JYM Nominations 2027 – for Area Meetings

Introduction to Junior Yearly Meeting

Junior Yearly Meeting is a national gathering of young Quakers that explores a theme within the context of Quakerism. The programme is a combination of main speakers, community activities, 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.

This video is a useful introduction to JYM:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AoqJk3Vvkmo

JYM is planned and facilitated by an Arrangements Committee of young people appointed by their peers, supported by staff and adult volunteers.

About JYM 2027

In 2027, JYM will take place alongside Yearly Meeting Gathering at **Hull University**, from **Sat 24 to Wed 28 July**. JYM will be a residential event on the university campus, in a separate accommodation block from other Quakers attending the gathering. Some of the programme will be shared with the all-age community, and participants will have opportunities to join clerked discernment sessions, as well as having time to gather as a JYM community.

The theme for JYM 2027 will include a focus on the new Book of Discipline.

Who can attend JYM?

JYM 2027 is open to anyone **born between 1 September 2008 and 31 August 2011** (school years 11-13/S4-S6 in Scotland).

All Area Meetings can appoint representatives to attend JYM. Most Area Meetings have **two guaranteed places** and **two additional places**; additional place participants will be contacted once we have a clearer idea of numbers across the country. Due to the variable size of Area Meetings, and the structural changes occurring across Great Britain, some Area Meetings will have more guaranteed places – we will contact the Clerks of these Meetings directly.

Cost

The cost of JYM 2027 is **£395**. This includes fully catered accommodation and all activities during the event. We also encourage Area Meetings to pay the cost of travel for their representatives.

We appreciate that this is an increase in price from 2026: this is due to JYM 2027 taking place alongside Yearly Meeting Gathering and using student accommodation. We hope that Area Meetings who are unable to nominate participants will consider covering the cost of a place for a young person from another Area Meeting.

Finding young people to nominate

We encourage AMs to consider nominating young people who are loosely connected (for example their relationship is through grandparents, groups for young people etc.). 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 additional needs. If your AM has a CYP Work Advocate, Youth Development Worker, or Local Development Worker, they may be able to help suggest young people who might be interested.

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. It is also important for participants to report back to their area meeting, yearly meeting, or school after JYM, so please ensure that they are willing and able to do this as part of their nomination.

Participants at JYM 2027 do **not** need to be attending the event alongside family members or an adult from their Area Meeting, but should be able to travel independently to Hull.

If you need to prioritise young people, we suggest using the following criteria:

1. Those who have not been to JYM before, with the oldest having priority.
2. Try to ensure a mix of young people from different backgrounds.

Nominations process

The closing date for nominations is **15 March 2027.** Nominations should be submitted through the online form: https://ycf.quaker.org.uk/jym-nomination-form/

We recommend that as a part of the nominations process, the Area Meeting minutes the appointed young person/people and who will fill in the nomination form, and the deadline for this to be done. This person will need the following information to complete the form:

- Email address, postal address and date of birth for each young person
- Phone number and email address for a parent/carer for each young person
- Phone number and email address for person making payment (e.g. AM Treasurer)

Confirming JYM places

Once nominations have been received, we will do the following:

- We will ask the parent/carer to complete a consent and information form to confirm the place. If this is not returned within two weeks, we will follow up with the family.
- We will also ask parents/carers of those nominated for additional places to complete a consent and information form. As soon as a place is available, we will let them know, **no later than the end of March 2027.**
- All participants will be asked to agree to uphold the JYM community agreement.
- We will invoice the AM for guaranteed places once confirmed by a parent, and for additional places by once these have been confirmed (no later than April 2027.)