

# Junior Yearly Meeting

## Britain Yearly Meeting

Evening of Friday 1 to late afternoon of Monday 4 May 2015

At Lee Valley Youth Hostel



Junior Yearly Meeting (JYM) is an annual Quaker gathering, for young Quakers in Britain aged 15-18. Participants represent Area Meetings, Quaker schools or Yearly Meetings overseas or other religious groups. Open places (for people unable to come as representatives) are also available.

JYM is a large 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 eight young people appointed by their peers who agree the theme and create a programme for the event, which runs alongside Britain Yearly Meeting (BYM) and links to issues being considered there.



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

The JYM Arrangements Committee are really looking forward to JYM especially with it running alongside BYM and offering the opportunity to engage with participants at BYM for exploration of the theme and decision making.



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

*I found a new sense of strength and calm inside myself, and discovered a real joy in other people....*

During JYM there are **social events**, which are times to let off steam and should be 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.

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.



*I really feel like I was given the right amount of space to discover for myself whilst not being left on my own.*

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.

*I think the sessions were really helpful for challenging me. Also I had some really interesting conversations with other young Quakers....*

### **Attending JYM:**

- Applications open in October 2014.
- In order to attend this event you must be 15-18 years old and born between 1.9.1996-31.8.1999.
- 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 do apply for an open place. The cost of the event is £230. 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 and a packed lunch at Friends House on Monday. 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.quaker.org.uk/junior-yearly-meeting-2015](http://www.quaker.org.uk/junior-yearly-meeting-2015)

