



Minute from Junior Yearly Meeting 2025

Britain Yearly Meeting

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When reflecting on our theme “How do we as Quakers create the peace that is needed in ourselves and our communities?”, we feel a strong sense that we should strive for acceptance rather than agreement. After listening to the Swarthmore Lecture, friends have taken the message that we should nurture and cherish different beliefs, as the world would be very boring if we all thought the same thing. Everyone has the right to their own views and opinions, and when these are not respected, we stray further from the peace we hope to create. We acknowledge that there is a point where being too accepting of intolerant views can lead to conflict, and that we must look inside at our core values to create peace.

We feel a strong calling to build a better, more peaceful society. After reflecting on our speakers, Hannah Larn and Mike Jackson, we have realised that, despite being young, we have the skills and capacity to create the change we want to see. Although the road to peace may be long and complicated, we must look inside and create our own peace in ourselves in order to create peace in our communities. We will continue to strive to show love to everyone in our communities that they may not see in other places, even those we disagree with, and seek to find that of God in everyone.