Principles Into Practice
Bahá'í Teachings on Education

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Workshop Objectives

- To obtain a better understanding of the Bahá'í teachings on education
- To examine current educational practices in light of those teachings
- To consult on implications for educational reform

Workshop Description

The Bahá'í World has seen the development of a rich variety of curricula for moral and spiritual education, and the establishment of hundreds of Bahá'í-inspired academic institutions - from pre-school through university level. While these schools have succeeded admirably in incorporating many of the Bahá'í teachings on education, there is still much work to be done, both inside and outside the Bahá'í community.

Utilizing cooperative learning methods, workshop participants will study Bahá'í guidance on each topic, identify current educational practices consistent with and not consistent with that guidance, and consult on implications for educational reform. Through a better understanding of the Bahá'í vision of education and the practical application of Bahá'í principles, we will be able to gradually bring our educational systems into "full harmony with the spirit of the Bahá'í Teachings, and…thus meet the requirements and needs of the modern age."[1]

"There can be no doubt that education will continue to be the greatest concern of Bahá'í social and economic development endeavors throughout the world in the foreseeable future."[2]

References

1. On behalf of Shoghi Effendi, 7 June 1939, Lights of Guidance, p. 212
2. "Baha'i Social and Economic Development: Prospects for the Future,"
   a statement approved by the Universal House of Justice, 16 Sept. 1993

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