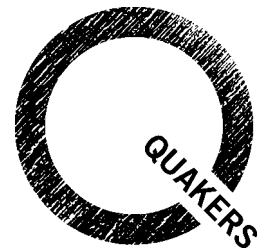


# Nominations Guidance

## Junior Yearly Meeting

2 – 6 April 2016

At the Frontier Centre near Northampton



### Nominating to JYM

**If you are not nominating**, please fill out part 1 of the nomination form and return it to the CYP Administrator at Friends House before 16 December 2015 as indicated, alternatively you can phone, email the requested information or fill in the <https://quakersinbritain.wufoo.eu/forms/junior-yearly-meeting-2016-nomination-form/>. This will enable us to offer these places to young people from other area meetings.

**If you are nominating**, please read the guidance in this document. All nomination forms must be returned by 16 December 2015. No place can be guaranteed for nominations received after this date.

### Guaranteed places and additional places

Please check with the young people and their parents that they are available and willing to attend JYM prior to including them on your nomination form. A copy of an information sheet about JYM 2016 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/Junior-Yearly-Meeting-2016](http://www.quaker.org.uk/Junior-Yearly-Meeting-2016).

- You can make three nominations to JYM for **guaranteed** places. When we receive your nomination form, we will contact the parent or guardian of the nominee for the guaranteed place with an information and consent form that they need to fill in and return within two weeks to confirm their place.
- You can make other **additional** nominations. Names for these additional places should be given in priority order. See 'points to consider when nominating' (over page) for guidance about prioritising. We will write to young people nominated for additional places, asking them to indicate whether they wish to participate in JYM. When a place becomes available we will send their parent or guardian an information and consent form that they need to fill in and return within two weeks to confirm their place. All young people nominated for additional places, who respond to indicate their interest, will be informed whether or not a place is available for them in January 2016. We expect to be able to offer places to those nominated for additional places, but are only able to do so as we hear from Area Meetings who do not wish to nominate.

### Deadline for nominations

- Please return the nomination form as soon as possible as this helps planning, at the latest by 16 December 2015. No place can be guaranteed for nominations received after this date.
- It is expected that all young people wishing to participate in JYM confirm that they still want a place within a fortnight of being offered one.

### Named Contact person

- Please state on your nomination form the name of someone who can be the contact person for your AM, YM or school. Guidelines for this role were included in the mailing sent out with this guidance. In the past, the named contact people have proved invaluable in working with nominees to ensure they receive and respond to further JYM mailings, as well as supporting young peoples' participation in JYM and subsequent involvement in reporting back to AM / YM / school after JYM.

## Cost

- Area Meetings will need to fund the guaranteed places and any additional nominations.
- The cost of the event is £290. This includes fully catered accommodation at the Frontier Centre, full programme costs and the option of a coach pick and drop off from Northampton or Wellingborough station before and after the event.
- We suggest that Area Meetings / YMs / schools offer to pay the cost of travel to JYM for their nominees. Arrangements regarding this should be handled directly with nominees.
- Please ensure that the payment for those you nominate is agreed before returning the nomination form. Invoices will be sent to AM / YM treasurers / schools in February.
- If your Area Meeting / Yearly Meeting / school is able to make a donation in addition to meeting the participants costs of those you have nominated, then that would be greatly appreciated. There is space to record this on Part 1 on the nomination form.
- As we have to pay the costs of the accommodation in advance, there will be a charge of 50% of the costs for any who cancel between 1 January and 29 February and 100% for those who cancel on or after 1 March.

## Points to consider when nominating

- **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, meetings for worship for business and base groups. It provides an ideal opportunity to encourage young people's spiritual journeys and develop their understanding of Quakerism. You should take this into account when deciding who to nominate to JYM 2016.
- **Who is already nominated?** Only those on the JYM 2016 Arrangements Committee (clerks of their area meetings were informed of this in May 2015) do not need to be nominated. No other young people have places set aside for them.
- **Age?** Nominees must have been born between 1 September 1997 and 31 August 2000.
- **Willingness?** Please check that young people you nominate are willing and able to attend. You should hand them one of the JYM 2016 participant information sheets (included in the JYM nominations mailing sent out with this guidance in August 2015).
- **Availability?** JYM starts in the afternoon of Saturday 2 April at the Frontier Centre near Northampton and finishes after lunch on Wednesday 6 April.
- **Travel?** Nominees need to travel to the Frontier Centre near Northampton or to Northampton or Wellingborough station where there will be a coach pick up. JYM participants could arrange to meet up to travel.
- **What is JYM like?** The JYM 2016 Arrangements Committee, which is made up of young people appointed by their peers in 2015, first met in June 2015. They have begun to plan for JYM and their early thinking is reflected on the flyer which was included in the mailing alongside this guidance. Please ask potential nominees to read one of these flyers as they consider whether they would like to participate in JYM. The JYM programme will link with some topics being considered at BYM in 2016. All participants will be asked to indicate their agreement to the JYM boundaries in advance of the event and to uphold this agreement in how they conduct themselves during the event.
- **Other commitments?** Ask potential nominees to consider other commitments that they might have at the time of JYM, as charges will be applied to those who cancel (see 'costs').

- **Individual needs?** JYM has a commitment to valuing that of God in each individual, endeavouring to be as inclusive as possible. If you have concerns about any individual particular needs and whether they would be able to participate fully in JYM, please contact Cat Waithaka 0207 663 1011 [catw@quaker.org.uk](mailto:catw@quaker.org.uk) to see what might be done to enable them to participate and if any special arrangements are required.
- **Other Yearly Meetings?** If you are not from Britain Yearly Meeting please consider if potential nominees have a good enough standard of English to get the most from JYM.
- **Representation?** JYM is a representative event and part of the structure of BYM. It is important that participants report back to their AM, YM or school after JYM. Please ensure that that they are able and willing to undertake this before they are nominated.
- **Prioritising?** First confirm the young people being considered are eligible and can attend the whole event. If you need to prioritise young people we suggest you do so using the following criteria:
  - 1) oldest to youngest of those who have not been to JYM before;
  - 2) try to ensure a mixture of young people such as male/female, involved/not so involved and a geographical spread;
  - 3) those who have been to JYM twice before should be at the bottom of the list.
- **JYM in future years?** An outline of future events, showing how JYM is different over a three year cycle, is included below. This might affect decisions you make about who to nominate to JYM 2016.

*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. This is set out below so that meetings can make informed decisions about which young people to encourage to participate in the different events.*

#### **Year 1 (2014 and 2017)**

- *This JYM will take place as part of YMG for 14 to 17 year olds with the opportunity for every area meeting to nominate at least two representatives and to provide a responsible adult to support that 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 organised by Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre.*

#### **Year 2 (2015 and 2018)**

- *This JYM is for 15 to 18 year olds alongside BYM over the first bank holiday weekend in May with JYM accommodated separately as a group. Area meetings will be able to nominate at least one representative.*

#### **Year 3 (2016 and 2019)**

- *This JYM is for 15 to 18 year olds as a residential event at Easter time for 5 days. Every area meeting will be able to nominate at least three representatives.*
- *There will be 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.*

### **Further information**

If you would like further information about the nomination process for JYM 2016 then contact either the CYP Administrator on 020 7663 1013 [cypadmin@quaker.org.uk](mailto:cypadmin@quaker.org.uk) or Cat Waithaka (Youth Participation Officer) 0207 663 1011 [catw@quaker.org.uk](mailto:catw@quaker.org.uk)