Bahá'í Public Speaking

Teacher's Guide with Workshops for All Ages

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What People Are Saying

"Fabulous! I'm very glad that you're publishing this, and I hope it is widely circulated!" **— Erica Toussaint**

"I bought the public speaking book which is truly amazing. I used the ideas in your book to write my speech and it helped a lot! Before my speech I read the quote from 'Abdu'l-Bahá saying 'Now is the time to speak forth and to deliver speeches. Loosen your tongue. The Holy Spirit speaketh through the innermost essence of the human tongue.' Then I gave my speech and it turned out to be good. It was actually nominated for the Dawn-Breakers film festival!" **— Pegah Ouji**

"Congratulations on the publication...it looks great. Very well presented, easy to read and follow, sensible, logical, helpful. I'll be handing a copy on to our local Assembly with recommendations it finds its way to our youth and children's classes...and I might use one or two of the workshop ideas in our external affairs seminars." **— Gerald Filson, Office of External Affairs, NSA of Canada**

"This program is a fantastic way to introduce public speaking to youth. I use the lessons in my Baha'i Sunday school class. The youth respond very positively to the exercises. Without this curriculum, we had difficulty maintaining a balance between ensuring a high level of learning and engaging them in a fun activity." **— Michael Javid**

"Baha'i Public Speaking is a treasure-trove of vital tools for the Baha'i community! It is extremely well-written and thoughtfully organized. You are getting right at the heart of things - really working on the nuts and bolts of utterance, our main vehicle for getting the message of the Faith out of our hearts and into the hearts of others. The exercises are practical and useful. Perhaps most important for me, it's so do-able. It's all laid out and ready to go." **— Kellie Heath**

"Our final class is this Sunday. Twelve junior youth are doing it. It's gone wonderfully! It works well as a weekly class because this gives the participants time to do their homework. The participants truly enjoyed their time and I saw marked improvement. The last day we had all the parents come to watch the final presentation. This went over very well. This course offers participants a friendly and encouraging way to build confidence in speaking. A fantastic bonus to the class is watching young people learning how to look into the Holy Writings for answers to their questions. THANK YOU, THANK YOU for putting this together. I hope to use it again." **— Sue Kutches**

"The manual should be a great help for all of us to improve our ability to present the Faith to the public. Thank you!" **— Suzanne Henck, Hong Kong Bahá'í Institute**

"A nicely summarized and succinctly presented review, easily suited to sharing with friends at study circles. I'll certainly be adding this to my toolkit of tutor resources." **— Lyon Virostko**

“Totally delighted that you’ve done this; it is so very important that EVERY believer feel themselves capable, or learn the skills to become capable, of presenting the Faith to others.” **— Celia Merritt Johnson**

“Thank you, thank you for the workshop. Will be hosting the Feast of Speech and planning an exercise related to your material for the social portion. God knows the adults would benefit greatly from your wonderful materials.” **— Dina Trapp**

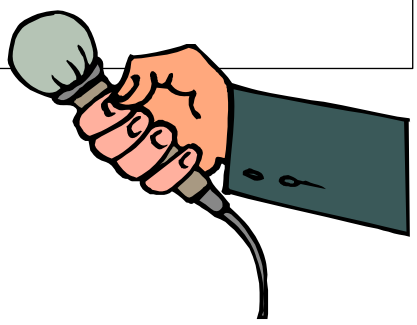
“These are wonderful! I will be showing these to our children's class teachers at our next Teacher Reflection Meeting.” **— Robert Siegel**

“We are still using the public speaking materials at Workshop and they are proving very effective. The assignments get them to look into aspects of the Faith in putting together presentations, and all the practices have really helped them to be able to get up in front of each other in a professional, dignified way that gives them confidence and experience. Liking it lots so far!”
— Julie Redson-Smith

"I just wanted to give you a quick update *on the effectiveness of the public speaking curriculum. This past couple of weeks, two of the youth have had to give presentations either at their schools or their cluster reflection meetings, and they have gone REALLY well!! Parents and others noticed a difference in their ability to present information clearly and effectively and several mentioned how wonderful this was.*

It totally compliments Ruhi *- it is a way of adding confidence to the presentations, such as Anna's Presentation - sometimes it isn't WHAT we say, but HOW we say it - and this is part of the how that isn't a quickly learned skill or something that people find comfortable or easy to do. As we keep hearing, just giving information isn't always enough - I think this is so practical. I hope it does get used more!*

We are now on lesson 6, refining the "fireside" talk *- and these are going quite well…We are putting the activities into action as part of the Plan. I have asked the youth to take the initiative to host these firesides, to invite their friends and share their presentations as part of the expansion phases of the IPGs... This is indeed an exciting development. I'll let you know how it goes!*" **— Juli Redson-Smith**



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