

Junior Yearly Meeting 2016

Late afternoon of Saturday 2 to lunchtime Wednesday 6 April
At the Frontier Centre, Northamptonshire



Junior Yearly Meeting (JYM) is an annual Quaker gathering, for young Quakers in Britain aged 15-18. Participants represent Area Meetings, Quaker schools or overseas Yearly Meetings overseas 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 facilitated by a young person who will organise activities and discussion. This will become a close-knit unit of support and fun throughout the event.

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, which links to issues being considered at Britain Yearly Meeting (BYM) in May. The theme for this year's event is "Inner light: opening and inspiring us?"

The JYM Arrangements Committee (pictured opposite) are really looking forward to JYM 2016. 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 found a new sense of strength and calm inside myself, and discovered a real joy in other people....

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 was good, nay, it was intrinsically rhapsodic ☺

Attending JYM:

- Applications open in September 2015.
- In order to attend this event you must be 15 - 18 years old and born between 1.9.1997 and 31.8.2000.
- One way of attending JYM is to be nominated by your Area Meeting, Quaker School or by a European Yearly Meeting. 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 £290. This includes fully catered accommodation at the Frontier Centre, and for those that require it a coach pick up and drop off from a nearby train station. To ask for an open place application form, phone Thais on 020 7663 1013, or email cypadmin@quaker.org.uk or go to www.quaker.org.uk/junior-yearly-meeting-2016

