

# Future Britain Yearly Meeting Children & Young People's Events

Following some experimentation over the last few years and after careful discernment Yearly Meeting Agenda Committee and Quaker Life Central Committee have decided that a variety of events for children and young people will be offered over a three year cycle. This is also being done to fit with the cycle of Yearly Meetings and Yearly Meeting Gatherings (YMG).

This is being communicated now so that meetings and individuals are aware of the events that are coming up in future years. This will enable meetings to make careful decisions about which children and young people to encourage to participate in the different events. This is especially the case for Junior Yearly Meeting (JYM), which will be different each year over the three year cycle and will continue to ask Area Meetings to nominate representatives.

The intention behind running events in this way is to increase participation of children and 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.

We are communicating this to you so that you are aware of the pattern of events and can share this with children, young people, parents, those responsible for running regional events, Children & Young People's Committees, Area Meeting nominations committees (in relation to JYM) and others who may be interested.

Events will be offered on a three year cycle as follows:

## Year 1 (2014, 2017)

- 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. (JYM will be for those a year younger than in other years, this will avoid 18 year olds needing responsible adults on site).
- The Young People's Programme will take place as a part of YMG for 11 to 14 year olds attending with parents or other responsible adults.
- The Children's Programme will take place as part of YMG for 0 to 11 year olds who are attending with parents or other responsible adults.
- A family day event will take place at Friends House (provisionally May half term).
- An event for 14 – 17 year olds will take place (this was Tall Ships in 2014).

## Year 2 (2015, 2018)

- JYM will take place alongside BYM in May with JYM accommodated separately as a group. Every area meeting will be able to nominate at least one representative (15-18 years).
- The Young People's Programme will take place alongside BYM in Friends House for 12 to 15 year olds who will be accommodated separately as a group.
- The Children's Programme will take place at BYM for 0 to 12 year olds.
- A Pilgrimage in 1652 Country for 12 to 15 year olds will take place in the autumn.
- CYP staff will visit regional summer events.
- Live Adventurously event will take place in July for 8 – 11 year olds.

## Year 3 (2016, 2019)

- JYM will take place as a residential event at Easter time for 5 days. Every area meeting will be able to nominate at least three representatives (15 – 18 years).
- 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.
- The Young People's Programme will take place alongside BYM for 12 to 15 year olds who will be accommodated separately as a group.
- The Children's Programme will take place at BYM in Friends House for 0 to 12 year olds.
- An event for 8 to 12 year olds will take place at Woodbrooke in July.
- A Link Group Event will be offered.
- The Living as a Quaker event for 12 – 15 year olds will take place in the autumn.

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