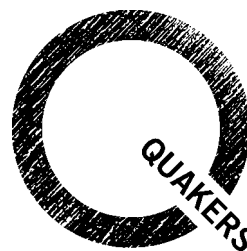


# Nominations Guidance

## Junior Yearly Meeting 2026

Friday 3 – Tuesday 7 April, Pioneer Centre, Shropshire



## Nominating to JYM (Junior Yearly Meeting)

The closing date for nominations is **Monday 12 January 2026**. No places can be guaranteed for nominations received after this date.

The nominations form can be accessed at <https://ycf.quaker.org.uk/jym-nomination-form/>

All nominations documents can be accessed at <https://www.quaker.org.uk/events/junior-yearly-meeting-2026>

A leaflet about JYM for young people is included in the mailing; use this to give young people an idea of what JYM is like. You could also share the recent “JYM Explained” video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AoqJk3Vvkmo>

## JYM places

Before nominating, please check with the young people and their parent/s that they are available and willing to attend the whole event.

- You can nominate **two** *guaranteed* places. (This has changed from previous years.)
- You can make *additional* nominations. Please list them in priority order. See ‘How should we prioritise those interested?’ (page 3).
- All young people nominated for additional places will be informed as soon as a place is available for them.

## Cost

- The cost of the event is **£295**. This includes fully catered accommodation, coach travel to and from train stations, and all activities during the event.
- Please ensure that payment is agreed for both guaranteed and additional places before returning the nomination form.
- We encourage Area Meetings to offer to pay the cost of travel for their nominees.
- Invoices will be sent to AM / YM treasurers / schools prior to the event.
- As we must pay the costs of the accommodation in advance, we will charge 50% of the costs for a cancellation made before Monday 2 February and 100% for those who cancel on or after Monday 2 February.
- If your area meeting / yearly meeting / school can donate in addition to meeting the costs of those participants you have nominated, that would be appreciated. There is space to record this at the start of the nomination form.

## **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 from JYM 2026. JYM is a representative event and part of the structure of Britain Yearly Meeting (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.

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, community activities, small groups, Quaker worship, and meetings for worship for business. It provides an ideal opportunity to encourage young people's spiritual journeys and develop their understanding of Quakerism.

**Who to ask?** Those on the JYM 2026 Arrangements Committee do not need to be nominated and the cost of their attendance is covered by central funds (clerks of their area meetings have already been informed). No other young people have places set aside.

**Nominations information** Nominees must have been born between 1 September 2007 and 31 August 2010. Eligibility for national events is based on date of birth/school year, not age.

**Event information** JYM 2026 starts at 4pm on Fri 3 April and finishes at 2pm on Tue 7 April.

**Cancellations.** Please check that the young people you nominate are willing and able to attend. 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 independently to JYM. JYM will take place at the Pioneer Centre in Shropshire; coaches will be provided from Kidderminster train station.

**English as an additional language** If you are not from Britain Yearly Meeting, please consider whether potential nominees have a good enough standard of English to get the most from JYM.

**What if the young person has individual needs?** The Pioneer Centre is a wheelchair-accessible venue and the programme will be planned to enable everyone to participate. Parents and carers are welcome to contact Jenny Baines before or after nomination to discuss any concerns and any additional support that might be needed:

[jennyb@quaker.org.uk](mailto:jennyb@quaker.org.uk) or call 020 7663 1002.

## Finding young people to nominate

We encourage AMs to consider nominating young people who are loosely connected (for example their relationship is through grandparents, groups for young people etc.). Please be active in inviting young people who are black, brown or people of colour, young people from working class backgrounds, and/or young people with additional needs. If your AM has a CYP Work Advocate, Youth Development Worker, or Local Development Worker, contact them to see if they can connect you with young people.

**How should we prioritise those interested?** First, confirm that they were born between the stated dates and can attend the event. **If you need to prioritise young people, we suggest you do so use the following criteria:**

1. Those who have not been to JYM before, with the oldest having priority.
2. Try to ensure a mix of young people from different backgrounds.

## Completing your AM's nomination for JYM

We recommend that as a part of the nominations process, the Area Meeting minutes the appointed young person/people and who will fill in the nomination form, and the deadline for this to be done. This person will need the following information to complete the form:

- Email address, postal address and date of birth for each young person
- Phone number and email address for a parent/carer for each young person
- Phone number and email address for person making payment (e.g. AM Treasurer)

## Confirming JYM places

Once nominations have been received, we will do the following:

- We will ask the parent/carer to complete a consent and information form to confirm the place. If this is not returned within two weeks, we will follow up with the family.
- We will also ask parents/carers of those nominated for additional places to complete a consent and information form. As soon as a place is available, we will let them know, **no later than the beginning of February.**
- All participants will be asked to agree to uphold the JYM community agreement.

## Further information

For more information please contact Jenny Baines, Young People's Integration Co-ordinator: 020 7663 1002 [cypadmin@quaker.org.uk](mailto:cypadmin@quaker.org.uk)