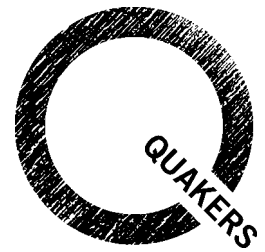


# Nominations Guidance

Junior Yearly Meeting 2024

Friday 26 - Tuesday 30 July residential in central London



## Nominating to JYM (Junior Yearly Meeting)

The closing date for nominations is **Sunday 24 March 2024**. No places can be guaranteed for nominations received after this date. Any late nominations we have the capacity to accept will incur an additional fee of £75 (on top of the event cost of £350.) We are aware that this does not cover the additional administrative cost of processing late nominations.

The nominations form can be accessed at <https://forms.quaker.org.uk/jym-nomination-form/>

All nominations documents can be accessed at <https://www.quaker.org.uk/events/junior-yearly-meeting-2024>

**A leaflet about JYM for young people** is included in the mailing sent out with these guidelines; use this to give young people an idea of what JYM is like.

## JYM places

Before nominating, please check with the young people and their parent/s that they are available and willing to attend the whole event.

- You can nominate three *guaranteed* places.
- You can make *additional* nominations. Please list them in priority order. See 'How should we prioritise those interested?' (page 3).
- All young people nominated for additional places who have indicated their interest in attending will be informed as soon as a place is available for them.

## Cost

- Area meetings, Quaker Schools and Yearly Meetings need to fund the guaranteed places and any additional nominations. Please ensure that payment is agreed before returning the nomination form.
- The cost of the event is £350. This includes fully catered accommodation in central London and all activities during the event.
- We encourage Area Meetings to offer to pay the cost of travel for their nominees.
- Invoices will be sent to AM / YM treasurers / schools prior to the event.
- As we must pay the costs of the accommodation in advance, we will charge 50% of the costs for a cancellation made before Monday 22 April, 75% for cancellations made before Mon 10 June, and 100% for those who cancel on or after Mon 10 June.
- If your area meeting / yearly meeting / school can donate in addition to meeting the costs of those participants you have nominated, that would be appreciated. There is space to record this at the start of the nomination form.

## Named Contact Person (NCP)

- This person acts as a link between us and your nominees and their family. Supporting notes for this role were included in the mailing to AM clerks, and can be found at <https://www.quaker.org.uk/events/junior-yearly-meeting-2024>
- **It is better if the NCP is not a family member.** The intention is to provide additional support and encouragement in relation to returning forms and reporting back after JYM.
- Please state on the nomination form the name of someone who can be the NCP for your AM, YM or school participants.

## Points to consider when nominating

**What is JYM like?** JYM is planned and facilitated by an Arrangements Committee of young people appointed by their peers from JYM 2023. JYM is a representative event and part of the structure of Britain Yearly Meeting (BYM). It is important that participants report back to their area meeting, yearly meeting, or school after JYM. Please ensure that they are willing and able to do this before they are nominated. Please give potential nominees the leaflet about the event.

JYM 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.

**Who to ask?** Those on the JYM 2024 Arrangements Committee do not need to be nominated and the cost of their attendance is covered by central funds (clerks of their area meetings were informed of this prior to this mailing going out). No other young people have places set aside.

**Nominations information** Nominees must have been born between 1 September 2005 and 31 August 2008. Eligibility for national events is based on D.O.B (related to school year), not age.

**Event information** JYM 2024 starts at 3:30pm on Friday 26 July and finishes at 5pm on Tuesday 30 July.

**Cancellations.** 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. Charges will apply in the case of cancellation, see 'cost' (page 1).

**Getting to JYM.** Nominees need to be able to travel independently to JYM. JYM will take place at Friends House (with accommodation nearby) so is easily accessible by public transport.

**English as an additional language** If you are not from Britain Yearly Meeting, please consider whether potential nominees have a good enough standard of English to get the most from JYM.

**What if the young person has individual needs?** Friends House and the residential venue are accessible. The family is welcome to explore with staff what else might be done to support their participation in the event (contact details below).

## 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, contact them to see if they can connect you with young people.

**How should we prioritise those interested?** First, confirm that they were born between the stated dates and can attend the event. **If you need to prioritise young people, we suggest you do so use 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 such as gender identities, involved/not so involved.

## Completing your AMs nomination for JYM

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 contact details including a telephone number and email address for each of the following: the named contact person, the person responsible for paying for the place, each young person (and D.O.B), and their parent/guardian.

## Confirming JYM places

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

- We will ask the parent/guardian to complete an information and consent form, to confirm the place. If this is not returned within two weeks, we will follow up and ask the NCP to do so too.
- We will ask those nominated for additional places to confirm that they wish to take up the place by asking their parent or guardian to complete an information and consent form. As soon as a place is available, we will let them know, no later than the beginning of April.
- When an information and consent form is returned, we will inform the NCP that the booking for JYM is confirmed.
- In advance of the event, all participants will be asked to indicate that they will uphold the JYM community agreement in how they conduct themselves during the event.

## Further information

If you would like further information about the nomination process for JYM 2024 then contact

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