

Young Quakers Participation

September Day

Saturday 5 September 2015

Friends House, London



I wanted to be and feel part of the decision making process. It is really important that a range and variety of people are involved including the voices of young people.

The day made me feel encouraged to be an active member of the Quaker community to which I belong, and that all contributions, whether their giver is five or fifty, are treated with equal respect and consideration.

Quotes from previous participants.



Equality is one of our corporate testimonies, in practice, this means trying to include everyone as a fully as possible. The participation days are an opportunity to be involved in decisions that affect you and the organisation you are part of. We want to hear about your experiences and concerns as young Quakers as well as ask you about issues that affect this organisation.



I enjoyed the Young Quakers Participation day and it taught me more about other people's approaches to Quakerism. The day made me think about my perspective. | Quote from a previous participant.

The young people that attended the day in 2014 said that they would like to know more about campaigning on peace issues. So when we meet in September 2015 we will be exploring with you ways to engage in peace activism. We will also have an update on the progress with the new resource for young people based on Quaker Faith and Practice, which participants at the 2014 day had an opportunity to contribute to.

The day is being held alongside Meeting for Sufferings which decides the priorities and sets the direction of Britain Yearly Meeting. This will offer you the chance to consider items that are on their agenda that are of relevance to young people, as well as to identify any issues that you consider might be relevant to Meeting for Sufferings.





This day has given me hope that young people care about issues that are interesting and relevant to me. Quote from a previous participant.

We are asking Area Meeting, Meeting for Sufferings representatives to take responsibility for accompanying young people to the day. We hope that as well as a chance to spend the day with people your own age, that young people will meet up with their Area Meeting Representative providing the opportunity for them to find out more about Meeting for Sufferings and Yearly Meeting's work.

The overriding sense that I took from that day was how much young people desired to be involved in such processes. At the close of the day, we were asked to raise our hands if we would like to take part in a similar event again. Every hand went up. Quote from a previous participant.



Who can come: Each Area Meeting can book up to two young people to attend the day, the cost of travel and, where essential, accommodation will be covered from Britain Yearly Meeting funds. If you are interested in attending the day, speak to your Area Meeting Clerk (or the person who gave you the leaflet) to find out how to book your place.



Details: The 2015 CYP Participation Day is on Saturday, September 5 arrivals will be from 9:00am with worship alongside Meeting for Sufferings at 10:00am, the day will conclude at 4:00pm. The day is for young people aged 14 – 18 year (born in between 1.9.95 and 31.8.01). The booking deadline is Friday, 31 July 2015.

Being at the Participation Day made me feel a part of Quakerism and Britain Yearly Meeting. Quote from a previous participant.