

## YP@YM 2024 Minute

In YP@YM we were joined by 23 participants and 6 adults over the course of the weekend, as well as multiple guests, all of whom we were grateful for. We considered our theme – the power of love and truth.

We enjoyed the interactions we shared with the rest of BYM, including the George Fox birthday celebrations, meetings we joined in the Light, the exploration sessions, listening to the Swarthmore Lecture, participating in worship for witness, and the JYM ceilidh.

In our themed sessions we learned about different aspects of showing love and where we find this in our day-to-day actions. We also explored the different meanings of truth and how we can seek it lovingly, and sometimes powerfully, in our lives.

In worship we shared profound ministry often relating to how the theme impacts our own lives and our personal truths. We appreciated the opportunity to explore things that bring us love in guided meditation.

During worship sharing we created a tablecloth covered in drawings of people and things that we love. We used the tablecloth in our fantastic banquet proudly wearing our decorated bonnets as a homage to quaker history – we celebrated the joy and love that comes with sharing food.

We got lots of time to enjoy nature and each other's company on our trips to the park where we played games such as frisbee and skipping, and we had an opportunity to display our creative and collaborative skills when we competed in the base group challenge. Another outing we shared was taking a trip to see the exhibition of Jason and the Adventure of 254 at the Wellcome Collection. We enjoyed a reflective moment in the reading room there too.

Overall, we feel we created a safe and loving community where everyone has felt comfortable living their own truths.