



Yearly Meeting Gathering 2017

Living out our faith in the world

University of Warwick, 29 July – 5 August



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About Yearly Meeting Gathering 2017

To the right are some of the words Friends have used to describe their experience of Yearly Meeting Gatherings. Next year's Gathering will bring together Friends, friends and families for an exciting week of community-building at the height of summer. Our aim is to bring together all the ingredients to create a joyful community, worshipping and working together.

Many of these ingredients will be familiar: an all-age community, business meetings, lectures, workshops, outings, walking, talking, singing, creativity, swimming, listening, worship, knitting, dancing, new friends, old friends, and fun! The campus at the University of Warwick will enable us to add more opportunities for sport, and some great indoor and outdoor spaces where both large meetings and that unexpected life-changing conversation might happen. We look forward to joining Friends from all the surrounding area meetings, and taking opportunities to see local Quaker work and witness past and present.

We will conclude our three-year consideration of 'Living out our faith in the world' by focusing on movement building – working with others to change the world. There will be opportunities to engage with aspects of movement building, both in and out of formal sessions, and for everyone to create their own mixture of activities and relaxation from a wealth of possibilities, as well as space for the unplanned, the unexpected, and the Spirit moving. The most important ingredient is you! Come and join in!

Clare Scott Booth – Clerk, Yearly Meeting Agenda Committee



Who is Yearly Meeting Gathering for?

Yearly Meeting Gathering (YMG) is primarily for members and attenders of the Religious Society of Friends in Britain. Family members and friends of Quakers attending are also welcome to join our community. Friends

not in membership who wish to join Yearly Meeting in session may do so with the permission of the Yearly Meeting clerk. Further details can be found at www.quaker.org.uk/ym.

Access requirements

We are working hard to make the Gathering an inclusive and accessible event. Most accommodation is close to our community space and the campus is on level ground. Your local or area meeting clerk should be the first port of call for any support or primary care you may need during YMG. During the Gathering members of Britain Yearly Meeting Pastoral Care Group will be

on hand to give additional support. If your area meeting is unable to help, the Pastoral Care Group will try to help, but it needs advance notification. To help us make your Gathering as comfortable as possible, please state your needs clearly when you book. We will do our best to satisfy all requests within the limits of the venue and the event as a whole.



How to book

We have simplified the booking process this year so that you can book your place and know immediately what type of accommodation you have been allocated. Bookings and the allocation of accommodation will be managed for us by the University of Warwick. As well as giving you greater certainty at the time of booking, the availability of university staff trained in managing bookings for complicated events allows our staff and volunteers to focus on organising a unique Quaker event.

There will be two significant changes to the way bookings were made previously:

- Full payment must now be made at the time of the booking.
- If you wish to be accommodated with a group, the whole group must be booked and paid for at the same time.

We recognise that some Friends will be used to the old booking arrangements, but the growth of Yearly Meeting Gathering means this is no longer sustainable.

Bookings will be made online via our website at www.quaker.org.uk/ym. If you are unable to get online, please phone 020 7663 1040 and we will post a booking form to you.

The booking deadline is: 30 April 2017.

Bursaries

Assistance

We know that some Friends may need financial help to attend YMG. If you would like to know more about bursary assistance, please talk to your local overseers, visit our website or contact Gary Mitchell at garym@quaker.org.uk or on 020 7663 1006.

Donations

If you would like to help other Friends attend the Gathering by making a donation to the Bursary Fund, you will be able to do so when making your booking.

Accommodation

There are four types of accommodation available, each of which has half board and self-catering options. Most accommodation is located close to the buildings we will use for eating and community activities.



Single en-suite rooms

Some are in flats of eight bedrooms with a limited number of twin rooms. Some are in corridor style accommodation. We have arranged for one block to be a little further away from the centre of the campus for those Friends who prefer a quieter environment. The walk from this block to the centre will take about 12 minutes.

Single semi-en-suite rooms

Corridor style accommodation divided into

pairs. Each pair shares a bathroom and has its own front door.

Single standard rooms

Some are in flats of various sizes where approximately four people share a bathroom. Some are in corridor-style accommodation where approximately six people share a bathroom. Please note this type of accommodation has no elevators.

Budget standard rooms

These are in flats within an older accommodation block. There are 12 rooms per flat with two bathrooms and one shower in each. This accommodation isn't suited to those with mobility difficulties or small children as the flats are built on different levels. There is a big step into the shower





from the bathroom floor and the kitchen and communal space are separated by a step. Both areas are quite small. Also, there is no lift access to the upper floors.

Children sharing

Children who were born on or after 1 September 2006 can sleep on the floor of a parent's or sibling's room. We will provide a camping mat and sleeping bag to those who can't bring their own.

Camping and caravans

For those who wish to camp or stay in a caravan, there will be a campsite on campus with a minimum of 30 pitches. Depending on the size of each pitch, this number may increase. Fires or open BBQs are not permitted. Vehicle access is limited by size

Gathering fee		25 years and over	18–24 years	14–17 years JYM	11–14 years YPP	0–11 years own room	0–11 years sharing
Full en-suite	Half board	£ 525	£ 525	£ 330	£ 247	£ 196	£ 118
	Self-catering	£ 371	£ 371	£ 252	£ 221	£ 118	£ 67
Semi-en-suite	Half board	£ 490	£ 490	£ 317	£ 212	£ 183	£ 118
	Self-catering	£ 336	£ 336	£ 239	£ 186	£ 105	£ 67
Standard	Half board	£ 448	£ 448	£ 304	£ 170	£ 170	£ 118
	Self-catering	£ 294	£ 227	£ 227	£ 144	£ 93	£ 67
Budget	Half board	£ 399	£ 399	£ 284	£ 121	£ 150	£ 111
	Self-catering	£ 245	£ 185	£ 207	£ 95	£ 83	£ 60
	Campervan/caravan	£ 247	£ 247	£ 216	£ 134	N/A	£ 67
	Tent	£ 211	£ 211	£ 201	£ 118	N/A	£ 57

and weight, but we anticipate that a regular-sized mobile home or caravan and car will fit. Vehicles will be able to access the site for set-up, then park in nearby car parks. The site will have toilets, showers and a cold water supply. Please check our website for further details as they become available.



Day visitors

If you are planning to attend on one or more days and don't need accommodation, you will still need to book. Children and young people's places must be booked by 30 April 2017.

Day Visitor Costs	One day		Three days		Full week	
Over 18s	£	25	£	65	£	115
11–14 years	£	15	£	40	£	70
0–11 years	£	10	£	25	£	45

Young Adults at YMG

Young Adults at Yearly Meeting is for 18-25-ish-year-olds attending YMG. This offers a way of being part of the main sessions while maintaining a smaller community to check in with regularly during the week. Young Adults at Yearly Meeting is not a fully facilitated programme, but we will offer regular sessions that give you the chance to prepare for and reflect on your experience of Yearly Meeting. Young Adults at Yearly Meeting is run by Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre (www.woodbrooke.org.uk). To find out more please contact michael.eccles@woodbrooke.org.uk.



Children's and Young People's Programmes

The Children's and Young People's Programmes are a central part of YMG. They encourage the spiritual and personal growth of children and young people in a variety of ways that are age-appropriate, fun and creative. All under-18s will be booked automatically on to the programme sessions that run for the time they are at the Gathering (for the very youngest there will be some flexibility in attending sessions). All under-18s must be accompanied by a responsible adult (e.g. a parent or other family member; for Junior Yearly Meeting someone from the area meeting or Quaker school may be appointed to the role). There may also be some optional evening sessions for 5- to 11-year-olds, which will be offered after bookings have closed.

Everyone attending YMG will be asked to respect the community guidelines, which will be provided prior to the event; those attending the Young People's Programme and Junior Yearly Meeting must agree in advance to the behaviour boundaries for their age group.

Early booking is recommended. For both the Children's Programme and the Young People's Programme, a limited number of spaces are set aside for day visitors.



Children's Programme

Children will have the chance to worship together, play games and hear stories. They will encounter and explore being a Quaker in ways that are appropriate yet challenging for their age. The children will be divided into five age groups, to be determined after the booking deadline.

Young People's Programme

The Young People's Programme enables young people to have fun while exploring their spirituality, experiencing Quaker practices and reflecting on their Quaker lives. This programme is arranged by a group of young people, with the support of adult volunteers and staff.



Junior Yearly Meeting (JYM)

JYM is about building relationships and making friends. It is arranged by a group of young people, with the support of adult volunteers and staff. Activities are themed and include worship, visiting speakers, discussions and attending Yearly Meeting sessions. Most of the places at JYM are available for nominees from area meetings, Quaker schools and European yearly meetings. Nominations information will be circulated by the end of November 2016. To find out more, ask your meeting or school who to speak to. You can also book directly via our website if you are not being nominated for a place.



Age	Birthdate	Name of programme	Registration deadline	Schedule	Day visitor places?
0–11 years	On or after 01/09/05	Children's Programme	30 April 2017	Morning and afternoon Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, (except during YMG all-age sessions).	Yes
11–14 years	Between 01/09/02 and 31/08/05	Young People's Programme	30 April 2017	Saturday evening to Friday afternoon (except Wednesday daytime or during YMG all-age sessions).	Yes
14–17 years	Between 01/09/99 and 31/08/02	Junior Yearly Meeting	31 March 2017. Nominations from AMs, Quaker schools and European YMs need to be received by 15 March.	Saturday evening to Friday afternoon. The Programme includes a Wednesday activity and daily packed lunches.	No





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