# Nominations Guidance Junior Yearly Meeting 2022 9 - 12 April at the Frontier Centre Northamptonshire



# Nominating to Junior Yearly Meeting (JYM)

The closing date for nominations is Monday 28 February 2022. No places can be guaranteed for nominations received after this date. The nominations form can be accessed online at <a href="https://forms.quaker.org.uk/jym-nomination-form/">https://forms.quaker.org.uk/jym-nomination-form/</a>

A leaflet about JYM for young people is included in the mailing sent out with these guidelines; use this to give young people an idea of what JYM is like. It can also be accessed here www.yqspace.org.uk/j-y-m-2022

# 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 as soon as a place is available for them.

### Cost

- Area meetings, Quaker Schools and Yearly 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 £310. 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 cancellations 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, and can be found in the JYM entry at <u>www.quaker.org.uk/events</u>
- It is better if the NCP is not a family member. The intention is to provide additional support and encouragement in relation to returning 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, no later than the beginning of March.
- 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 from JYM 2021. 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 that they are willing and able to do this before they are nominated. Please give potential nominees the leaflet about the event.

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 2022 Arrangements Committee do not need to be nominated (clerks of their area meetings were informed of this prior to this mailing going out). No other young people have places set aside.

#### **Nominations information**

Nominees must have been born between 1 September 2003 and 31 August 2006. 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 these contact details for their parent/guardian.

#### **Event information**

JYM starts with a Gather session at 3:30pm on Saturday 9 April and finishes at 12:45pm on Tuesday 12 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 railway 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 the Youth Participation Officer or the BYM Events manager, Catherine 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. 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. 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 particular needs.
- 3. Try to ensure a mix of young people such as gender identities, involved/not so involved.

## **Further information**

If you would like further information about the nomination process for JYM 2022 then contact

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