

**BAHÁ'Í COMMUNITY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM
PROGRAMME FOR NATIONAL CONVENTION 173 BE (2016)**

ISTIQLÁL, 15 JALÁL (FRIDAY, 22 APRIL 2016)

- 19.00: **NATIONAL CONVENTION - Deepening**
Presentation by **COUNSELLOR**
- 19.30: **OPENING OF NATIONAL CONVENTION**
Roll call of delegates & election of officers of National Convention,
including break for officers to study guidance notes
- CONSULTATION SESSION 1: RIDVÁN 2016 MESSAGE**
- Reading of the Message from the Universal House of Justice
 - Reflections on the message – Counsellor Shirin Fozdar-Foroudi
 - Consultation on the message
 - The considerable distance already travelled – video presentation
- Coffee, tea & biscuits served in situ at 21.00
- 22.30: Close

JALÁL, 16 JALÁL (SATURDAY, 23 APRIL 2016)

- 09.30: Devotional
- CONSULTATION SESSION 2:
THE EMERGENCE OF PROGRAMMES OF GROWTH AND
STRENGTHENING THE PATTERN OF ACTION**
- The emergence of programmes of growth across the United Kingdom*
- Strengthening the pattern of action [1]*
- An institute process gaining in strength
 - Quality of the efforts of those serving as tutors
 - Raising up a cadre of tutors
 - Accompanying individuals into the field of service
 - Emergence of a scheme of coordination & their support
 - The impulse to learn through action; working in cycles
- Coffee, tea & biscuits served in situ at 11:15
- 13.00: Lunch
- 14.30: Devotional
- ELECTION OF THE NATIONAL SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY**

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JALÁL, 16 JALÁL (SATURDAY, 23 APRIL 2016) - continued

- 15.30: The Annual Report – presentation
**CONSULTATION SESSION 3:
STRENGTHENING THE PATTERN OF ACTION contd**
- Strengthening the pattern of action [2]*
- Teaching – a service everyone can render
 - Building capacity to teach
 - Small centres of population where intense activity can be sustained: neighbourhoods and villages. A task for the outset of the Plan
 - Reaching the second milestone – qualitative and quantitative advances
 - Goal of establishing 5,000 intensive programmes of growth
 - Working in groups of adjoining clusters
- Coffee, tea & biscuits served in situ at 16:15
- 17.00: **CONSULTATION SESSION 4:
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**
- 18.00: Dinner
- 19.30: Devotional
Announcement of the election of the National Spiritual Assembly
Presentation on Huqúqu'lláh
- CONSULTATION SESSION 5:
EMBRACING LARGE NUMBERS AND MANAGING
COMPLEXITY & ENHANCING INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY**
- A firmly rooted institute process
 - Neighbourhoods and villages – embracing large numbers
 - Receptive populations
 - Coordinators and Area Teaching Committees – a new level of functioning.
 - The role of the Local Spiritual Assembly
 - Social action
 - Reaching the 3rd milestone
- Enhancing Institutional Capacity*
- Testing the capabilities of Bahá'í Institutions – a feat of strength and coordination
 - The flow of information, gathering and applying insights, disseminating learning
- Coffee, tea & biscuits served in situ at 21.00
- 22.30: Close

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JAMÁL, 17 JALÁL (SUNDAY, 24 APRIL 2016)

09.30: Roll of Honour & Devotional remembering those who have passed away
Presentation by the Institute of Studies in Global Prosperity (ISGP)

**CONSULTATION SESSION 6:
RELEASING THE POTENTIAL OF YOUTH**

- Fostering the movement of youth
- Ensuring that the spiritual and material prospects of the youth are given due weight in the deliberations of families, communities, agencies, and institutions.

Coffee, tea & biscuits served in situ at 11:15

11.45: **CONSULTATION SESSION 7:
THE QUESTION OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES**
Presentation on the National Fund

13.00: Lunch

14.30: Presentation by children, junior youth and youth
Messages from National Convention
**CONSULTATION SESSION 8:
A PERIOD OF SPECIAL POTENCY**

16.00: Close of National Convention
