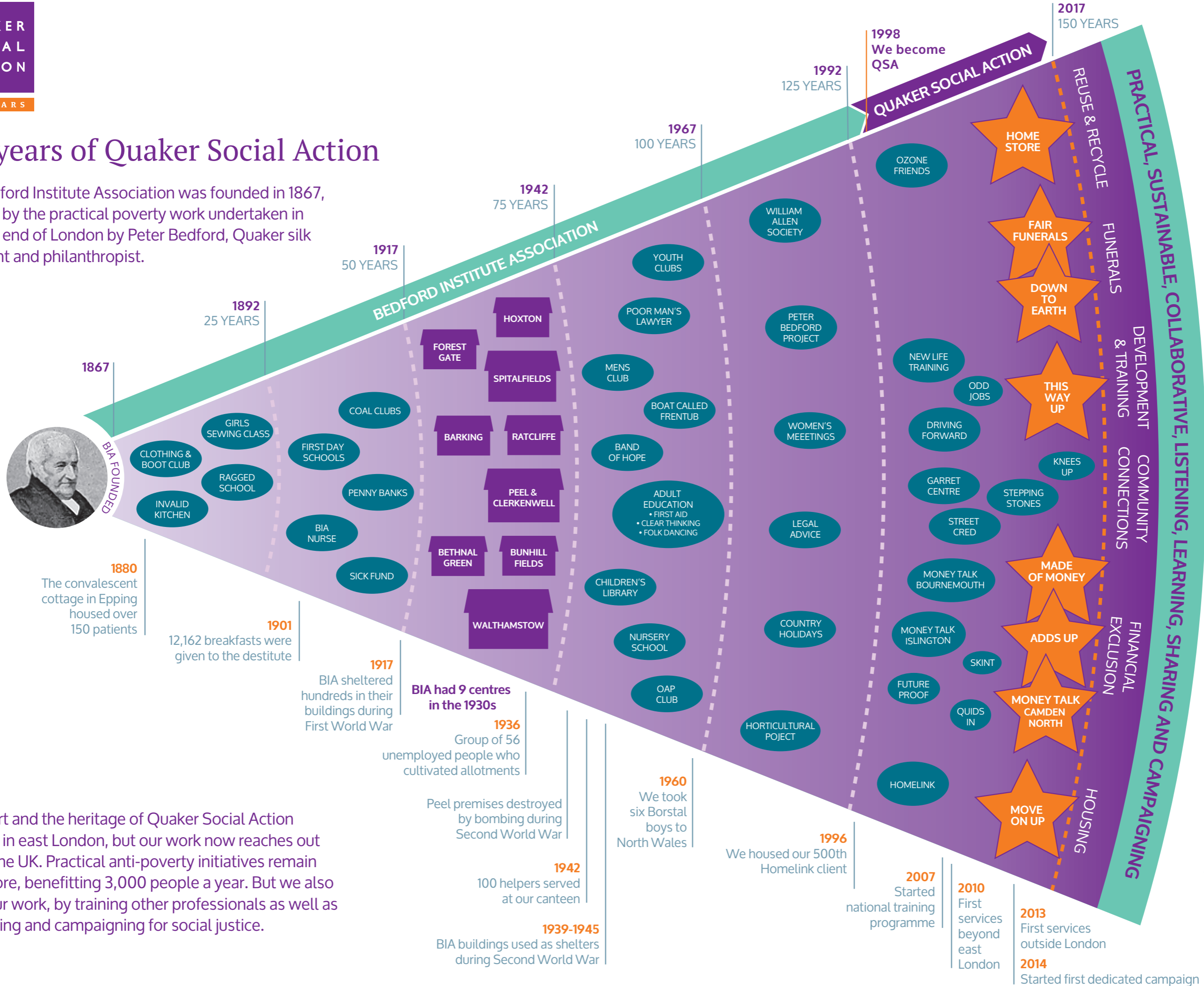


# 150 years of Quaker Social Action

The Bedford Institute Association was founded in 1867, inspired by the practical poverty work undertaken in the east end of London by Peter Bedford, Quaker silk merchant and philanthropist.



The heart and the heritage of Quaker Social Action remains in east London, but our work now reaches out across the UK. Practical anti-poverty initiatives remain at the core, benefitting 3,000 people a year. But we also share our work, by training other professionals as well as advocating and campaigning for social justice.

# A gift of £150 will help us mark our 150<sup>th</sup> year and make all the difference to people living in poverty

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Signature..... Date.....

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‘We were founded upon the conception of the common man, not as a means but an end, not as a cog in a vast machine but as an individual being of infinite worth, of vast undeveloped potentialities.’

In 1867 the Bedford Institute Association (BIA) was born, transforming into Quaker Social Action (QSA) in 1998. We were named in memory of Peter Bedford (1780-1864) a Quaker, silk merchant and pioneer philanthropist. Over the 150 years of our work, much has changed yet some common threads remain.

One thing has remained constant; a determination to live up to our name; to be Quaker in values, social in concern and absolutely action oriented.

## ...much has changed...

1. Face of poverty has changed – from the wretched slums of Victorian London to the material and emotional poverty of today.
2. What we do, and how we do it has changed – historically our work was often expressed in spiritual terms. Our locations and reach has changed. We work in east London and beyond.

## ...some common threads remain...

1. Putting people at the heart of what we do – our entire purpose is to listen and respond to the needs of people living in poverty.
2. Doing more by working with others; volunteers and partners – we have always relied on volunteers, and worked with partners, to help us stretch our resources.

3. Being eminently practical and helping people make their money go further - we have always worked to address the tangible poverty people face.

4. Being creative and taking risks - we have always been pioneering and practical. It is part of our DNA. Times change and we change with them.

If Peter Bedford were alive today we think he would be proud that our humble yet impactful organisation still survives. An achievement undoubtedly, but our celebration is muted given that poverty still blights people's lives today.

## We will celebrate when the need for Quaker Social Action no longer exists.

One hundred and fifty is a fine old age. We would like to honour the work of all of the people who have given their time to QSA, those who have volunteered and those who have worked for our charity too.

It's a time to mark, with deep appreciation, those whose donations have supported us, as we have worked, day in and day out for 150 years towards a more just and equal society. We hope its day shall come.

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PENNY BANK, VISITING THE SICK, PAYING RENT ARREARS, REDEEMING ARTICLES FROM PAWN SHOPS, CAMPAIGNING AGAINST FUNERAL POVERTY, SEWING CLASSES, CLOTHING CLUBS, TRAINING FOR DOMESTIC SERVICE, OR THE COTTON MILLS IN LANCASHIRE, OR TO EMIGRATE TO CANADA, LEARNING CARPENTRY, CHOPPING WOOD FOR MONEY, PICKING UP DONATED FURNITURE FOR FREE AVOIDING LANDFILL, BREAKFAST CLUBS, BANDS OF HOPE, ELOCUTION CLASSES, SAVINGS BANK, PROVIDING LOW COST FURNITURE TO PEOPLE ON LOW INCOMES, A SICK FUND, USING MINDFULNESS AND LIFE COACHING TO BUILD RESILIENCE, READING ROOM, LIBRARY, GYM, CRICKET CLUB, MEDICAL MISSION, COAL TICKETS, USING THE CATALYST OF A STREET PARTY TO REGENERATE, SECOND-HAND CLOTHES DISTRIBUTION, PARCELS FOR WAR VICTIMS & REFUGEES & SOLDIERS, PHOTOGRAPHY, MUSIC, DRAMA, PAINTING, SWEDISH DRILL, COUNTRY DANCING, FOLK DANCING, NET BALL, TENNIS CLUBS, CAMPING, RAMBLING, PEACE GROUPS, CLUBS FOR THE UNEMPLOYED, FIRST AID, MALE VOICE CHOIR, WIRELESS GROUP, OUTDOOR GROUP, TABLE TENNIS, BOOT REPAIRING, YOUTH CLUB, NURSERY SCHOOL, COAL CLUBS, CHRISTMAS CLUBS, ALLOTMENTS, SINGING, HOLIDAYS, MOTHERS MEETINGS, MEN'S SCHOOL, MEETING OF OLD AGE PENSIONERS, SWIMMING, FOOTBALL, CHESS, GARDENING, PLAYING FIELDS, A SILVER BAND, AN ORCHESTRA, POTTERY, PAINTING, FABRIC PRINTING, TOY MAKING, MUSIC AND OPERA, HOUSING HOMELESS PEOPLE, SUPPORTING WOMEN TO START UP THEIR



150 YEARS