

## TRAINING INSTITUTE BOARD for ENGLAND

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All believers in England

### Institute courses at Intensive Training and Summer Schools, summer 2018

Dearly loved Friends,

Early in the current series of global plans, the community of the Greatest Name began to establish, under the divine guidance of our beloved Universal House of Justice, the worldwide system of training institutes that has come to serve as “the chief propellant” in a process of profound learning and change for all individuals, communities and institutions engaged in the realisation of Bahá’u’lláh’s vision of a new global civilisation. By December 2010, the House unequivocally asserted that

*... in the system thus created to develop its human resources, the community of the Greatest Name possesses an instrument of limitless potentialities. Under a wide diversity of conditions, in virtually any cluster, it is possible for an expanding nucleus of individuals to generate a movement towards the goal of a new World Order.*

In its message of 29 December 2015, the Universal House of Justice goes on to say

*... the chief aim is to initiate a process for building capacity within the cluster through which its inhabitants, prompted by a wish to contribute to the spiritual and material well-being of their communities, are enabled to begin offering acts of service.*

*For the process of growth to advance further, the number of people sharing this commitment must rise, and their capacity for undertaking systematic action within the framework of the Plan must correspondingly increase.*

Now, as we rapidly approach the mid-way point of the current Five-Year Plan, we find in the words of the Supreme Body at Ridván this year the heartfelt hope that we may be inspired to great deeds by “the same all-consuming, all-surpassing love that spurred the Báb’s disciples to the diffusion of the divine light”. This light will be spread far and wide by myriad activities, whether in preparation for the bicentenary of the Birth of the Báb or in the regular devotional meetings held across our clusters, but it is the sacred duty of the training institute to serve as “an engine of growth” that “serves to multiply the number of active supporters of the Faith in a self-perpetuating manner”. With the provision of classes for the spiritual education of children, groups for the spiritual empowerment of junior youth and the study of the sequence of Ruhi courses, communities are trained in the attitudes, qualities and skills needed to join together study and service to the Cause of the Blessed Beauty, offer the remedy so yearned for by the body of humankind and advance towards the society envisaged in the Writings of the Faith.

It is with these thoughts in mind, encouraged and inspired by the continuous stream of loving guidance from the World Centre of our Faith, that we urge you to make full use of the courses of institute training provided this summer, taking this opportunity to advance in your study of the sequence of

courses, deepen your knowledge of our beloved Faith and share in a process of learning with other souls eager to contribute to the betterment of the world.

For those wishing to study the higher books in the sequence, to strengthen the spiritual health of the community, bring friends closer to the Universal House of Justice and the framework of the Five Year Plan, all three Units of Book 8, *The Covenant of Bahá'u'lláh*, are available, together with Book 9 *Gaining an Historical Perspective*, Unit 1 *The Eternal Covenant*.

Institute courses are available this summer at both Intensive Training and at Summer Schools, in both the north and the south. **Registration for intensive training closes for courses starting in week 1 on Friday 13 July, and for week 2 on Friday 20 July.** Everyone with a desire to continue study of the Ruhi Institute's main sequence are invited to register, and further information can be found via the following links:

**Northern Intensive Training, 21 July to 4 August**

University of Manchester

Books 1 to 9 and Grade 2

<https://www.bahaievents.org.uk/events/manage/cev/registerforevent.php?formId=UBP22OJ5>

**Southern Intensive Training, 21 July to 4 August**

University of Roehampton in Southwest London,

Books 1 to 7

<https://www.bahaievents.org.uk/events/manage/cev/rfe2.php?formId=J5P22OUB>

**Northern Summer School, 10 to 15 August**

Queen Ethelburgas Collegiate, York

Book 1 in English and Farsi, Book 8 Units 1,2 & 3, and refreshers for Books 3\* and 5\*

<https://www.bahaievents.org.uk/events/manage/cev/rfe2.php?formId=V04ZOW3G>

**Southern Summer School, 10 to 15 August**

Ardingly College, Sussex

Book 1 in English and Farsi, Book 8 Units 1,2 & 3, and refreshers for Books 3\* and 5\*

<https://www.bahaievents.org.uk/events/manage/cev/registerforevent.php?formId=A2PONNNO>

Note: \* DBS needed

With warmest love and encouragement,

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