

Future Junior Yearly Meeting Events

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).

For young people in the 15-18 age group there is the opportunity to attend Junior Yearly Meeting:

Junior Yearly Meeting (JYM) is a fantastic Quaker gathering, the largest for young Quakers in Britain aged 15-18. Participants represent Area Meetings, Quaker schools or Yearly Meetings overseas. Open places (for people unable to come as representatives) are also available.

In Year 3 of the event cycle there will be support in place to enable those in the 15-18 age group to attend Britain Yearly Meeting, with an informal programme in place to enable them to link with their peers and the wider event.

Year 1 (2014)

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 one representative 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.

Year 2 (2015)

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.

Year 3 (2013, 2016)

JYM will take place as a residential event at Easter time for 5 days. Every area meeting will be able to nominate 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.