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Youth Space



Daystar – the bottom line

A safe Bahá'í atmosphere, venue and sound system...

We've had four parties to date. Each has been a positive experience in its own right. Each one different. Varying the music and set up along the way. This is the idea behind Daystar: it seems like so much of the joy of being Bahá'í youth, uniting, connecting to Spirit is concentrated into the one yearly event that is Wetlands. When shouldn't being a Bahá'í youth be about channelling that pool of fun and goodness into our yearlong everyday lives?

As youth organizers and your friends we will exert our utmost to provide a place for this to happen. Your part requires nothing more than getting your butts down there. A party like anything else is what you make of it. We can unite under one roof and rock the place down- junior youth, middle youth, older youth and non Bahá'í friends just like at the big Wetlands parties for those who were there.

Alternatively, we can sit on our butts and do nothing.. It's our decision.
Things I can do:

- 1) resolve to come down for the next Daystar.
- 2) encourage friends to come down with us.
- 3) sit on my butt like a plum...

Why Daystar Must Rock On...

To follow up on what has been said: Picture the following scenario: we go to school year in and out and hang with friends. We do our thing however big or small. We see our Bahá'í friends however often. And the days pass and another year. Sometimes we stand back to see the big view, wondering where all this is going? If this is the greatest day to be alive, as Bahá'u'lláh tells us, then shouldn't it feel more like it. The point is that if we as the Bahá'í youth of today cannot unite and become truly loving and everlasting friends with each other, then the following generations will do it for us and they will be the ones who will take the message of love to mankind, setting the world ablaze, just as Bahá'u'lláh decreed.

Here's where Daystar comes into the picture. London and the surrounding regions have their share of Bahá'í youth. We operate separately when and if we are operating. School and every other precious little thing seems to get in the way. After the glorious yearly Wetlands, we get fired up and then we come back to our homes. Well the whole idea behind Daystar is to do party gatherings where we can reconnect more often while having an awesome time. If we are not full of joy and inspiration and encouraging each other as friends by sharing in the experience, then we can hardly expect things to advance majorly during our time...

From Sebi and ... Lassie?

Planting seeds and reaping fruits in London

Camden

Some four months ago, some twelve youth got together at the Khadem's lovely and formidable Camden home. The gentleness of the Bahá'í loving spirit filled the air as we sat down after lunch to consult. It was a chance for us to connect to the

ourselves, as we the junior and middle youth slowly and steadily take the reins of this Cause into our hands. As a one-off it was good, and with every successive one should be getting better.

Ealing Broadway

Thanks to groovy Bahá'ís like Mrs. Pourtabib, London

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for us to connect to the Covenant and partake of each others' company in lovely surroundings. We learned a bit about the institutions of our Faith and about the virtues of being a Bahá'í. But we also learned that we can enjoy youth deepenings and that we can direct them as they best suit

youth have a new place to come together on Saturday evenings. The place which is a minute walk from Ealing Broadway tube is called 'Friends House.' We've had about four or so sessions so far, with Omid Jalili speaking at the first one as afterwards he was assailed on all sides with



Some of the youth involved in Daystar taking a sofa-break after a hard night's boogie.

moon jokes. Cool local Bahá'ís like Adrian and Jamelia Kielhorn and other people including even youth from Reading have jumped into creating this little sprouting scene. It is not a case at all of let's mull over these study materials, but rather how are we going to be inspired tonight?! We've salsa danced and deepened on the Hidden Words and last time we even prayed and chanted over human beatboxes. It was awesome, but you just had to be there!