

Policy Number 6: Role in issues, events and campaigns associated with the Indian Sub-Continent.

There are several organisations which are playing a prominent role in the above area in UK and Europe. These include some member organisations.

In recognition of the fact that British and European Sikhs are affected by events on the Indian Subcontinent, the Sikh Council has established the Indian Subcontinent Affairs Committee. It was decided during the consultation phase of the Sikh Council that the Council would remain silent on the issue of Sikh homeland and this remains the case.

The extent of the Sikh Councils involvement will be guided by the following:

1. Sikh Council as the Lead:
 - a) The Sikh Council would only lead if no other Sikh organisation has a successful/effective track record in the particular topic area.
 - b) The Sikh Council would aim to involve all sections of the community
 - c) The Sikh Council has the resources to Lead
2. Sikh Council in Partnership:
 - a) The Sikh Council will partner up where it helps to unify the community and there is a synergistic outcome
3. Sikh Council as support:
 - a) The Sikh Council will support member organisations through distribution of publicity and information
 - b) The Sikh Council will support where existing organisations are actively delivering and there is no real added value from the Sikh Council leading or partnering.
4. The Sikh Council as an independent collective body:
 - a) The Sikh Council will take positions in its own right and publicise these
 - b) The Sikh Council will participate in media appearances as appropriate

All Member Organisations are to be encouraged to request the Sikh Council to be the lead organisation in matters of high and common interest to the Panth, whether these are National or International. If an event is agreed to be lead by the Sikh Council then the actual day-to-day planning and organisation of events shall be carried out by the most effective organisation. This will ensure the Sikh Council reputation and credibility is promoted in a positive and growing manner.