

Junior Yearly Meeting

Britain Yearly Meeting

Evening of Friday 4 to late afternoon of Monday 7 May 2018

At Lee Valley Youth Hostel



Junior Yearly Meeting (JYM) is an annual gathering for young Quakers in Britain aged 15-18 (whose birthdays fall between 1.9.99 and 31.8.02). Participants represent area meetings, Quaker schools, overseas yearly meetings or other religious groups. Open places (for people unable to come as representatives) are also available.

JYM is a busy event, so in order to get to know people you'll be part of a smaller group, called a base group, this is facilitated by a young person who will organise activities and discussion. The base group will become a close-knit unit of support and fun throughout the event.

I have learned to become more confident and have learnt how to share my own views with others, this comes hand in hand with listening to the group and being aware of their feelings.

As a youth event, JYM is planned and facilitated by the Arrangements Committee, a group of seven young people appointed by their peers who agree the theme and create a programme for the event, which runs alongside Yearly Meeting (YM) and links to issues being considered there.

The JYM Arrangements Committee (pictured opposite) are really looking forward to JYM 2018. They hope that it will be a significant event for young people who participate and for the wider Quaker community.



I understand a lot better the meaning of being Quaker now than before, therefore it's a lot easier saying I'm a Quaker.

JYM is a **spiritual event** with the opportunity to experience Quaker practices. It is also about having fun, building relationships and making friends. There will be a varied programme of **worship** throughout JYM including prologues and epilogues which are a spiritual and inspiring start and end to each day.

Silence with others really helps you connect with the rest of the people in the room, the community is more loving and accepting than any other I've known.

During JYM there are **social events**, providing an opportunity to have fun and meet new people. Everyone is encouraged to mix with one another to help create an inclusive community, both in structured sessions and in free time.

I really enjoyed JYM – I felt warmly welcomed and made to feel right at home right from the beginning, before the week was half gone I'd made some of the best friendships I've experienced in years!

There will be many chances to reflect on the **theme** through discussions and worship. This may include sessions run by guest speakers and small group activities.

JYM has been enjoyable and helpful... I felt challenged to discuss my beliefs and I've learnt the different ways that Quakers work. There is more to my faith than I realised.

Attending JYM:

- Nominations are sent to area meeting clerks in October 2017.
- In order to attend this event you must be 15 - 18 years old and born between 1.9.1999 and 31.8.2002 inclusive.
- To be nominated by a Quaker area meeting, school or yearly meeting you should speak to your meeting clerk or head teacher.
- Alternatively, if you are not currently associated with a meeting or school, please apply for an open place. The cost of the event is £235 (bursaries are available). This includes fully catered accommodation at the Lee Valley Youth Hostel, return travel to and from Friends House during the event, travel to Friends House on Monday.



To ask for an open place application form, phone Thais on 020 7663 1013, or email cypadmin@quaker.org.uk or go to www.yqspace.org.uk/junior-yearly-meeting-2017