National Conference 2001 – 'A Change of Time' Scarborough, 2nd-4th November

THE ARDOUR WITH WHICH WE carry out our ordered action is growing, receptivity is flourishing, the momentum towards success is gathering, and the first national conference of the fifth epoch is now only two months away. Have you made your plans to attend yet?

If not, be sure to do so now as the first national conference of the fifth epoch promises to highlight the progress we have made as a national community during the first six months of the Five Year Plan. And – your attendance is required to make this possible!

Counsellor Larrissa Tsutskova will join us from Russia and together with Counsellor Shahriar Razavi, will impart further inspiration towards our efforts in winning the goals of the Five Year Plan.

Other highlights will include:

- Creative Cafés on the Friday evening to engage us all in creative expression of our Faith;
- A performance of "A Life So Noble" a tribute to Rúhíyyih Khánum, recently performed at an evening arranged by Her Grace the Duchess of Abercorn and her Arts for Nature organisation;
- Testimonials from study circle participants;
- A presentation from the Bahá'í youth of the United Kingdom;
- An exhibition of the works of Scarborough artists and Bahá'í artists from all over the country;
- Musical performances, and
- Children's direct participation and involvement in the programme itself.

In addition, a series of workshops will explore the varied aspects of the Five Year Plan, whilst further bespoke work-shops will be offered specifically for all of our friends and families we are planning to invite to this year's conference.

On this note, please recall that the conference will also act to offer Bahá'u'lláh's vision of hope to the friends of the Faith and to exhibit and illustrate aspects of Bahá'í community life. Again, we urge you to invite friends and family to attend this year's conference.

Booking Hotel and BB Accommodation

Ms Ceri Edwards and the team of the Scarborough Conference Bureau are ready and willing to help you find suitable accommodation within your price range. Say you are a Bahá'í and let them do the search.

Contact Ceri [say 'Kerry']:

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or write to Ms Ceri Edwards at:

Scarborough Conference Bureau, Londesborough Lodge,

The Crescent, Scarborough YO11 2PW.

Scarborough Tourist Bureau also have a new web site advertising and listing hotels:

http://www.scb.uk.com, Email: enquiries@scb.uk.com

Note: The need for a deposit of £5.00 has been waived. See also the flyer insert in the September issue of the Journal.

The Scarborough Youth Hostel and the "Cabin" annex have been booked: bunk beds in small rooms with kitchen facilities. Duvet and sheets provided. Cost £8 pp/night. Early booking is advised.

VLAC The booking agents are Mr Mrs Malcolm Lee, Email: malcom.lee@ntlworld.com.

Appeal for volunteers

Volunteers are required at the National Conference, Scarborough, Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th November 2001. If you are willing to offer two or three hours of your time over the weekend, to guide and assist those who are attending, please contact Parvin or Malcolm Lee.

This is an extremely valuable service, vital for the smooth running of the conference and for the security and comfort of participants. All offers of help will be gratefully accepted.

Special requirements

Meeting the requirements of disabled people is an important aspect of the Venues Committee's work. People with disabilities are asked to advise us in advance of any special needs. It is the goal of this Committee to meet the needs of the disabled and we will make every effort to do so. However, due to circumstances beyond our control it is not always possible.

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