

Accommodation Guide for IYM 2025 at Friends School Lisburn, Friday 25th – Sunday 27th April, 2025

Dear Friends,

Ireland Yearly Meeting 2025 will be held at **Friends School Lisburn** ([map link](#)) from **Friday 25th to Sunday 27th of April 2025**. The school website is available [here](#).

The theme of the Yearly Meeting will be on our learning as a Religious Society. We will be looking at:

- how we can learn together to understand our tradition and fulfil the roles required of us;
- how we support our young people, our young leaders and new attenders;
- how we learn from the worldwide family of Quakers; and
- how we support our Quaker schools as we go forward - particularly timely on this the 250th anniversary year of Friends School Lisburn.

Our **Public Lecture**, by James Nelson of South Belfast Meeting, will help us think further on these issues. At the same time we will be attending to the key issues of our organisation and finance.

On both Friday and Saturday we will be arranging programmes for our young people, and we are very keen for families to join us.

Yearly Meeting provides a great opportunity for us to take stock, to listen to each other and to discern the way ahead. We are really keen to see as many Friends and Attenders joining our visitors from other Yearly Meetings, churches and faiths. Even if Friends can only come for one or two days this should be a really rich experience.

Booking your accommodation

Due to the nature of the venue, on-site accommodation is not available. Therefore the onus will be on Friends to make your own arrangements regarding accommodation for this gathering.

The Local Arrangements Committee, separately, is engaging with local Friends to ascertain, where feasible, if they might host visitors during IYM, with priority being given to our overseas visitors. However, Friends are encouraged to make necessary arrangements as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Due to the early start of 11am on the Friday, Friends may need to consider booking accommodation from the Thursday night. IYM is due to conclude around 3pm on the Sunday.

The following information is a summary listing of various accommodation, hotels, guesthouses, B&Bs in the 'Lisburn area'. This is not an exhaustive list, and Friends are encouraged to seek out accommodation that suits their needs best.

Accommodation close to Lisburn

Although a city, Lisburn is small and does not have a great many hotels or B&Bs. In practice, most accommodation will be found in Belfast, some between Belfast and Lisburn, with others more distant and/or rural. [Lisburn Bus Station](#) is in the city centre (20 mins walk to venue) and [Lisburn railway station](#) is very close to Friends School (roughly 6 min walk). Travel times are as per [Google Maps distances](#) to the venue.

The first 4 listed, The Haslem, the Premier Inn, the Beechlawn and the Ballymac are all very good standard hotels. Kilcreeny Lodge is a very good B&B able to accommodate groups or larger numbers of visitors.

1. **The Haslem Hotel**, 15 Lisburn Square, Lisburn BT28 1TS ([map](#)) ([website](#))
2. Premier Inn Lisburn hotel, 136-144 Hillsborough Rd, Lisburn BT27 5QY ([map](#)) ([website](#)) (about 7 min drive, and 25 min walk to IYM venue)
3. **The Beechlawn Hotel**, Dunmurry ([map](#)) ([website](#)) (20 min drive, 30 min by public transport to IYM venue)
4. **The Ballymac Hotel**, 7A Rock Road Stoneyford, Lisburn, Co. Antrim, BT28 3SU ([map](#)) ([website](#)) (20 minutes drive, 1.5hr by public transport to IYM venue)
5. **Kilcreeny Lodge**, 5A Crewe Rd, Lower Ballinderry, Lisburn ([map](#)) ([website](#)) (20 min drive to IYM venue. No public transport links)
6. **The Overdale Guesthouse**, 150 Belsize Rd, Lisburn ([map](#)) ([website booking](#)) (10 min drive, 30 min by public transport, and 35 min walk to IYM venue)
7. **Ardmore Guesthouse**, 144 Finaghy Road North, Belfast. ([map](#)) ([website booking](#)). (20 min drive, 30 min by public transport to IYM venue)
8. **All Seasons Guesthouse**, 356 Lisburn Road Belfast. ([map](#)) ([website booking](#)). (25 min drive, 45 min by public transport to IYM venue)

B&B and Self-catering search listings

1. Visit Northern Ireland website: [Lisburn Accommodation listing](#)
2. [The 10 best hotels in Lisburn, Antrim County - Cheap Lisburn hotels \(booking.com\)](#)
3. [The 10 Best Lisburn Hotel Deals \(Oct 2024\) - Tripadvisor](#)
4. [Lisburn Bed and Breakfast, Cheap Hotel and Guest House Accommodation \(bedandbreakfasts.co.uk\)](#)
5. [The Best Hotels in Lisburn from £67 | Hotels.com](#)

6. [County Antrim Bed and Breakfast, Cheap Hotel and Guest House Accommodation \(bedandbreakfasts.co.uk\)](http://County Antrim Bed and Breakfast, Cheap Hotel and Guest House Accommodation (bedandbreakfasts.co.uk))
7. <https://www.bedandbreakfastsguide.com/locations/northern-ireland/county->
8. <https://www.visitlisburncastlereagh.com/places-to-stay/guest-houses-and-guest-accommodation>
9. <https://www.bedandbreakfast.eu/en/l/2648529/glenavy>
10. <https://www.hometogo.com/northern-ireland/bnbs/>
11. <https://www.hundredrooms.co.uk/s/Lisburn--Northern-Ireland--United-Kingdom>
12. [Lisburn holiday rentals – AirB&B](#)

Financial Support to attend IYM:

Friends should not feel prevented from joining us at IYM due to financial concerns. Supports are available by way of bursaries (either from your local PM, Monthly or Quarterly Meetings, or directly from IYM).

We are particularly keen that families and younger Friends should be very much part of our Yearly Meeting and want to work to ensure that this is possible.

Please contact your local Meeting Clerk(s) or the Clerk of IYM (IYMClerk@quakers.ie) to discuss.