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# Advertisement Opportunity At BSNL

Contact - Trupti Joshi or Harshben Trivedi



## **Notice for AGM**

I VOTED Dates: Sunday 8th December 2019

At BSNL Hall From 3pm

Please see attached AGM Notice included with the Newsletter





## Thankyou Letter From Yagman

**Dear Harshaben** 

## Navchandi Havan - 19 October 2019

On behalf of the Modha family, may I please say a very big thank you to you, Parulben Jani, Kamalben Purohit, Anjanaben Thaker, the entire Havan team of volunteers that helped with the food preparation, serving team, hall decorating team, cleaning team, Anandbhai Pathak, all the Varuns, Mahendrabhai Jadeja and anyone else, I may have forgotten for the most beautiful, invigorating and satisfying havan of our lifetime.

Words cannot really express our gratitude to you all and we thank you all once again and wish you all a very happy Diwali & a happy new year.

Yours sincerely

Nirbhay-Shanker Govindji Modha







BSNL are proud to announce the opening of a brand new weekly programme aimed at young parents, a parent and toddler group, starting from Sept. These will be held every monday morning, from 10.00am to 11.30am, starting from 16th Sept. These will be held at the BSNL hall. There will be a £2 charge per parent.

Light refreshments and tea/coffee will be provided. Baby food warming facilities are also available.

Register your interest with

Nutan Purohit 07963 796 748

Charu Vyas 07877 510 533

## BSNL Halls for Hire

#### SNL Hall

BSNL Hall is an ideal venue for small celebrations conveniently located and has reasonable hire

## UPSTAIRS HALL

Upstairs Hall has a capacity of up to 120 people, 2 toilets, and has a small kitchen with a microwave/kettle/fridge.

#### DOWNSTAIRS HALL

Downstairs hall has a capacity of up to 65 people, separate gents, ladies and a disable toilet facility, also use of microwave/kettle/fridge in the kitchen.

Both halls are well maintained and are fully equipped with sufficient tables, chairs, upstairs hall has a stage, floor mats and blankets - all included in the hire price.

Please contact our Hall Booking Team lead by Anjana Thaker

Mobile: (text message) 07483 904979 or



Thank you to all those that have already renewed. We had a massive response to online renewals, almost 50% of members renewed online.

We will continue to streamline and make this annual process even more efficient.

As in previous years, we tend to get a lot of membership enquiries during Navratri and thank everyone for their patience while this was dealt with. Please note that new member applications need to go through a membership subcommittee for approval and can take some time. We will aim to deal with these as soon as possible. If you haven't renewed yet, you can renew by returning the letter would have received in August.

This will ask you to check the details we hold for you, provide consent to be contacted and also specify the amount payable. You can also renew online.

Not only is it faster, but also It is cheaper as it will save you a whopping 25%.

Please navigate to ww.bsnl.org.uk and click on memberships on the top bar.

There are a number of payment options online (PayPal, Debit/Credit card/BACS)

You will need an email address if you are renewing

online. Hitesh Purohit

Membership Trustee Tel:0788 257 1234

## BSNL Weekly Clubs

**Elder's Club** every Tuesday, Lots of fun events for our Respected Elders.

They had organised a 22day trip to India And Nepal, with 35 members, they had a Wonderful time.

For more information Contact Vinodbhai Mehta - 07770 730202

Men's Club Every Wednesday, Play cards Carrom, darts, or Table Tennis, or have a Laugh with the others.

Contact - Gunwantbhai - 07877 565747

<u>Ladies Club</u> Every Thursday, Get together Like minded ladies and enjoy a Variety of Activities There is always something different Going on.

Contact - Anjanaben - 07949 830273

## Annual General Meeting

## Sunday 8th December 2019

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of The Brahmin Society North London will be held on Sunday 8th December 2019 at 3.00pm at BSNL Community Centre, 128 East Lane North Wembley Middlesex HA0 3NL. The following business will be transacted at the Annual General Meeting

- a) The presentation of the minutes from the 2018 AGM.
- b) The presentation of the annual report of the Board of Trustees

Reports by:

- a. Building Maintenance Sub-Committee
- b. New Building Project sub Committee
- c. BSNL Elders Group sub-committee
- d. BSNL Cultural Club sub-committee
- e. BSNL Mens Group sub-committee
- f. BSNL Ladies sub-committee
- g. BSNL Abhilasha sub-committee
- h. BSNL Young Brahmins sub-committee
- i. BSNL Parent & Toddler sub-committee
- c) The presentation and acceptance of BSNL's accounts as at 31st August 2019
- d) The appointment of the Independent Examiner, per the Charity Commission Guidelines
- e) Receiving recommendations from the Board of Trustees in respect of the subscription rates payable by different categories of members in accordance with clause 5 of the constitution.
- f) Voting on any proposals of which the Secretary has been notified in writing at least fourteen days before the AGM
- g) Election of 15 Trustees to serve for a two-year term as members of Board of Trustees
- h) Any other business with the permission of the Chair
- i) The AGM will conclude with refreshments for all.

## Do join us!

If you wish to join the Board of Trustees as Executive Committee member, then kindly complete the enclosed Nomination form and send it to the Secretary by 2nd December 2019. Please also send a brief note of not more than 100 words of what you have done for and propose to do for BSNL. Please also send a passport size photo with the nomination form.

The qualification period for election as a Trustee shall be at least one year served as a member of a sub-committee or having served as an office bearer or a management committee member for at least one year at any time prior to the AGM

If you wish to submit any proposals, then please send it to Chair of Trustees BSNL 128 East Lane North Wembley Middlesex HA0 3NL duly signed and seconded by at least nine Full and/or Life members to reach her by 2nd December 2019

Don't just be a spectator, support your community, come to your AGM and get involved! Put it in your diary – BSNL AGM, Sunday 8th December 2019!



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## NOMINATION FORM FOR TRUSTEE POST

NB All persons proposing or seconding the nomination and the candidate accepting such nomination must be

a Full member of the Brahmin Society North London

CANDIDATE'S DETAILS	
Address	Membership No
Postcode	
Telephone No	E mail address
Signature	Date
	PROPOSER'S DETAILS
Full Name	Membership No
Postcode	
Telephone No	E mail address
Signature	Date
	SECONDER'S DETAILS
Full NameAddress	Membership No
Postcode	
Telephone No	E mail address
Signature	Date



# Brahmin Society North London

# BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BRAHMIN SOCIETY NORTH LONDON

## **How Many Trustees are there?**

> Per the Brahmin Society Constitution, The Board of Trustees will number between 9 and 15.

## What is the Eligibility Criteria?

- The nominee for the post of Trustee must have been a <u>Full Member of the Brahmin Society North London</u> for at least two of the previous four years or be a <u>Life Member</u>. For the purpose of this clause, a year is the period between one AGM to another AGM.
- ➤ The qualification period for election as a Trustee shall be at least one year served as a member of a sub-committee or having served as an office bearer or as a member of the management committee for at least 1 year at any time prior to the adoption of the Brahmin Society North London Constitution (as amended in 2016).
- The Board of Trustees must confirm Full Membership of each prospective Trustee by way of review of the Board of Trustees Minutes Approval of Membership which was undertaken at the time of application to ensure that the correct process was followed to grant Full Membership of the Brahmin Society North London.
- In a similar vein, the Board of Trustees must confirm Life Membership of each prospective Trustee by way of review of the Board of Trustees minutes Approval of Membership which was undertaken at the time of application to ensure that the correct process was followed to grant Life Membership of the Brahmin Society North London. (Note: per the Constitution Life Membership is only available to Full Members after a period of 3 years qualification which must be formally noted and approved by the Board of Trustees).

#### What are the Duties of a Member of the Board of Trustees?

## **Overall Purpose**

The Board of Trustees are jointly and severally responsible for the overall governance and strategic direction of the Brahmin Society North London, and financial health, probity of its activities, developing the organisation's aims, objectives and goals in accordance with the governing document, legal and regulatory guidelines.

All Trustees should be aware of, and understand, their individual and collective responsibilities, and should not be overly reliant on one or more individual Trustees in any particular aspect of the governance of the charity. For example, all Trustees should be able to read the financial accounts to a level that they can ask questions and comprehend answers of a general nature.

## **Main Responsibilities**

- > To ensure that the Brahmin Society North London, and its representatives, function within all legal and regulatory requirements applicable, and in line with the organisation's governing document, continually striving for best practice in governance.
- To maintain the fiduciary duty invested in the position, undertaking such duties in a way that adds to public confidence and trust in the Brahmin Society North London.
- To take appropriate professional advice in all matters where there may be a material risk to the charity, or where the Trustees may be in breach of their duties.
- To determine the overall direction and development of the Brahmin Society North London through good governance and clear strategic planning.
- > To avoid any personal conflict of interest.
- > To manage and use the resources of the Brahmin Society North London so as to optimise its potential.
- > To ensure that robust systems are in place for internal financial control and the protection of the Brahmin Society North London's funds and assets.
- > To undergo a thorough induction upon appointment and ongoing training to remain alert to, and aware of, their duties and responsibilities, and of the environment in which they operate.
- To achieve the purpose of the Brahmin Society North London and to pursue the charitable objects, and provide public benefit.

#### **Main Duties**

- Ensuring the Brahmin Society North London complies with legislative and regulatory requirements, and acts within the confines of its governing document and in furtherance to the charitable objects.
- Acting in the best interest of the entire Brahmin Society North London beneficiaries and future beneficiaries at all times over the perceived benefit to separate sub-groups in isolation
- > Promoting and developing the Brahmin Society North London in order for it to grow and maintain its public benefit and recognising the situation when it may be more appropriate to

wind the charity up where there is no longer a need for the charity to provide the services it does or because the charitable objects are no longer relevant to contemporary social situations.

- Maintaining sound financial management and control of the Brahmin Society North London's resources.
- Ensuring a fully effective and appropriate system for the appointment, oversight and monitoring of the work and activities of the various sub-committees it appoints or the present (and future) affiliates of the main charity such as Abhilasha, the Elders Group, The Ladies Group, The Men's Group and the Young Brahmins, as well as any joint ventures it may carry out in concert with any other charitable organisations such as Navaratri.
- Ensuring the effective and efficient administration of the charity and its resources, striving for best practice in good governance.
- To maintain absolute confidentiality about all aspects of the Trustees' business, bearing in mind the over-riding legal obligations placed upon Trustees.

## **Statutory Duties**

Given the nature of the Brahmin Society North London and what is already contained in the current Constitution some of the above duties and responsibilities are specifically covered by statute. The following is a précis of the legal duties Trustees must fulfil:

- Duty of trust;
- Duty to comply with the charity's governing document;
- Duty to act in the best interests of the charity, present and future beneficiaries;
- Duty to avoid conflicts of interest;
- Duty to safeguard assets;
- Duty not to benefit from their position;
- Duty of care;
- Duty to act personally;
- Duty to act collectively; and
- > Duty to keep accounts.

#### **Accountable To:**

As the Board of Trustees is responsible and liable for the governance and functioning of the Brahmin Society North London, they are accountable in varying degrees to a variety of stakeholders, including: members, affiliate organisations, beneficiaries, funders, the Charity Commission, and other regulators which may become applicable from time to time. Close attention must be given to the governing document to ascertain the type of organisational structure and the range of interested parties the charity has.