



Yearly Meeting of  
the Religious Society  
of Friends in Britain

November 2016

To Area Meeting Clerks / Quaker school contacts / European Yearly Meeting Clerks

Dear Friend,

## Junior Yearly Meeting (JYM) 2017

It is now time to consider your nominations for JYM 2017, an event for 14-17 year olds. It forms part of the all age event Yearly Meeting Gathering (YMG) at the University of Warwick from late afternoon Saturday 29 July to the morning of Saturday 5 August.

This letter outlines information about JYM 2017 and how to complete the nominations task.

JYM is an important opportunity for young Quakers. For many it is a formative event for their Quaker identity. Whether young people are already involved in Quaker activities or are currently loosely connected to Quakers, participating in JYM has the potential to be of enormous benefit to them and also to Quakerism as a whole. Please do all you can to offer this opportunity to young people connected to your Quaker community.

Please respond by 15 March 2017. There are three ways to nominate:

- Online: at <https://forms.quaker.org.uk/jym2017/>
- By post: returning the enclosed form,
- By email: contact [cypadmin@quaker.org.uk](mailto:cypadmin@quaker.org.uk) with all of the information required in the enclosed form.

If you are not nominating, we need to know. Please tell us by completing part 1 of the nominations form.

## Information about JYM 2017

**How many you can nominate:** You can nominate two young people for guaranteed places and others for additional places. We expect to be able to confirm additional places in April 2017. The enclosed nominations guidance notes explain this process.

**Eligibility:** JYM is for 14 – 17 year olds (born between 1.9.99 and 31.8.02, inclusive). Those older than this should attend the young adult programme offered by Woodbrooke, contact [youngadults@woodbrooke.org.uk](mailto:youngadults@woodbrooke.org.uk) for information about this.

**Responsible adults:** All young people participating in JYM 2017 must have a named responsible adult for the duration of the event. An outline for this role is enclosed. This needs to be someone attending YMG residentially. This could be a parent, a relative, or someone from the meeting who is willing to take on this role and responsibility. The event is only responsible for young people during the JYM programme time. The responsible adult for participants must be declared on the JYM nominations form. At YMG 2014 this approach encouraged links between the young people participating in JYM and their area meeting.

**Costs:** The event costs vary, for the breakdown of costs see [www.quaker.org.uk/ym](http://www.quaker.org.uk/ym). For JYM participants the costs of the event if self-catering are between £207 and £252 and for a catered option are between £284 and £330 (depending on accommodation type.) There are also cheaper options available for those camping or in caravans.

**Bookings:** When a young person is nominated we will contact them and ask that they are booked onto the event by a parent or guardian (this should be done by the stated deadline). In order to do this, their responsible adult needs to have booked onto YMG and given the young person their booking reference. The responsible adult and young person will be accommodated alongside each other, so will need to have discussed accommodation and agreed with each other the accommodation they want to be in.

All YMG places have to be paid for at the time of booking, so area meetings / schools / yearly meetings should either cover the cost in advance (directly with the family) or be ready to reimburse it (to the family).

## Enclosures

**Nominations Guidance:** This guidance should be read prior to nominating so please ensure that this is handed, with the nomination form, to your area meeting nominations committee, or equivalent within your school or yearly meeting. It is also available online at <http://www.quaker.org.uk/events/junior-yearly-meeting-2017>.

**A nomination form:** Please return the form as soon as possible. The deadline for returning this form is 15 March 2017. If you are not nominating, please fill in Part 1 of the form. If you are nominating, fill in the whole form.

**An outline of the 'responsible adult' role and responsibilities:** This is the person or people going to YMG who take on responsibility for the JYM participant/s. The notes should help you identify who might be able to take this on. Please hand this guidance to them so that they are aware of what this important role involves. The details of this person need to be declared on the nominations form.

**A sheet about JYM 2017:** Give to all young people who might consider participating in JYM 2017. If you require further copies of this, it can be found online using this link: [www.yospace.org.uk/junior-yearly-meeting-2017](http://www.yospace.org.uk/junior-yearly-meeting-2017). Alternatively, please phone 020 7663 1013 to request copies.

**A return envelope:** If you cannot fill in the form online then use this envelope to return your nominations form by FREEPOST.

Thank you for your part in the nominations process for JYM 2017.

In friendship



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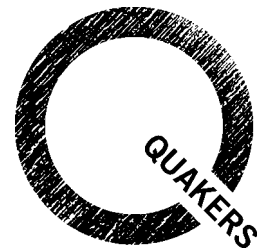
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# Nominations Guidance

Junior Yearly Meeting

29 July – 5 August 2017

At the University of Warwick



## Nominating to JYM

Please respond to this request by 15 March 2017, either returning this form by post, responding online at <https://forms.quaker.org.uk/jym2017/>, or by emailing [cypadmin@quaker.org.uk](mailto:cypadmin@quaker.org.uk).

*If you are not nominating*, please fill out part 1 of the nomination form or call 020 7663 1013.

*If you are nominating*, please read the guidance in this document.

## JYM places (including numbers you can nominate)

- You can make two nominations to JYM for *guaranteed* places.
- You can make other *additional* nominations. Please list them in priority order. See 'points to consider when nominating' (pages 3-4) for guidance about prioritising. When a place becomes available we will invite young people nominated for an additional place to book onto the event, see 'booking onto YMG' (page 2). All young people nominated for additional places, who respond to indicate their interest, will be informed whether or not a place is available for them by the end of April 2017.

Please check with the young people and their parents that they are available and willing to attend JYM prior to including them on your nomination form. A copy of an information sheet about JYM 2017 was included in the mailing sent out with these guidelines; use this to give young people an idea of what JYM is like. An electronic version can be accessed at [www.yqspace.org.uk/junior-yearly-meeting-2017](http://www.yqspace.org.uk/junior-yearly-meeting-2017)

## Deadline for nominations

- Please return the nomination form as soon as possible, as this helps planning, at the latest by 15 March 2017. No places can be guaranteed for nominations received after this date.

**Cost** Please note, the payment process is different this year.

- Area meetings will need to fund the guaranteed places and any additional nominations.
- For JYM participants the costs of the event if self-catering are between £207 and £252 and for a catered option are between £284 and £330 (depending on accommodation type). There are also cheaper options available for those camping or in caravans. For full details see [www.quaker.org.uk/ym](http://www.quaker.org.uk/ym). The accommodation choice is made on the YMG booking form which will be sent to nominees, see 'booking onto YMG' (page 2).
- Payment for the place is required when the booking is made, so area meetings / schools / yearly meetings should either cover the cost in advance (to the family) or be ready to reimburse it (to the family). Area meeting treasurers should be informed by the responsible adult that a booking has been made.
- We suggest that area meetings offer to pay the cost of travel to JYM for their nominees. Arrangements regarding this should be handled directly with nominees.
- If it is not possible to transfer the place, there will be a charge of £15 for cancellations up to 30.4.17, a 50% refund for cancellations 1.5.17 - 7.7.17 and no refund for those after 7.7.17.
- If your area meeting / yearly meeting / school is able to make a donation in addition to meeting the costs of those participants you have nominated, then that would be greatly appreciated. There is space to record this on Part 1 on the nomination form.

## **Responsible adult** (information for area meetings / yearly meetings / schools)

- All young people participating in JYM 2017 must have someone staying residentially at the event who will be their responsible adult outside of JYM programme time for the duration of the week. This may be a member of their family or could be someone else.
- The outline of the role of 'responsible adult' was included within the mailing sent in November, look at this to help you know who to ask to take this on.
- Area meetings, schools or YMs should consider supporting responsible adults for JYM participants at YMG. As well as making it known who is undertaking this role, if possible financial support should be offered. Especially if this person is attending YMG in order to carry out this role, or has to book into more expensive accommodation than they intended.
- Safeguarding in relation to responsible adults is the responsibility of each area meeting, school or yearly meeting. The advice is that those who are responsible adults for JYM participants should normally have a criminal records disclosure, unless they are related to the participant.
- If the responsible adult is not a member of their family, the young person and their parents must be made aware beforehand of the person taking on the responsible adult role. It is advisable for a meeting to take place between the young person, their parents and the responsible adult, in advance of the event.
- JYM responsible adults must be 20 years of age or older.
- The responsible adult for participants must be declared on the JYM nominations form. Responsible adults can be responsible for a maximum of four JYM participants.
- The responsible adult needs to be booked onto YMG, in order for the young person to be booked onto the event, see 'bookings onto YMG' (page 3).
- JYM participants will be accommodated alongside their responsible adults and, where possible, in rooms close by to other JYM participants, and so need to book into the same accommodation type as their responsible adult.
- Before the event all responsible adults will be sent further information about the role and details about JYM. If JYM participants or parents/guardians are not responding to correspondence in advance of JYM, the responsible adult will be asked to follow this up with them. After JYM responsible adults should encourage JYM participants to report back to Area Meeting.

## **Booking on to YMG**

- When a young person is nominated we will contact them and ask that they are booked onto the event by a parent or guardian by the deadline. In order to do this, their responsible adult needs to have booked their YMG place and given the young person their booking reference. The responsible adult and young person will also need to have discussed accommodation and agreed with each other the accommodation they want to be in.
- All YMG places have to be paid for when they are booked, so area meetings / schools / yearly meetings should either cover the cost in advance (directly with the family) or be ready to reimburse it (to the family).
- Once the booking is made, the parent or guardian will be sent an information and consent form. This should be completed and returned within two weeks or the place will be lost. Once received the place will be confirmed or we will contact the parent / guardian for more information.

## Too old for JYM?

- Young Adults at YMG is for 18 year olds and over (and those who are 17 with August birthdays). It will provide a way of being part of the main sessions at YMG whilst maintaining a smaller community to check-in with regularly during the week. There will be a dedicated meeting space and daily sessions to prepare for and reflect on YMG sessions and events. Young Adults at YMG is run by Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre, for more details please contact [youngadults@woodbrooke.org.uk](mailto:youngadults@woodbrooke.org.uk).

## Points to consider when nominating

- **What is JYM like?**  
JYM is planned and facilitated by an Arrangements Committee of young people appointed by their peers in 2016. They have created a leaflet about the event. Please ask potential nominees to read this and consider whether they would like to participate in JYM (included in the JYM nominations mailing sent out with this guidance in November 2016). All participants will be asked to indicate their agreement to the JYM boundaries in advance of the event and to uphold this agreement in how they conduct themselves during the event.
- **Who to ask?**  
JYM is a national gathering of young Quakers that explores a theme within the context of Quakerism. The programme is a combination of main speakers, activity sessions, small groups, Quaker worship, meetings for worship for business and base groups. It provides an ideal opportunity to encourage young people's spiritual journeys and develop their understanding of Quakerism. There will be opportunities for JYM participants to take part in the wider YMG programme, both as part of the JYM programme and outside of this. The JYM programme will link with topics being considered at YMG. You should take this into account when deciding who to nominate to JYM 2017.
- **Who is already nominated?**  
Those on the JYM 2017 Arrangements Committee do not need to be nominated (clerks of their area meetings were informed of this in May 2016). No other young people have places set aside for them.
- **Eligibility** (what age should nominees be)?  
Nominees must have been born between 1 September 1999 and 31 August 2002, inclusive.
- **Willing and able?**  
Please check that the young people you nominate are willing and able to attend.
- **When is the event?**  
JYM starts in the afternoon of Saturday 29 July at the University of Warwick and finishes on the morning of Saturday 5 August.
- **Cancellations.**  
Ask potential nominees to consider other commitments that they might have at the time of JYM. Charges will apply in the case of cancellation, see 'cost' (page 1).
- **Getting to JYM.**  
Nominees need to be able to travel to and from the University of Warwick near Coventry. JYM participants could arrange to meet up to travel together.
- **What if the young person has individual needs?**  
If you have concerns about an individual's particular needs and whether they would be able to participate fully in JYM, please contact Cat Waithaka on 0207 663 1011 [catw@quaker.org.uk](mailto:catw@quaker.org.uk) to see what might be done to enable them to participate.

- **From another Yearly Meeting?**

If you are not from Britain Yearly Meeting please consider if potential nominees have a good enough standard of English to get the most from JYM.

- **Expectation that young people will report back to the area meeting.**

JYM is a representative event and part of the structure of BYM. It is important that participants report back to their area meeting, yearly meeting, or school after JYM. Please ensure that they are willing and able to do this before they are nominated.

- **How should we prioritise those interested?**

First confirm that they are eligible and can attend the whole event. If you need to prioritise young people we suggest you do so using the following criteria:

- 1) oldest to youngest of those who have not been to JYM before;
- 2) try to ensure a mix of young people such as gender, involved/not so involved;
- 3) those who have been to JYM twice before should be at the bottom of the list.

## **JYM over a three year cycle**

**This might affect decisions you make about who to nominate to JYM 2017.**

Yearly Meeting Agenda Committee and Quaker Life Central Committee decided that JYM will be offered in different forms over a three year cycle. This fits with the cycle of Yearly Meetings and Yearly Meeting Gatherings (YMG). The intention behind running JYM in this way is to increase participation of young people in Yearly Meeting decision making, enable their full integration within the Yearly Meeting and also focus on their spiritual development in age appropriate ways.

### **Year 1 (2017)**

- *This JYM will take place as part of YMG for 14 to 17 year olds with the opportunity for every area meeting to nominate at least two representatives and to provide a responsible adult to support each representative during the event.*
- *This JYM is for those a year younger than in other years, this will avoid 18 year olds needing responsible adults on site. Those too old for JYM will be able to participate in an opportunity for young adults at YMG organised by Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre.*

### **Year 2 (2018)**

- *This JYM is for 15 to 18 year olds alongside BYM over the first bank holiday weekend in May with JYM accommodated separately as a group. Area meetings will be able to nominate at least one representative.*

### **Year 3 (2019)**

- *This JYM is for 15 to 18 year olds as a residential event at Easter time for 5 days. Every area meeting will be able to nominate at least three representatives.*
- *There will be no formal programme for 15 to 18 year olds at Britain Yearly Meeting but an 'accompanying relationship' provided by staff and adult volunteers will be offered to those young people attending BYM.*

## **Further information**

If you would like further information about the nomination process for JYM 2017 then contact either the CYP Administrator on 020 7663 1013 [cypadmin@quaker.org.uk](mailto:cypadmin@quaker.org.uk) or Cat Waithaka (Youth Participation Officer) 0207 663 1011 [catw@quaker.org.uk](mailto:catw@quaker.org.uk)



# Nominations Form

Junior Yearly Meeting

29 July – 5 August 2017

Yearly Meeting Gathering at the University of Warwick, Coventry



**Please return this form** as soon as possible and by 15 March 2017 at the latest. No place can be guaranteed for nominations received after this date. This form can be returned online or by post, or the necessary information can be sent by email (contact details are at the end of the form).

**Not nominating** to Junior Yearly Meeting, please:

- complete Part 1
- return the form as soon as possible and by 15 March 2017 at the latest

**Nominating** to Junior Yearly Meeting, please:

- read the 'Nominations Guidance' notes before filling out this form
- complete Parts 1 and 2
- return the form by 15 March 2017 at the latest

## Part 1

a. Name of area meeting/yearly meeting/school: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ We will **not** be nominating to JYM 2017

☐ We **will** be nominating to JYM 2017

b. Would your meeting be willing to pay for young people from *another* area meeting to attend JYM 2017?

☐ No ☐ Yes (please state how many)

☐ We confirm that payment for this is agreed (you will be sent an invoice for this)

## Part 2

**a. Responsible adult for nominees** *If the responsible adult is different for different nominees please use the space at the end of the form to give their details.*

The role outline for responsible adults at YMG was included within the nominations guidance. This person must be attending Yearly Meeting Gathering residentially for the duration of the event. Please ensure that the young person knows who this person is and has their contact details, as the responsible adult's name and booking reference needs to be stated on the young person's YMG booking form.

We will use the information below to contact the responsible adult. Please check the addresses and phone numbers before filling out the details.

First name \_\_\_\_\_ Last name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Email (one that is checked regularly) \_\_\_\_\_

Local meeting \_\_\_\_\_ Area meeting \_\_\_\_\_

Aged 20 or over ☐ Booked on to YMG (residentially) ☐

## b. Names nominated for guaranteed places

Please confirm that you have the correct addresses and phone numbers before filling out the details requested below. We will use the information you provide to contact your nominee, and to send their parent or guardian a link to the YMG booking form. No place can be guaranteed until: a) the YMG booking form has been completed and the place paid for, and; b) a completed information and consent form is returned, this will be sent out once the completed booking form has been received, and must be returned within two weeks.

Please state the names below nominated for up to two guaranteed places:

We confirm that payment for the guaranteed places has been agreed		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
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First name	_____	Last name	_____
Address	_____		
	Postcode _____		
Date of birth (between 1.9.99 and 31.8.02 inclusive) _____			
Tel:	_____	Young person's email	_____
Local meeting:	_____	Attended JYM before:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Parent / guardian name	_____	Parent / guardian email:	_____
Additional information _____			
Responsible adult name	_____	Responsible adult email	_____
<i>(if not already given please provide RA details using space at the end of the form)</i>			

First name	_____	Last name	_____
Address	_____		
	Postcode _____		
Date of birth (between 1.9.99 and 31.8.02 inclusive) _____			
Tel:	_____	Young person's email	_____
Local meeting:	_____	Attended JYM before:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Parent / guardian name	_____	Parent / guardian email:	_____
Additional information _____			
Responsible adult name	_____	Responsible adult email	_____
<i>(if not already given please provide RA details using space at the end of the form)</i>			



### c. Names nominated for an additional place

Please confirm that you have the correct contact information before filling out the details requested below. We will use the information you provide to contact your additional nominees, and to send their parent or guardian a link to the YMG booking form. No place can be guaranteed until: a) the YMG booking form has been completed and the place paid for, and; b) a completed information and consent form is returned, this will be sent out once the completed booking form has been received, and must be returned within two weeks.

Please state below the details of those nominated for additional places, in priority order:

We confirm that payment for the additional places has been agreed ☐ Yes

<b>Priority 1</b>	First name	_____	Last name	_____
Address		_____		_____
		Postcode		_____
Date of birth (between 1.9.99 and 31.8.02 inclusive)				
Tel:		Young person's email		
Local Meeting:		Attended JYM before:		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Parent / guardian name		Parent / guardian email:		
Additional information				
Responsible adult name		Responsible adult email		
(if not already given please provide RA details using space at the end of the form)				

<b>Priority 2</b>	First name	_____	Last name	_____
Address		_____		_____
		Postcode		_____
Date of birth (between 1.9.99 and 31.8.02 inclusive)				
Tel:		Young person's email		
Local meeting:		Attended JYM before:		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Parent / guardian name		Parent / guardian email:		
Additional information				
Responsible adult name		Responsible adult email		
(if not already given please provide RA details using space at the end of the form)				

*If more additional places are wanted please include the details requested above for each additional nomination on a separate sheet.*

**Continued overleaf**

*If there are different responsible adults for different nominees please use this space to add their details.*

<b>Additional responsible adult information</b>				
First name			Last name	
Address				
Postcode				
Tel:			Email (one that is checked regularly)	
Local meeting			Area meeting	
Aged 20 or over	<input type="checkbox"/>	Booked on to YMG (residentially)		<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Additional responsible adult information</b>				
First name			Last name	
Address				
Postcode				
Tel:			Email (one that is checked regularly)	
Local meeting			Area meeting	
Aged 20 or over	<input type="checkbox"/>	Booked on to YMG (residentially)		<input type="checkbox"/>

*If there are further responsible adults please include the details requested above for each responsible adult on a separate sheet.*

## Enquiries:

By telephone on 020 7663 1013 or by email to [cypadmin@quaker.org.uk](mailto:cypadmin@quaker.org.uk)

## Please return this form:

**By 15 March 2017** (no place can be guaranteed for nominations received after this date).

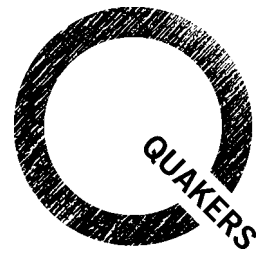
## To:

CYP Administrator, Quaker Life, Friends House, 173 Euston Road, London, NW1 2BJ, or submit the online form at <https://forms.quaker.org.uk/jym2017/>, or email the information requested to [cypadmin@quaker.org.uk](mailto:cypadmin@quaker.org.uk).

# Yearly Meeting Gathering

## Responsible adults for Junior Yearly Meeting

### Outline of Role and Responsibilities



#### Background

- All children and young people under the age of 18 participating in YMG 2017 must have a responsible adult present throughout the event. This includes those participating in Junior Yearly Meeting (JYM).
- All responsible adults must be aged 20 or over.
- Responsible adults should not have responsibility for more than four young people.
- It is preferable if responsible adults are not people considering being on the JYM team.

#### Booking guidance

- The responsible adult for each participant must be declared on the JYM nominations form from area meetings / schools / yearly meetings.
- Responsible adults need to be booked onto YMG and give their booking reference number to the young person they are responsible for.
- When booking, JYM participants will need to state the name of their responsible adult and this person's booking reference number in order for the booking to be accepted.
- JYM participants will be accommodated alongside their responsible adults, in rooms close by to other JYM participants, so need to book into the same accommodation type as their responsible adult.
- The person with parental responsibility will be asked to give their consent to the responsible adult on the participant's information and consent form. This will be sent to them after the YMG booking has been received.
- Area meetings, yearly meetings or schools should consider upholding and supporting those taking on the role of responsible adults for JYM participants at YMG. As well as making it known to the meeting who is undertaking this role. If possible financial support should be offered, especially if this person is attending YMG in order to carry out this role or if this role requires them to book into more expensive accommodation than they intended.

#### Responsibilities

Prior to YMG:

- Safeguarding in relation to responsible adults for JYM (where this person is not a relative) is the responsibility of each area meeting / school / yearly meeting. Those who are responsible adults for JYM participants should normally have a criminal records disclosure, unless they are related to the participant.
- If the responsible adult is not the parent or legal guardian, it is advisable for a meeting to take place between the young person, their parents or guardians and the responsible adult, in advance of the event.
- When the JYM participant has been booked onto YMG this will be confirmed with their responsible adult. If the place is being funded by the area meeting, school or yearly meeting, the responsible adult should then confirm that the YMG fee can be reimbursed if this is necessary.

- If the information and consent form for the JYM participant is not returned within two weeks of their YMG booking taking place, after an initial follow up by Friends House staff, the responsible adult will be asked to follow this up with the parent or guardian.
- In May / June 2017 JYM participants will be sent a mailing with a chance to offer help at JYM and a form to indicate their arrival and departure times. This will require them to respond. If there is no response, after an initial follow up by Friends House staff, the responsible adult will be asked to follow this up with the young person.
- Responsible adults should reassure the young person they are responsible for that a participant information pack will be sent out in July. They should check that participants have received this and encourage them to read it. This is a good time to make sure that young people have all they need to participate in JYM.
- Before the event all responsible adults will be sent further information about JYM.

#### During YMG:

- Responsible adults have full responsibility at YMG outside of JYM programme time. JYM begins each day when YMG sessions start, it includes a packed lunch, stops over dinner time, and ends at 11:15pm after an evening session. Accompanied excursions are offered on the Wednesday.
- Responsible adults will be invited to attend a 'welcome and thank you' session early on in the event, this will offer the opportunity to find out more about the programme, the responsibilities and to meet with the staff members.
- Responsible adults must ensure that:
  - ➔ each participant they are responsible for abides by the boundaries (agreed by Yearly Meeting Arrangements Committee and those planning Junior Yearly Meeting) which are signed in advance by all participants. These boundaries apply to young people throughout the gathering;
  - ➔ they meet with each participant that they are responsible for at least once each day in order to support the young person's involvement in the programme and encourage them to share their experiences with them;
  - ➔ each participant they are responsible for participates fully in the programme or that they inform JYM staff if there is a reason why they are unable to. If participants do not turn up for a session and JYM staff have not been informed that they will not be present, their responsible adult will be contacted.
- Responsible adults should be willing and available to discuss with the JYM staff any issues that arise in relation to the participant that they have responsibility for.

#### After JYM:

- Responsible adults should liaise with the JYM participant about reporting back to the area / yearly meeting or school. Young people might need support in attending and reporting back. This provides a good opportunity to speak with them about their experience of participating in JYM and encourage their future involvement.

# Junior Yearly Meeting

## Yearly Meeting Gathering

29 July to 5 August, 2017

At the University of Warwick, Coventry



Junior Yearly Meeting (JYM) is an annual gathering for young Quakers in Britain aged 14-17 (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.

*The base group has been really helpful in making me feel at home in the community.*

As a youth event, JYM is planned and facilitated by the Arrangements Committee, a group of six young people appointed by their peers who agree the theme and create a programme for the event. As well as being a young Friends event, JYM is being held as a part of Yearly Meeting Gathering (YMG), an event for Quakers of all ages. The theme that is agreed for JYM will reflect the issues being considered by YMG.

*Being at YMG gave me the chance to understand Quakerism more and develop my understanding of what I really believe, being at a larger Quaker event strengthened my Quaker identity.*

The JYM Arrangements Committee (pictured opposite) are really looking forward to JYM 2017. They hope that it will be a significant event for young people who participate and for the wider Quaker community.





JYM is a **spiritual event** with the opportunity to experience Quaker practices. It is also about having fun, building relationships and making friends.

*I have grown in confidence and maturity. I am more sure of my spiritual identity and my identity as a Quaker young person and feel inspired to live my beliefs.*

During JYM there are **social events**, which are times to let off steam, being stimulating with something for everyone. They provide an opportunity to meet new people and everyone is encouraged to mix with one another to help create an inclusive community, both in structured sessions and in free time.

*I feel more confident in myself and others.*

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.

*Before this event I'd say "I'm sort of a part of Quakers" but now I feel like I will say "I am a Quaker" and have so much more to say when asked "why?"*

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

*It's been an honour to be part of such a great event.*

### **Attending JYM:**

- Nominations are sent to area meeting clerks in November 2016.
- In order to attend this event you must be 14 - 17 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. To ask for an open place application form, phone Thais on 020 7663 1013, or email [cypadmin@quaker.org.uk](mailto:cypadmin@quaker.org.uk) or go to [www.yqspace.org.uk/junior-yearly-meeting-2017](http://www.yqspace.org.uk/junior-yearly-meeting-2017)

