-time students are aged 16 to 18 years old and come to the College after secondary school; the rest are mature students, studying on a range of Access to Higher Education and vocational programmes. The College offers the largest and most comprehensive range of vocational courses in Cambridgeshire, and has one of the largest work-based learning contracts in the Eastern Region.