

*Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa, Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh*

**Meetings:**

9th November 2013 In line with decisions taken in the Panthic meeting of 20th October 2013, Sikh Council UK organised a meeting of Federation of Sikh Organisations (FSO). This meeting took place at Guru Nanak Parkash Gurdwara Sahib, Harnal Lane, Coventry. Prior to the meeting, Sikh Council UK developed a list of organisations, invited 2 representatives from each and made arrangements accordingly for the meeting. At the meeting Sikh Council UK Secretary General welcomed those attending the meeting and then handed over facilitation back to FSO. On this positive note Sikh Council UK was able to take leave from the meeting having completed its task as requested by the Panthic meeting.

Representatives of Sikh Council UK attended Guru Nanak Dev Ji Gurburab celebrations at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, City Hospital and Sandwell Hospital.

**Media:**

Appearances by representatives of Sikh Council UK on Akal Channel, Sangat TV and Sikh Channel.

**Consultation Responses:**

On 9th November 2013 a representative of the Sikh Council UK participated in consultation workshops commissioned by the Equality and Human Rights Commission as part of the process to include caste as a category in the Equality Act 2010.

Following the Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act 2013 completing its journey through Parliament in July 2013, the Government has been working on the implementation of the Act. The Sikh Council UK responded to two consultations being carried out.

The Sikh Council UK responded to a consultation by The College of Policing who were developing a 'Code of Ethics' for policing in England and Wales. The Code will be the highest-level declaration of the principles and standards of behaviour expected from all police officers and staff in all police forces within England and Wales.

**Interfaith Work:**

A representative of the Sikh Council UK attended the Mayor of London interfaith reception on 18th November 2013

Representatives of the Sikh Council UK responded to a request to meet with pupils of a specialist provision for boys with Behavioural Emotional and Social Difficulties aged 11-17 to talk about Sikhi and field any questions

Mankamal Singh Executive Member is representing the Sikh Council on the Faith Sector Panel of the London Resilience Forum

### **Circulations:**

Following meeting with representatives of Sikhs for Justice the Sikh Council UK circulated details of the petition and the rally in Geneva rally on the 1st November 2013 to submit the petition for the recognition of the Sikh genocide.

The Sikh Council UK circulated a message from Rt Hon Ed Miliband MP, Leader of the Labour Party on Guru Nanak Dev Jis' Gurburab.

### **New Member Welcomed:**

Sikh Study Forum (Ltd) London joined the Sikh Council UK