



Newsletter January 2015

A Happy New 2015CE. Hope it proves to be peaceful and successful for all.

HFE have been busy updating media and IT. Our new look website is now live. Please do take a look at <http://hinduforum.eu>. Hope you like the new look. Revamped facebook page is also more colourful and has our president and secretary in the shot <https://www.facebook.com/HinduForumOfEurope> . Constructive feedback is always appreciated.



Greetings for the celebrations of Republic day to all Indians, and Auralians for Australia Day. Read the full post here:-

<https://www.facebook.com/HinduForumOfEurope>



Written Question to the European Commission on Abduction of Hindu Girls in Pakistan

We successfully worked with the World Sindhi Congress to get a written question to the European Commission (Vice-President and High Representative); <http://hinduforum.eu/european-parliament-working-group-addresses-the-abduction-of-pakistani-hindu-girls-with-the-prompting-of-hfe-and-wsc> The answer will take approximately 6 weeks, and should arrive by March. Please keep an eye on the facebook page or website for updates.

HFE Statement following Charlie Hebdo attack

<http://hinduforum.eu/charlie-hebdo-gun-attack-on-french-magazine>

News from Member Organisation



the Hindu Forum of Belgium.

Hindu Forum of Belgium appoints an Executive Director, Bharti Tailor.

Bharti will be sharing her time in Brussels between the Hindu Forum of Europe and

HF Belgium have just started their facebook page which you can view and Like, <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Hindu-Forum-of-Belgium/1536813199906259>

Developments in Europe

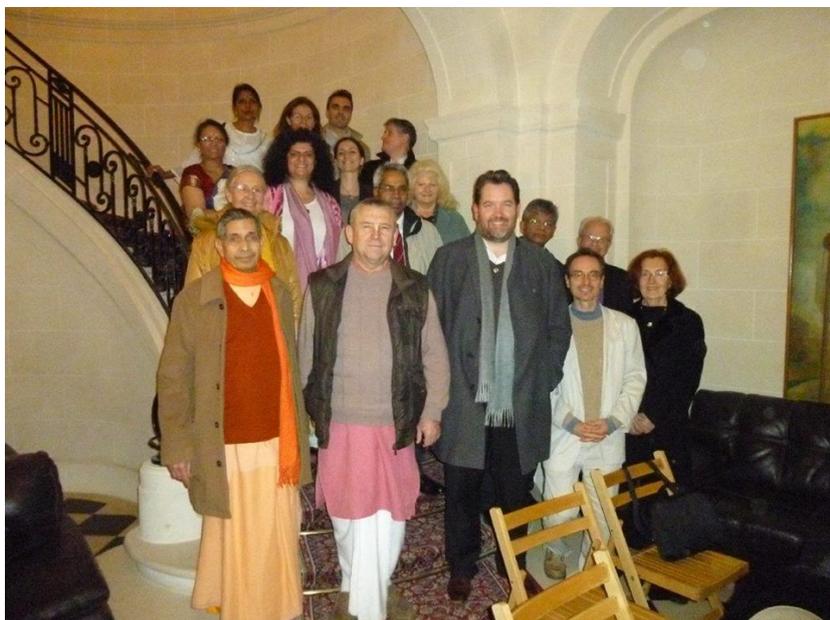
In Germany



The Hindu Forum of Germany which started the process of forming an umbrella some six month ago is progressing well and you can see their facebook page here <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Hindu-Forum-of-Germany/729623593764697> Anupama Braroo who is taking the initiative forward attended the recent conference in Delhi and you will see her posts on the facebook page.

France

A new initiative



Federation Vedique de France is yet another attempt to set up an umbrella for this country which has a population of some 500,000 Hindus in the country and its territories. Shown here with the members who attended the founding meeting on 15 December. Swami Veetamohan das was appointed President (1 row left). And Ekta Boudelique

was appointed Secretary (top of photo).

News from Religions for Peace

ECRL Moves to UK

The European Council of Religious Leaders which till now was based on Oslo Norway has now moved to UK, the new Secretary is Jehangir Sarosh OBE.

Conferences and Committees

1. *OSCE ODIHR Guidelines on the Legal Personality of Religious or Belief Communities Launch (04.02.2015) - Deadline to register for EP access badges (28/01/2015)*

On 4th February 2015 Dennis de Jong MEP, in cooperation with the newly established Intergroup on Freedom of Religion or Belief and Religious Tolerance will be hosting an event to launch the OSCE ODIHR Guidelines on the Legal Personality of Religious or Belief Communities in the European Parliament from 12:30 in Library Reading Room ASP05D . Please find the event poster and agenda attached.

To register, please email a.vaiya@religiousfreedom.eu For those requiring access to the European Parliament please include the following details: Full name, DOB, country of residence, ID type and ID number by Wednesday 28th January 2015

2. The Gandhi Foundation Multifaith Celebration will be on
Saturday 31st January 2015 at 2.30pm
at
the London Interfaith Centre
125 Salusbury Road, West Kilburn, London NW6 6RG
'Caring for the Future of People and Planet'
Different Faiths, Ecology and Spirituality
Speaker: Dr Ursula King
Followed by a discussion with representatives of various faith traditions.
Refreshments afterwards.

Ursula King is Professor Emerita of Theology and Religious Studies at the University of Bristol. She has lectured in many countries and has published on such subjects as religion & gender, interfaith dialogue, modern Hinduism, Christian mystics, and the French scientist and theologian Pierre Teilhard de Chardin.

Please register with william@gandhifoundation.org to aid refreshment planning.

3.  Religions for Peace has organised in partnership with Quaker Peace and Social Justice, the Joint Public Issues Team (Baptist, Methodist and United Reform churches) and the International Campaign to abolish Nuclear Weapons.

UK FAITH COMMUNITIES – PROGRESS TOWARDS A WORLD FREE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

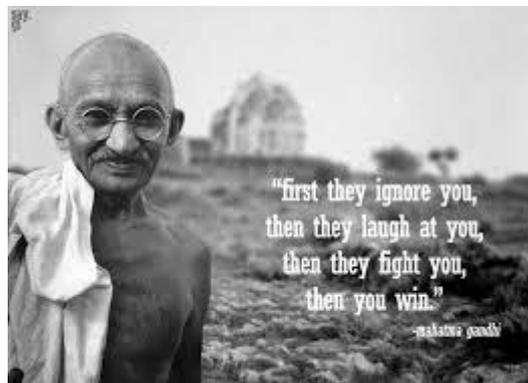
FRIENDS HOUSE 173-177 EUSTON ROAD LONDON NW1 2BJ

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 28 2015 (NO CHARGE)

11am to 4pm with lunch

It is open to all and they are particularly keen to get Hindu participant. Please contact DAVID HORNER, Secretary, Religions for Peace (UK), Tel 07768 105387, Email: dvd.horner@googlemail.com

On January the 30th the world will mark the Mahatma's death Anniversary. We will also remember him, and this message of his is important to Hindus as we fight for equal recognition in all countries of Europe.



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