

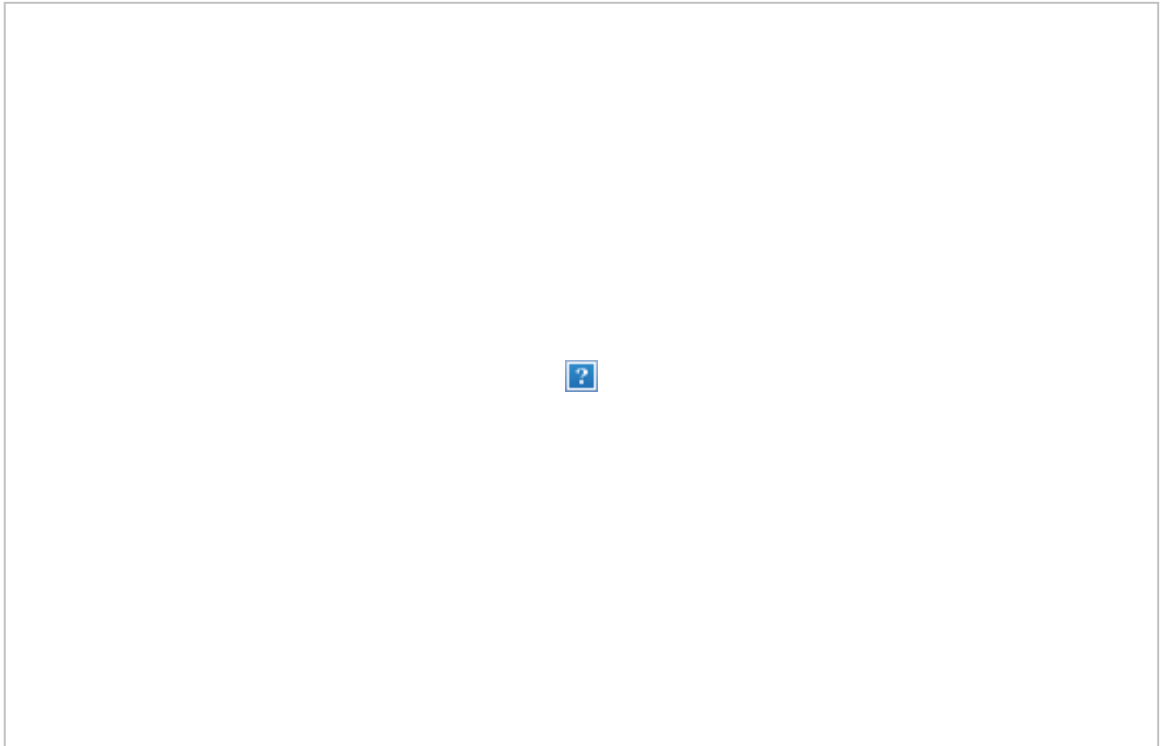
# Bahá'í Journal UK

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## Bahá'í Council for Northern Ireland

The newly elected Bahá'í Council for Northern Ireland pose for a photograph with NSA Secretary Barney Leith (the one with the beard).



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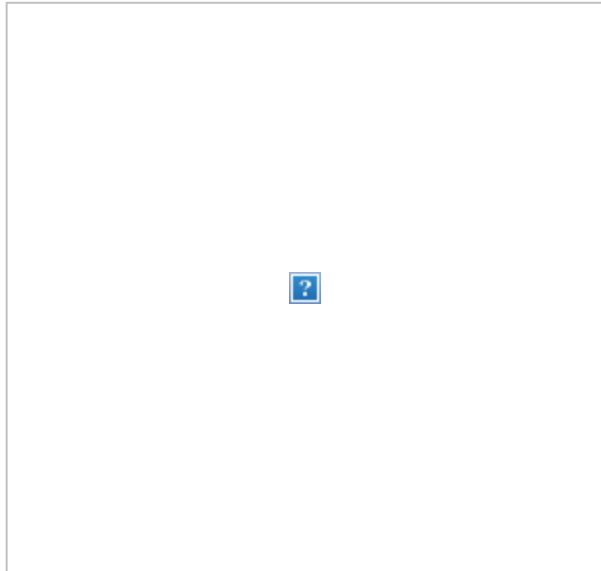
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## Bahá'í Council for Scotland

The Council for Scotland sends you its warmest love and greetings.

## **Time for Reflection**

The Bahá'í Community are invited to lead the Scottish Parliament in Prayer on May 30. This is a unique opportunity and many Members of the Parliament have had personal invitations from their Community to attend this session.

## **The Bahá'ís: Profile of a World-wide Community**

Following the time for Reflection, the Council will be co-hosting the opening of the Bahá'í exhibition at St Mungo's Museum of Religious Life and Art on Thursday 31 May.

The exhibition will then be open to the public from June 1 to approximately October 21, opening times Mon-Thu and Sat 10am-5pm, Fri and Sun 11am-5pm. Admission is free. We hope that the friends from all parts of the UK and around the world would be able to visit this special display. Among the very many interesting exhibits there will be a model of the Delhi House of Worship specially brought over from France, a Peace Tree and a Tranquillity Zone.

## **Annual Scottish Gathering**

This year's annual gathering will be held at Cardonald College near Glasgow on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. There will be a full program for adults, youth and junior youth and children, with keynote speakers and special visitors for all age groups. The council has a list of B&B addresses for accommodation during the Gathering. Please contact the Council secretary for details. The Council has sponsorship policy to help the friends, especially those from the islands to attend the Gathering. Please contact the Council Treasurer, Allan Forsyth, for details, e-mail: [aforsyth@ntlworld.com](mailto:aforsyth@ntlworld.com)

Talks given at the last Scottish Winter School were recorded and are now available on audio CD's for purchase at £2 each (plus P+P). Alternatively you can purchase the whole series on a Computer CD for £4 plus (P+P)

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### **17th Bahá'íland Gathering Aberdeen**

28th July – 5th August 2001

Under the auspices of the Bahá'í Council for Scotland

#### LIGHTS TOWARDS PERFECTION

This year's venue is the Northern College in Aberdeen, offering self-catering accommodation in well-equipped, high quality flats. The college is also offering bed and breakfast accommodation.

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## **Bahá'í Council for England**

The Bahá'í Council for England sends its love and warmest greetings to every Bahá'í in the country and wishes all a very happy Ridván.

We would like to share briefly some of the responses we have received from the children and junior youth who have been at the heart of the 12 Month Plan. We prepared a special calendar for them with specific goals and opportunities for dialogue with, and feedback from, the Council. We sincerely hope that we managed to some extent to convey the love and concern that the institutions feel for our children and junior youth.

The communications received have been heart-warming and encouraging. Many children and junior youth have sent their completed calendars directly to the Council. In most of these cases they have reported on their progress or have informed us of activities that have taken place in response to the Twelve Month Plan. A number have reported that by repeatedly saying the prayer for parents they have now memorised it. Others, through deciding on their hero/heroine, have vigorously begun studying the history of the Faith and the stories of the early believers.

A nine year old wrote: "Thank you for sending us this Twelve Month Plan for the children. I tried to

pray for my parents and friends. I read some Bahá'í stories every night. My hero was Mullá Husayn because he called on the power of God all the time and I would like to call on the power of God. "

An eight year old has written saying: "Me and my Twelve Month Plan are going really well and its mostly ticks! I have learned loads of hidden words and prayers"

From a fifteen year old: "I have read about Huqúqulláh a bit. I have given to the Fund. I am doing fine, no problems."

An eleven year old said: "Thank you for remembering me in your prayers and sending me the Twelve Month Plan. I have tried to say my prayers every night and morning. I have learnt the short Obligatory Prayer by heart and I am aiming to learn the medium Obligatory Prayer. I have been reading "Release The Sun" every night. I have learnt a lot about Bahá'í History. I have chosen my hero to be Badi because he changed from being a normal person to a very good Bahá'í and I would like to be the same."

A seventeen year old plus three junior youth and a child of ten have written to us reporting on their services to their town. They have hired a venue where they offer devotional meetings to all people once a month. Their activities have attracted the attention of the local newspaper, which conducted an interview with them. Their Assembly is conducting regular classes in which they study "The Dawn Breakers".

They report that they have already memorised two prayers and have started to memorise the Long Obligatory Prayer.

They ask us to wish them luck.

Of course, we wish them luck as we do all our youngsters. They will of course remain at the heart of the Five Year Plan which we have been busy formulating over the past few months.



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