

National Gurdwara Conference 2019



Dr Gurnam Singh

The UK's first National Gurdwara Conference 2019 was held on Wednesday 25th September 2019. The event was held at the offices of CCLA Investment Management, who are the fund managers for the Church of England and manage investment funds for 37,000 other charities.

The event was opened CCLA Chief Executive, Peter Hugh-Smith.



*Nick Donaldson
(Charity Commission)*

The following topics were covered:

- Gurdwara Feasibility study findings - Daljit Singh
- UK Gurdwara SWOT Analysis - Dr Gurnam Singh
- The Charity Commission, it's role, legal requirements and best practice - Nick Donaldson, Charity Commission
- Gurdwara Arbitration Service - Nav Grover
- Charity legal structures and CIO - Collete Bennett, Charity Commission
- Trustees - Linda Ashby, Charity Commission
- Security and Safety - Rabbi Natan Levy



Daljit Singh

More 80 people attended the conference representing 47 Gurdwaras and Sikh charities from all across the UK.



*Peter Hugh Smith
CEO CCLA*

Delegate feedback has been extremely positive and encouraging. Several Gurdwaras have asked Gurdwara Aid to assist them in various matters from elections, constitution changes, converting to CIO, Gift Aid and other matters.



*Nav Grover
Partner, Teacher Stern*

Delegates were asked about support for an independent Gurdwara Arbitration Service, and 80% of those who gave feedback were in support of this service. This service will be setup in near future.



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As a follow up, Gurdwara Aid is now organising regional conferences which will be announced shortly. Contact Gurdwara Aid if your Gurdwara or charity needs assistance in various charity and other matters.

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