



Trustees' Annual Report

Financial Year Ending March 2022

## Introduction

United Kingdom Bengali Convention (UKBC) is a non-profit charity registered in the UK, with a view to organise the largest convention for the Bengali diaspora based in the UK.

UKBC has had support from up to 60 organisations in the UK with a view to celebrate this unique annual celebration.

## Our Aim

1. To advance the education of the public in the subject of Bengali culture by any means as the trustees in their discretion shall determine.
2. The promotion of racial harmony for the public benefit by promoting knowledge and mutual understanding between different racial groups and advancing education and raising awareness about different racial groups to promote good relations between persons of different racial groups.
3. The promotion of social inclusion among elderly persons who are excluded from society because they are house-bound and of Bengali ethnicity (irrespective of religions) with limited opportunity to interact with outer society, by the provision of: social trips to cultural and recreational programmes depicting Bengali culture and arts (including transport to and from home).

## Report for the year ending March 2022

This year has been the first year where UKBC has been able to host its first annual event in a physical face-to-face format. The focus of the organisation henceforth was in the planning and execution of the event. The event itself was organised in Cambourne, Cambridgeshire on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of Sept 2021 at the Cambourne Village College.

Our event titled “UKBC 2021” focussed on the following areas:

- Business conferencing
- Workshops and panels
- Art and craft
- Performing arts including
  - o Dance
  - o Singing
  - o Instrumental music
  - o Theatre

The event attracted over 70 organisations and local businesses from around the United Kingdom. The event was attended by over 1200 people over the 2 days. The event was covered well in Social Media with a reach of over 25,000 people.

In addition to the activities above, UKBC also recognised UK based Bengalis who have contributed in various aspects of the community developments over the last decades and continue to do so. The following were recognised in three categories:

### Community Shapers

- |                     |                    |                      |
|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| • Alak Chanda       | • Nabonetta Basak  | • Shrobona           |
| • Arpita Ray        | • Paulomi De Hazra | Bhattacharya         |
| • Bhasha Mukherjee  | • Pritha Mukherjee | • Shyam Sundar Das   |
| • Bithika Raha      | • Priyadarshini    | • Sohini Biswas      |
| • Deepanjali        | Bhattacharjee      | • Somnath            |
| Choudhury           | • Roshni Mukherjee | Mukherjee            |
| • Gopal Dutta       | • Rupanjana Dutta  | • Sujit Bhattacharya |
| • Isha Guha         | • Sabarna Raka     | • Suranjan Som       |
| • Krishnayan Haldar | Mukherjee          | • Surojoy Bhowmik    |
| • Millie Basu Ray   | • Sanjoy Sarkar    | • Vikas Jayswal      |

### Sera Bengali

- |                  |                    |                      |
|------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| • Bharati Kar    | • Bithika Raha     | • Arpita Ray         |
| • Sanjoy Sarkar  | • Gopal Dutta      | • Shrobona           |
| • Sangeeta Dutta | • Sheela Mukherjee | Bhattacharya         |
| • Bina Gupta     | • Banani Sinha Roy | • Sujit Bhattacharya |

### Lifetime Achievement

- |                      |                      |                     |
|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| • Dr. Jack Preger    | • Mrs. Shanta Basu ( | • Srabanti Majumdar |
| • Dr. Bashabi Fraser | Biswas)              | • Abdul Gaffar      |
| • Prof. Dilip        | • Mr. Dipu Ghosh     | Choudhury           |
| Chakrabarti          | • Ketaki Kushari     | • Kazi Jawad        |
| • Nabakumar Basu     | Dyson                | • Mrs. Piyali Ray   |

## Supporting Organisations

The following a list of registered organisations who came forward to support UKBC 2021:

1. Aberdeen Bengali Cultural Association
2. Anamika Cultural Group
3. Atreyee Dance Group
4. Aurav Disha
5. BaithakUK
6. BAMNE
7. Bengal Heritage Foundation /London Sharad Utsav
8. Byangoma Byangomi
9. Cam CareUK
10. COOMER QUATRET
11. Durga Puja Committees Glasgow (BSP)
12. Esex Indian Reg Charity
13. Krishno-Chura
14. Moksha
15. Nritya Katha
16. PRATIVA-Institute of Performing Arts
17. Ramkrishna Vivekananda Mission UK Centre
18. SABASH
19. Sankalpo Chelmsford
20. Sheffield & District Durgotsob & Cultural Committee - SDDCC
21. Shuma Pal-Creative Connections
22. Surangon
23. Tagore Centre Scotland
24. The Greater Manchester Bengali Hindu Cultural Association
25. Tunes and Rhythms
26. Wales Puja Committee
27. Wimbledon Cultural Association

## Statement of Income and Expenses for the Year ending March 2022

	Opening balance	Money In	Money Out	Closing balance
Apr-21	£ 3,564.75	£ -	£ -	£ 3,564.75
May-21	£ 3,564.75	£ -	£ -	£ 3,564.75
Jun-21	£ 3,564.75	£ -	£ -	£ 3,564.75
Jul-21	£ 3,564.75	£ 50.00	£ -	£ 3,614.75
Aug-21	£ 3,614.75	£ 3,240.00	£ -	£ 6,854.75
Sep-21	£ 6,854.75	£ 4,190.34	£ 100.00	£ 10,945.09
Oct-21	£ 10,945.09	£ 3,949.00	£ 3,734.28	£ 11,159.81
Nov-21	£ 11,159.81	£ 500.00	£ 3,821.00	£ 7,838.81
Dec-21	£ 7,838.81	£ -	£ 3,188.22	£ 4,650.59
Jan-22	£ 4,650.59	£ 2,000.00	£ -	£ 6,650.59
Feb-22	£ 6,650.59	£ -	£ 2,820.00	£ 3,830.59
Mar-22	£ 3,830.59	£ 100.00	£ 2,798.57	£ 1,132.02
Total income		£		14,029.34
Total expenditure		£		16,462.07