

Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa, Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh

Meetings/Events:

7th April 2014 Vaisakhi reception at 10 Downing Street

8th April 2014 Vaisakhi reception at Houses of Parliament

20th April 2014 Members of the council attended the AKJ international Samagam at Sri Guru Singh Sabha Gurdwara sahib in Derby

Correspondences:

FCO letter response to SCUUK following meeting of February

Guru Nanak Gurdwara Dudley made a request for help in recruiting Granthis for the Gurdwara sahib, the request was circulated to members should they be aware of any Granthis seeking employment.

A non-Sikh contacted Sikh Council UK wishing to get involved in Vaisakhi events and wanting to know where they are taking place, we provided an overview schedule of Nagar Kirtans taking place across UK

Recent correspondence received from an individual who shared concerns of a new game in the App store itunes called 'Flappy Singh

National Union of journalist (NUJ) provided a letter to Prime Minister re: 1984 disclosures.

Case work:

Gurdwara Sahib (Ilford) -complaint made to Sri Akaal Takhat Sahib about individuals being banned. Matter being handled by BoJ and local area co-ordinator.

Gurdwara Sahib (Coventry) - representations made by an individual about financial liability as a result of court case and volunteers of an organisations being banned. Matter being handled by BoJ.

Northern Gurdwara Sahib- complaint about alleged unconstitutional elections. Advised the Gurdwara sahib of the complaint and offered mediation subject to all parties being agreeable.

Gurdwara sahib (midlands) - complaints made to Sri Akaal Takhat Sahib about plans to build a community hall and alleged trustee misconduct. Matter being dealt with by a BoJ panel.

An individual contacted Sikh Council UK wanting advise on how to go about overcoming in direct discrimination at work which she believed she was a target of due to her sikhi saroop. We put her in touch with an Executive member of Sikh council who is also an employment lawyer.

Volunteer return scheme:

Voluntary Return Scheme Project extended by 1 month. During this month Sikh Council also took a call from a father in India who had lost his son in a fatal accident while living in UK illegally. The young person had been sleeping rough in a large industrial waste bins; he was crushed in the truck when bin collectors emptied the bin into the wagon not knowing that he was in there. Gurdwara Sahibs committees and members in Nottingham pulled together in meeting the financial requirements of sending the body of the young person home to his family in India. The paperwork was released towards the end of April. Chapletown Gurdwara Sahib Leeds also raised funds to support the family.

Issues update:

Sikh Council provided a letter of support to a person wishing to know the whereabouts and recover a palki and sacred scriptures taken away from a company during a bankruptcy procedure in 2004

13th April 2014 Representative of Sikh Council UK attended a Wembley event to assist with guidance for people who may attend wearing a Kirpan to ensure they have access.

Reponses were received as a result of a scroll placed on all 2 Sikh media channels as follows: 'Request for contact from British Sikhs who were at the Sri Harmander Sahib complex during the attack in 1984 if you were there and are a victim or experienced the attack first hand please call us on: 07960 987825 so a case file of this can be progressed'. The calls are being followed up by representatives of the Council.