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“Holiday School is...

The week of my year that came to mean more to me than any other.

The place I felt happiest, most confident and accepted with love not judgement.

The part of my world that I try to carry with me & try my best to share aspects of wherever I can.

The gift I would give every teenager if I could.”

Ex HSer

“I came to HS due to being helped by the bursary fund. THANK YOU SO MUCH! I am now in my late 20’s and still attend Meeting regularly. I put who I am now to those formative years at Holiday School: building an equality driven outlook on life, Thank you again”



YORKSHIRE FRIENDS’ HOLIDAY SCHOOL

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Supported by Quakers in Yorkshire

Holiday School is a week-long residential Quaker event for 13-18 year olds in Yorkshire. Most participants come from Yorkshire and Ireland, but we welcome young people from other places too. In recent years, we have had about 80 people attending, including 15 volunteer staff.

It is the people who make Holiday School. We nurture an inclusive environment where everyone feels welcome.

We accept and appreciate each other as individuals and don't need to pretend to be anything other than ourselves.

We hope to leave everyone who comes to Holiday School with a feeling of belonging.

Often, lifelong friendships are formed, and the wider Holiday School community is worldwide and multi-generational.



"I've never felt so unjudged in my life. It's the first time ive been to a school and NOT wanted to go home. I've pocketed this feeling of good self esteem, it's going to change my life I can tell."

We have a fully timetabled week.

We explore themes and topics that tend to resonate with Quakers.

We invite external speakers to share their experiences and to open up and challenge our thinking.

For example, over the years we have sessions from an international Asylum Seeker charity, a marine biologist, and various activists and writers.

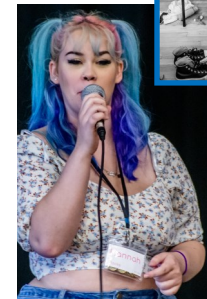
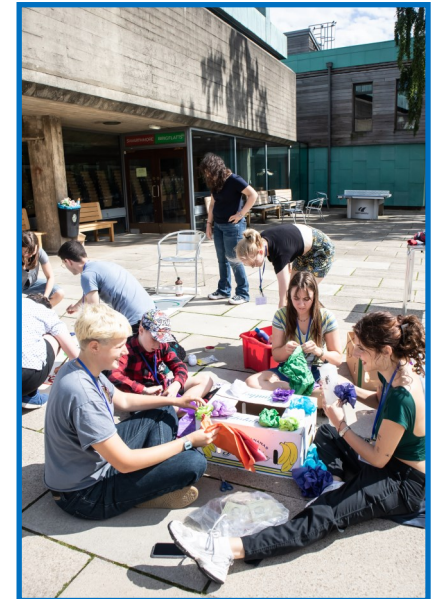
Sessions are inspired by Quaker testimonies and values, social justice issues, peace, faith, environment, and how to navigate a complex, changing world.

In small groups we're encouraged to share ideas, listen and consider action if needed.



"I've learned so much about how I can change the world. It started here, but I'm going to email my MP when I get home!"

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"We sleep in really nice bedrooms. 2- 4 to a 'dorm'. I've laughed there more than I have in my entire life."