

What Next?

Contact **PEACEMAKERS** with details of your school and what you are looking for. You will work with an experienced trainer to put together the best package for your school.

WE TRAIN...

mediators
teaching staff
lunch-time supervisors

Our popular mediation package includes:

Initial consultation
3 day training for mediator team
Resource Pack for staff and staff briefing
Follow-up evaluation visit and report
Invitation to a regional peer mediators conference

“ I feel really confident. The training answered all my questions!
PEER MEDIATOR ”

PEACEMAKERS is a project run by the West Midlands Quaker Peace Education Project (WMQPEP), a charity with over 25 years' experience educating young people for peace. We believe that the skills to interact with others and respond to conflict positively can be learnt. There is no religious content to our work.



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Peer Mediation at Your School

Conflict Resolution for Young People by Young People



THE BENEFITS OF MEDIATION...

For Students

A safe space to sort out arguments

A chance to avoid escalation and mend relationships

A more peaceful school environment

The opportunity to resolve conflicts independently of adults

The chance for individual points of view to be heard

For Staff

Less time sorting out students' conflicts

Greater understanding of students' experiences and relationships

Improved student behaviour

For Mediators

Confidence and social skills

Increased maturity

Support from a team

Skills for life

The satisfaction of helping their peers



Peacemakers and Peer Mediation

Many schools countrywide have welcomed **Peer Mediation** as a key strand in their school support networks. While different to 'buddying' or mentoring, mediation often complements such initiatives.

Peer Mediation helps schools meet numerous objectives while OFSTED repeatedly notes the positive impact of peer mediation in reports.

“ Many [pupils] spoke positively about the way that peer mediation is helping them to resolve their own disagreements and difficulties without recourse to an adult. **OFSTED** ”

PEACEMAKERS has experience working to introduce successful mediation schemes in dozens of schools in the West Midlands. We meet the Peer Mediation Network's good practice guidelines, training mediators to deal with all kinds of situations so they feel confident and well-supported in their roles as mediators.

We can help you set up a sustainable peer mediation scheme to help work with conflict in your school - whether you're setting up mediation for the first time or wanting to refresh and maintain an existing scheme.



What is Peer Mediation?

A mediation scheme helps make conflicts between pupils manageable and understood because there is someone of the same age whom pupils can trust to listen and not take sides.

Peer Mediation is a process where two trained school mediators help other children or young people engaged in a dispute to find their way to an acceptable solution. Pairs of "disputants" sit down with mediators who facilitate the process of listening and letting go of the problem. The mediators don't judge or impose actions; they help disputants find their own solution.

This is a profound responsibility, but time and again teams of mediators demonstrate they can make a positive difference in the life of their school. Learning the skills to resolve conflicts without adult intervention is a valuable lesson that leads to increased confidence and maturity, as well as fostering community spirit by encouraging volunteering to help others.

Mediation does require informed leadership from a Learning Mentor or other committed member of staff.

“ The thing I like most about mediation is the joy of helping other children ” **PEER MEDIATOR** ”