



# Minute from Young People @ Yearly Meeting 2026

## Britain Yearly Meeting

On the 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026, 32 young people and 7 adults joined together at the Frontier Centre in Northamptonshire to explore the theme: “Connecting Across Divisions: How can we overcome our prejudices and understand people we disagree with”.

During the weekend away we connected with each other through communal games, and centre activities. These included High Ropes, which led to some of us “swingling”, and rafting where some had a drenching in murky smelly water! Some of us also watched the Swarthmore lecture which provoked many thoughts about inclusivity in quaker history.

We enjoyed time in our more closely knit Base Groups where we got to know each other through smaller games, discussions, and collective creative works.

We welcomed 2 adult volunteers, and 2 guest speakers, to lead us in understanding historical, social and personal prejudices which impact how we connect with others, as well as discussing our unanswered questions in open space chatrooms.

Till Geiger told us about the Quaker activist Bayard Rustin and we explored his ideas more deeply through exploring some quotations.

We enjoyed Emily Provance’s engaging session where she combined anecdotes with shared questions, enabling us to share our own experiences.

Throughout the weekend we explored different styles of worship, both programmed and unprogrammed. We created a tree-like structure where we reflected on qualities we want to grow, and prejudices we want to drop like autumn leaves.

Our last Epilogue of the weekend took place around a massive campfire where we shared as a group our reflections and gratitude for the wonderful experiences we had together, and especially for the community we have built. We finished our last evening with songs and stories.

As well as singing “Building Bridges” many times during the weekend, we learnt that in order to build them, we need to acknowledge our differences, be open to listening, and actively reach out to help us coexist as one.

We appreciate the chance to connect with you all and we hope you will join us singing Building Bridges together.