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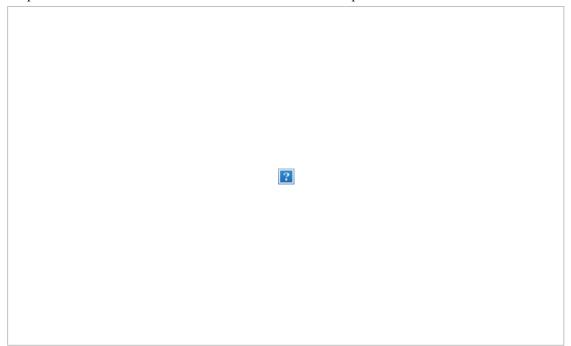
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Youth Can Move the World

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THE SUN STAYED out for the duration of Youth Can Move the World youth camp at Biblins, both physically and spiritually. The foot and mouth restrictions were lifted days before the camp, allowing it to proceed. Forty youth from all over Wales and many from Hertfordshire attended, some for the first time, but all vowed to come back next year.

Three themes taken from the Five Year Plan of Training, Encouragement and Action formed the focus of the camp. This was enriched with water-based activities, games, artistic workshops and evenings around the camp fire. One of the highlights of the camp was a reenactment of the Síyáh-<u>Ch</u>ál in a 50 metre-deep mineshaft which was damp and gave everyone the shivers – but candlelight at the bottom of the shaft greeted visitors, where stories of the Holy family were recounted. Youth were keen to get out of the Síyáh-<u>Ch</u>ál and were warmly welcomed into a tranquillity zone, which they didn't want to leave, despite the enticement of hot chocolate around the camp fire!



Participants at Youth Can Move the World

Interfaith Meeting in Cardiff

An Interfaith meeting held at the Temple of Peace and Health in Cardiff on 19th September, in response to the calamity in America, had representatives from five major religions,

including the Bahá'ís. Secretary to the Council for Wales, Chris Abbas, represented the Faith and read a statement produced by the Council's External Affairs Desk and a prayer for unity. Lord Daffydd Elis-Thomas, the presiding Officer of the Wales Assembly, chaired what was a very prestigious gathering. An independent film company working on a picture about world peace came to film the service and interview the representatives. This film is

due to be shown in New York in November and again in Swansea at a film festival in December. The External Affairs Desk had less than 12 hours to respond to this invitation, produce the statement, make a representative available and in get a small team of Bahá'ís there to participate.

The Council joyously announces that it has set the goal of raising the number of Assemblies in Wales from 4 to 6 by next Ridván. Caerphilly and Abercarn are the two localities which will be focused upon. Homefront pioneers and travelling teachers would be welcomed to assist in the winning of these goals.

With love from the Bahá'í Council for Wales

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