# Bahá'í Summer School 2022

Theme: 'Paving the path to human upliftment'

27-30 December in local venues throughout Aotearoa

# **Plenary presentations**

Plenary video presentations will highlight key aspects of the society-building power of the Faith and how communities can draw on this power in ever greater measure in the years ahead.

# DAY ONE

Presented by Sholeh Rowhani Ashraf, Sana Lavai Motlagh, and Richard and Sarah Donovan

#### The Evolution of a New Society

- Insights into a New World
- Trajectory of the last two centuries
- Current state of humanity
- Pathway to reconciliation
- Role of the Bahá'ís

# DAY TWO

Presented by Tessa Scrine

#### Widening the Circle of Participation

- The vision of Bahá'u'lláh
- Historical context
- The training institute as an instrument of limitless potentialities
- A significant shift has begun

# DAY THREE

Presented by Geeti Faramarzi

#### **Contributing to Social Transformation**

- What we are learning about social action and participation in societal discourses
- How these endeavours have emerged under the guidance of the Universal House of Justice
- Further advances envisaged
- Characteristics of the Bahá'í approach

# DAY FOUR

Presented by Jeff Sabour

#### **Expansive Prospects for Educational Initiatives**

- The importance of education through the lens of the Bahá'í Writings
- Describing the efforts of the community
- Elements of an emerging Bahá'í pedagogy
- An expansive view of the training institute in the current series of Plans

Each day will begin with a pre-recorded video presentation on one of the above topics, followed by inperson workshops to explore the topic. You will want to give consideration to identifying suitable facilitators for these workshops.

Everyone's contributions to discussions will be encouraged and welcomed.

The programme may include one or two supplementary videos prepared by Bahá'í institutions.