

August 2018

To Area Meeting Clerks

Dear Friend,

## **Junior Yearly Meeting (JYM) 2019**

This letter outlines information about JYM 2019 and how to complete the nominations task.

**About the event** JYM 2019 is an event for young people that takes place Friday 12 to Monday 15 April as residential event. JYM is planned and facilitated by an Arrangements Committee of young people appointed by their peers at JYM in 2018. They work with the staff and volunteer team in the planning and facilitation of the event. Please do all you can to offer this opportunity to young people connected to your Quaker community.

**To nominate young people** Please read the nominations guidance and complete the form which can be accessed online at <https://forms.quaker.org.uk/jym-nomination-form/>. If you are unable to complete the online form please contact Alex Zawadzka at [cypadmin@quaker.org.uk](mailto:cypadmin@quaker.org.uk) or call her on 020 7663 1013 for a paper copy. The closing date for nominations is Sunday 6 January 2019.

**If you are not nominating** Please let us know so we can give your Area Meetings place to another young person, you can do this using the online form or by contacting Alex.

**Who JYM is for:** Each Area Meeting can nominate three young people for guaranteed places, you can also nominate additional places. They should be born between 1 September 2000 and 31 August 2003, inclusive.

JYM is an important opportunity for young people. Whether they 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 to Quakerism as a whole. For many it is a formative event for their Quaker identity.

**JYM 2019 dates:** Much care and hard work went into identifying the date for JYM 2019. Finding a time that would be suitable across Wales, Scotland and England has not been possible. It is particularly the case for JYM 2019 due to the timing of Easter (but would be equally impossible at other times of the academic year). Included within this mailing is a letter for schools requesting authorised absence for pupils needing to miss a school day to attend JYM. We hope that young people will still be able to attend JYM.

Thank you for your part in the nominations process for JYM 2019.

In friendship



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## Enclosures

*Nominations Guidance:* Please use this to guide your nominations. You should give this to those responsible for JYM nominations in your Area Meeting. It is also available at [www.quaker.org.uk/events/jym2019](http://www.quaker.org.uk/events/jym2019).

*Supporting notes for the named contact person (NCP):* This person acts as a link between ourselves your Area Meeting nominees and their family. It is better if the NCP is not a family member as the intention is to provide additional support and encouragement in relation to returning necessary forms. Please check that the contact person is happy to take on this role before completing the nominations form.

*A leaflet about JYM 2019:* This is to give to all young people who might consider participating. If you require further copies of this at [www.quaker.org.uk/events/jym2019](http://www.quaker.org.uk/events/jym2019)

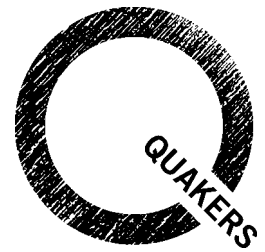
*A letter requesting authorised absence from school:* Please pass this to any young people who will need to miss school in order to attend JYM.

If you would like additional copies of any of these documents please contact Alex Zawadzka at [cypadmin@quaker.org.uk](mailto:cypadmin@quaker.org.uk) or call her on 020 7663 1013.

# Nominations Guidance

Junior Yearly Meeting 2019

12 – 15 April at the Frontier Centre Northamptonshire



## Nominating to JYM

The closing date for nominations is Sunday 6 January 2019. No places can be guaranteed for nominations received after this date. The nominations form can be accessed online at <https://forms.quaker.org.uk/jym-nomination-form/> If you are unable to complete the online form please contact Alex Zawadzka at [cypadmin@quaker.org.uk](mailto:cypadmin@quaker.org.uk) or call her on 020 7663 1013 for a paper copy.

**An information sheet about JYM 2019** 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.quaker.org.uk/events/jym2019](http://www.quaker.org.uk/events/jym2019).

## JYM places

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

- You can nominate three *guaranteed* places.
- You can make *additional* nominations. Please list them in priority order. See 'how to prioritise those interested' (page 3).

All young people nominated for additional places, who have indicated their interest in attending, will be informed whether or not a place is available for them early January 2019.

## Cost

- Area meetings need to fund the guaranteed places and any additional nominations. Please ensure that payment is agreed before returning the nomination form.
- The cost of the event is £270. This includes fully catered accommodation, full programme costs and the option of a coach pick and drop off from Northampton or Wellingborough station before and after the event.
- 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 have to pay the costs of the accommodation in advance, we will charge 50% of the costs for any who cancel before 1 March, 100% for those who cancel on or after 1 March.
- 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, that would be greatly appreciated. There is space to record this on Part 1 on the nomination form.

## Named Contact Person (NCP)

- This person acts as a link between ourselves and your Area Meeting nominees and their family. Supporting notes for this role were included in the mailing to AM clerks.
- It is better if the NCP is not a family member. The intention is to provide additional support and encouragement in relation to returning necessary forms and reporting back after JYM.
- Please state on the nomination form the name of someone who can be the NCP for your AM, YM or school participants.

## Confirming JYM places

- To confirm the young person's guaranteed place we will ask the parent or guardian to complete an information and consent form.

If this is not returned within two weeks we will follow it up and ask the NCP to do the same.

- We will ask those nominated for additional places to confirm that they wish to take up the place by asking their parent or guardian to complete an information and consent form.

As soon as a place is available we let them know. All those who are nominated for additional places will hear if one is available early January 2019.

- When an information and consent form is returned we will inform the NCP that the booking for JYM is confirmed.
- In advance of the event all participants will be asked to indicate that they will uphold the JYM community agreement in how they conduct themselves during the event.

## 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 at JYM 2018. 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. Please give potential nominees the leaflet about the event. This was included in the JYM nominations mailing and further copies are available at [www.quaker.org.uk/events/jym2019](http://www.quaker.org.uk/events/jym2019)

**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 and meetings for worship for business. It provides an ideal opportunity to encourage young people's spiritual journeys and develop their understanding of Quakerism. Those on the JYM 2019 Arrangements Committee do not need to be nominated (clerks of their area meetings were informed of this in May/June 2018). No other young people have places set aside.

## **Nominations information**

Nominees must have been born between 1 September 2000 and 31 August 2003. As well as providing the date of birth, you will need the contact details including a telephone number and email address. You will also need to provide the same contact details for their parent/guardian.

## **Event information**

JYM starts in the late afternoon of Friday 12 to mid-afternoon on Monday 15 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. Coaches will be arranged from Northampton or Wellingborough stations, participants could arrange to meet up to travel together.

## **What if the young person has individual needs?**

The participant and their parent or guardian is welcome to explore with Cat Waithaka what might be done to support their participation in the event (contact details below).

## **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.

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

First confirm that they were born between the stated dates and can attend the event. Please note that for JYM 2020 those born between 1.9.2001 and 31.8.2002 will not be eligible to attend, see 'JYM over a 3 year cycle' for more information (page 4).

If you need to prioritise young people we suggest you do so using 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 such as gender identities, involved/not so involved.
- 3) Those who have been to JYM twice before should be at the bottom of the list.

The information overleaf about JYM over a three year cycle might be helpful to your thinking.

## **Further information**

If you would like further information about the nomination process for JYM 2019 then contact

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# **JYM over a three year cycle**

## **This might affect decisions you make about who to nominate to JYM 2019**

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 (2019)***

This JYM is for 15 to 18 year olds (English and Welsh school years 11, 12 and 13). It is a residential event at Easter time for 4 days. Every area meeting will be able to nominate at least three representatives.

There is 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.

### ***Year 2 (2020)***

This JYM will take place as part of YMG for 14 to 17 year olds (English and Welsh school years 10, 11, and 12) with the opportunity for every area meeting to nominate at least two representatives. They will also need 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.

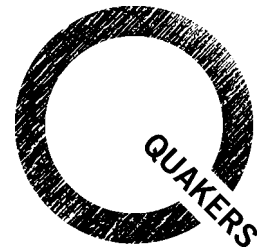
### ***Year 3 (2021)***

This JYM is for 15 to 18 year olds (English and Welsh school years 11, 12 and 13). It runs alongside BYM over the one of the May bank holiday weekends with JYM accommodated separately as a group. Area meetings will be able to nominate at least one representative.

# Junior Yearly Meeting 2019

## Named Contact Person

### Supporting Notes



*This sheet should be passed to the Named Contact Person. This person might be a willing member of the Area Meeting (AM), the AM Children and Young People's Work Advocate, a children and young people's overseer or a link group coordinator.*

We ask that each Area Meeting, Yearly Meeting or Quaker School appoint a '**Named Contact Person' (NCP)**. This person acts as a link between ourselves and your nominees and their family. They will support the young people attending JYM by assisting them in the booking process. It is very helpful to have someone local to the nominees who can get in touch with them more easily in relation to JYM matters.

### **What is needed from this named contact person?**

- Availability by phone or email from October 2018 to April 2019.
- Being happy to talk to young people aged 15 to 18 and their families.
- An understanding of Junior Yearly Meeting or willingness to find out about this.

### **What papers should this named contact person have?**

- The nomination guidelines.
- A leaflet about JYM 2019.

These can be accessed at [www.quaker.org.uk/events/jym2019](http://www.quaker.org.uk/events/jym2019).

### **What will being the contact person involve?**

1. Supporting nominations by making sure that the young people are aware that they are being nominated and that they understand what JYM is (see JYM 2019 leaflet), that they are willing and able to attend (noting the cost of cancellations).
2. Ensuring that the nomination form with all the names approved is returned as soon as possible and by 6 January 2019 at the latest.
3. Encouraging nominees to return forms promptly. There will be two points of contact that require a response from the family:
  - The parent or guardian will be asked to complete a consent and information form, within 2 weeks, to confirm the place. We will let the NCP know when we send this information and if the form is late we will ask you to follow this up.

In February 2019 we will send out a mailing that will require participants to respond. NCPs will be sent a copy of this mailing. If we don't hear from the young person NCPs will be asked to follow this up.

5. We will inform NCPs when a nominated place is confirmed and when additional nominations have been offered places.
6. We will send an invoice to AM / YM treasurers and schools in March 2018. NCPs should ensure that treasurers expect this and are encouraged to pay promptly.
7. A participant information pack will be sent out to all participants in April. NCPs should check that participants have received this and then encourage them to read it! This is a good time to make sure that young people have all they need to participate in JYM.
8. Liaising with the young people who attended JYM about reporting back to the Area Meeting, Yearly Meeting or school – we hope this will be a chance for NCPs to realise the impact of their support. Young people might need assistance in attending and reporting back to AM. This provides a good opportunity to speak with them about their experience of participating in JYM.

Young people and their families have busy lives and it can be difficult for the Children and Young People's work staff in Friends House to keep in close touch with them. The Named Contact Person's role is vital for the event preparations to run smoothly.

If you are a Named Contact Person, we hope you will enjoy the contacts you have with the young people, helping to smooth out their fears and enabling them to get the most out of JYM they possibly can.

### Further information

If you would like further information about JYM 2019 then contact

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### Some useful information about JYM 2019:

**Numbers you can nominate:** You can nominate three guaranteed places as well as nominating additional places. We expect to be able to confirm additional places by the start of January 2019. The guidance notes give an explanation of this process.

**Closing date:** Nominations should be returned by Sunday 6 January, 2019 at the latest. No places can be guaranteed for nominations received after this date.

**Eligibility:** Nominees must have been born between 1 September 2000 and 31 August 2003.

**Dates and venue:** JYM 2019 is at the Frontier Centre, Northamptonshire. It starts late afternoon of Friday 12 to mid-afternoon on Monday 15 April.

**Costs:** The cost of the event is £270. This includes fully catered accommodation, full programme costs and the option of a coach pick and drop off from Northampton or Wellingborough station before and after the event. Fees will be requested from AM/YM treasurers & schools prior to the event.

**Links to BYM:** JYM 2019 happens separately to Yearly Meeting (YM). The JYM Arrangements Committee will be linking with the Yearly Meeting Agenda Committee and it is hoped that JYM will be exploring some of the same topics as YM.



# Junior Yearly Meeting 2019

Late afternoon Friday 12 to mid-afternoon Monday 15 April  
At the Frontier Centre, Northamptonshire



Junior Yearly Meeting (JYM) is an annual gathering for young Quakers in Britain whose birthdays fall between 1.9.00 and 31.8.03. Participants represent area meetings, Quaker schools, overseas yearly meetings or other faith communities. Because JYM is a representative event that is part of the structure of BYM, participants are asked to report back to the meeting or school that nominated them. Open places (for people unable to come as representatives) are also available.

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.

*In three short days I feel I have developed so much not only as person but also as a member of the Quaker 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. They work with the staff and volunteer team in the planning and facilitation of the event. JYM 2019 runs separate to Yearly Meeting but will link to issues being considered there.

The JYM Arrangements Committee (pictured opposite) are really looking forward to JYM 2019. They hope that it will be a significant event for young people who participate and for the wider Quaker community.



*Quakerism wasn't something I really thought would fit with the rest of my identity. I didn't really "get it" before, but now I really do. Now I'm a Quaker.*

JYM is a **spiritual event** with the opportunity to experience Quaker practices. It is also about having fun, building relationships and making friends. 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 felt that JYM helped me grow spiritually as a person. It has made me want to put my thoughts into action. I don't just want to say it, I want to do it.*

During JYM there are **social events**, providing an opportunity to have fun and meet new people. Everyone is encouraged to mix with one another to help create an inclusive community, both in structured sessions and in free time.

*I feel as though this event changed my outlook on Quakerism. It showed me an enormous, beautiful community of people.*

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

*JYM was a very unique opportunity for young Quakers to reflect on our beliefs, the discussions have really opened my eyes.*

### Attending JYM:

- Nominations are sent to area meeting clerks in September 2018.
- In order to attend this event you must be born between 1.9.2000 and 31.8.2003 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. The cost of the event is £270 (bursaries are available for open places). This includes fully catered accommodation at the Frontier Centre and the option of a coach pick and drop off from Northampton or Wellingborough station before and after the event.



To ask for an open place application form, phone Alex 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-2019](http://www.yqspace.org.uk/junior-yearly-meeting-2019)

Request for authorised school absence  
to attend an event for young Quakers  
Junior Yearly Meeting April 2019



Yearly Meeting of  
the Religious Society  
of Friends in Britain

To whom it may concern:

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing in support of the request that ..... should be granted  
authorised absence from school to attend the Quaker Junior Yearly Meeting.

Junior Yearly Meeting (JYM) is the national gathering of 15 – 18 year old Young  
Friends within Britain. JYM starts in the late afternoon of Friday 12 to mid-afternoon on  
Monday 15 April

Young people are selected to attend the event by their Quaker Area Meeting. The  
event is spiritual and educational as well social. Those who attend have the  
opportunity to meet Quakers of their own age and become more aware of their Quaker  
identity. JYM is a representative event and part of the structure of Quakers in Britain. It  
is expected that participants report back to their Quaker Area Meeting after JYM.

Much care and hard work went into identifying the date for JYM 2019. Finding a time  
that would be suitable across Wales, Scotland and England has not been possible. It  
is particularly the case this year due to the timing of Easter.

JYM provides the opportunity for participants to develop in the following four areas:  
spiritual development, understanding Quakerism, exploring issues and personal  
growth. The programme includes speaker sessions, small groups, activities, worship  
and discussions.

We hope that you can appreciate that JYM represents a developmental opportunity  
and would ask you to look favourably upon this request for school release.

Yours faithfully

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