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*A residential youth event for exploring the complementary roles of men and women ...*  
**‘Stand By Me’**

So what’s it all about? Being a young woman or a young man today can be full of confusion. As society continues to change and evolve, so do roles and responsibilities between men and women. This youth event provides young people with the opportunity to explore gender roles as individuals and also in relationships. What’s in it for me? The sessions will explore areas that are commonplace today:

- What are the issues of being a woman or man?
- How important is respect and how do I get it?
- Do men have too few feelings and do women have too many?
- In what ways are the roles of women and men complementary and interdependent?
- Can men and women get along together in love and harmony?
- Is marriage equally important to women and men?

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**The Next Step...**

This youth event will be held at Burnlaw Centre, Northumbria, February 21-24, 2003. Cost £30.00 inclusive. Deadline for bookings: February 14, 2003

For more information or to make a booking, please contact Lorna Silverstein at [infuse@bci.org.uk](mailto:infuse@bci.org.uk) (Internet: <http://www.infuse.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk/> [now at [www.infuse.org.uk](http://www.infuse.org.uk) – CM])

All parents / guardians and young people are strongly advised to read the Project's Booking Policy on its Internet site to prevent disappointment.

## Initiatives for Change

### Single and clueless?... an invitation

I WAS recently in the throes of breaking up with a boy I’d been dating for a while, when he voiced the opinion that if I wanted to find someone who saw the world the way I

did I would have to marry a Bahá'í. At the time I thought he was mad. Surely there are lots of optimistic people out there who are interested in more than work, who see the good side of people and like the occasional adventure.

Over the last few weeks however I’ve been quietly reconsidering my position. After all how many people have I met like that in the last few years – none? And I have been

trying. It's not just me either, talking to a few single Bahá'í friends of mine I've found their experience is the same. My mum reminds me that God has someone in mind for me but I can't help wondering whether there's also truth in the saying "God helps those who help themselves".

Anyway, it's all well and good saying I should date Bahá'ís but that's not that simple either. We are scattered so far apart and have such busy lives attending this meeting and that, that I wonder whether it's even possible.

I was pondering over these thoughts some days ago when I had a flash of inspiration—and what's more it might help me kill two birds with one stone.

They say working on a project together is a good way to get to know people. And since I'm writing a Bahá'í board game that will take a century to complete on my own, I thought I'd hold a cluwriting weekend for single Bahá'ís aged between 24 and 36. You don't need to know a lot about the Faith, just have the desire for a pleasant weekend among like-minded people.

Venue: Susie Howard's Guesthouse near Oxford.

Dates: Jan 17 to 19. Cost: £75 approx.

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