

SUDARSHANAM HINDU SAMAJAM

Northern Ireland · Charity number 104670

Details

Known as	SUDARSHANAM
Status	Received
Registered	2016-04-21
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

Address	Spectrum Centre 331 Shankill Road Belfast BT13 3aa BT13 3AA
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Website	www.sudarshanamni.com

Activities

Purposes: The main objects of organisation: a. To educate the public and extend knowledge of the Hindu culture within Northern Ireland. b. To advance the culture and heritage of the Hindu way of life by educating the public in Indian languages, yoga, Indian festivals. c. To advance community development through volunteering initiatives.

What the charity does: The advancement of education, The advancement of citizenship or community development, The advancement of the arts, culture, heritage or science

How the charity works: Arts, Community development, Cultural, Religious activities, Youth development

Who the charity helps: Children (5-13 year olds), Ethnic minorities, Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£12,023	£6,608	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr.Umesh Vijayam		
Mr Shibu Sukumaran		
Mr.Srikant Ganapati		
Mr.Surendran Sukumaravarma		

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SUDARSHANAM-NI Annual 1 FinanceReport

December 2023- March-2025

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE ABOVE DURATION

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period December 2023 to March 2025 .

Name, address and Constitution of the charity

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Income and expenditure

Sudarshanam holds no assets nor has any liabilities to any other parties.

Income and expenditure account for the period from December 2023 to Mar 2025

Expenses	££	Income	££
Hall rent	3,526.66	Monthly Subscription& Building fund	8,660
Action cancer expenses	277.43	10 th Anniversary net income (278-Cash)	1,332.59
Vishu-Music & Kaineetam expense	185	Net Income from Vishu 2024	61.07
New year 2025	1,142	Gross income from action cancer	415.23
Onam 2024	345.24	Gross income from New year celebration	970
Marathon food& Air ambulance	790	Miscellaneous	24
Marathon 2025- Outstanding payment	115	Marathon 2024 Gross collection	560
Miscellaneous expense	226.38		
	6,607.71		12,022.89
Operating profit/(loss)	5,415.18		
Balance brought forward (Bank Balance-31/03/24)	7,928.83		
Profit during year	5,415.18		
Cash from previous committee C/f	264		
Cash of previous committee deposited into bank during year	1000		
Net asset Balance carried forward in 31/3/25	14,608.01		

Cash and Bank balances as at 31 March 2025

	££
Opening cash balance as at 31 March 2024	1,264
Cash deposited into bank account	(1000)
Cash in hand generated in FY 24-25	278
Total Cash balance as on 31 March 2025	542

Total income for the period April 2024 to March 2025 is £12,023.

Total expenditure the period April 2024 to March 2025 is (£6,608).

Income against expenditure

There was an operating profit of £5,415.18.

Cash in hand as at 31 March 2025

Cash in hand is £542. (Includes £264 from previous committee & £278 Current year cash generated)

Total Balance as at 31 March 2025

Total Bank Balance carried forward is £14,066 & Cash balance of £ 542- Grand total: £ 14,608

Signed by:

**Gokul Kottakattu
madathil**

(Finance Co-ordinator)

Dated: 27th April 2025

Internal

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Sports Day 2023	451	Gross Income from Vishu	1,405
Onam 2023	777	Grants from Belfast City Council	1,800

Internal

Diwali 2023	1,349	Miscellaneous	2,454
Miscellaneous	4,113		
Bad debts	233		
	<u>9,474</u>		<u>12,503</u>
Operating profit/(loss)	<u>3,029</u>		
Balance brought forward	4,153		
Income	12,503		
Expense	(9,474)		
Balance carried forward	<u>7,182</u>		

Cash and Bank balances as at 30 November 2023

	££
Bank balance as at 30 Nov 2023	5,808
Cash in hand	1,374
Balance carried forward	<u>7,182</u>

Total income for the period December 2022 to November 2023 is £12,503.

Total expenditure the period December 2022 to November 2023 is (£9,474).

Expenditure was in respect of various cultural activities, inviting local communities, awards & gifts (54%) and administrative expenses (46%).

Income against expenditure

There was an operating profit of £3,029.

Cash in hand as at 30 November 2023

Cash in hand is £1,374.

Balance as at 30 November 2023

Balance carried forward is £7,182.

Signed by:

Vidhya Ponulli

(Finance Co-ordinator)

Dated: 28th Jan 2024

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Our annual general body meeting was held at Spectrum on 04 December 2022 when we elected the following members to be a part of our Administration team.

Trustees selected on 04 December 2022:



Position	Member
Chairperson	Pushpa Srikanth
Vice Chairperson	Suchitra Surendran
Secretary	Saneesh Soman
Joint Secretary	Nithin Nath Somanath*
Finance Coordinator	Vidhya Ponulli
Cultural Coordinator	Srikanth Ganapati
Daily Program Coordinator	Rajeev Nair**
Antrim/Ballymena Program Coordinator	Sreejith Mohandas
Committee Members	Rajagopal Karunakaran Nair & Bindu Biju
Youth Representatives	Shivani, Rahul & Rohith

*Resigned from the position during year and left Sudarshanam.

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The legal governance of Sudarshanam Hindu Samajam is the responsibility of the charity trustees.

Sudarshanam Hindu Samajam registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on 11th September 2015.

Trustees are appointed as required. Potential new Trustees are identified and invited to join by agreement of the existing Trustees. Trustee meetings are held during the year at which the activities, direction and finances of the organisation are discussed.

Introduction:

Sudarshanam Hindu Samajam NI is a charity organisation working towards promoting Hindu culture and among Indian Malayalee communities and promoting cultural relationships and exchanges between various communities in Belfast.

Sudarshanam Hindu Samajam is non-denominational. Sudarshanam Hindu Samajam has a child protection policy. Everyone working with the children has been Access NI checked.

Sudarshanam Hindu Samajam has a Vulnerable Person Safeguarding Policy. The trustees wish to record their gratitude and appreciation to the elders, core serve team, children’s teams, house group leaders and the many other people who serve the organisation in various capacities and without whom the organisation could not function.

Objectives and Activities of the Charity

The main purpose of the Sudarshanam Hindu Samajam is to preserve & extend the knowledge of Hindu Culture, profound of Kerala Hindu community in Belfast, in particular, and around Northern Ireland in general. This is not restricted to the Indian population but disseminated to the local community as well. We want to ensure the new generation of Indian do not lose the Kerala Hindu culture of their motherland.

Activities – December 2022 to November 2023

We are proud that we were able to organise the following events which showcased the tradition and culture of Malayalee Hindu community.

2022-2023 Event Calendar				
Date	Events	Venue	Sound & Light Hire	Food
31 Dec 2022	New Year Party	St. Patrick’s Church	Biju Sound & Systems	Nice Catering Services
15 Jan 2023	Makaravilakku	Spectrum Centre	-	Internal
18 Feb 2023	Shivarathri Puja	Member’s Residence	-	Internal
25 Feb 2023	Cancer Charity Event	Action Cancer	-	-
15 April 2023	Vishu Celebrations	Spectrum	Biju Sound & Systems	Internal
30 April 2023	Belfast Marathon	-	-	-
09 July 2023	Sports Day	Dunmurry Community Association	Adam’s Sound & System	Internal
16 July 2023	Summer Picnic	Carnfunnock Country Park	-	Internal
02 Sep 2023	Onam Celebrations	St. MacNissi’s Parish Centre	Adam’s Sound & System	Internal
10 Sep 2023	Sri Krishna Janmashtami celebrations	Spectrum	-	Internal
24 Sep 2023	Ganesh Chaturthi	Spectrum	-	Internal
15 Oct – 24 Oct	Navaratri celebrations	Member’s Residence	-	Internal
12 Nov 2023	Valaikaapu (Baby shower)	Member’s Residence	-	Internal
18 Nov 2023	Diwali celebrations	Spectrum	Adam’s Sound & System	Internal



18 February 2023 – Shivarathri Pooja



Maha Shivarathri (“Great Night of Lord Shiva”) is the most important event in India’s spiritual calendar. Maha Shivarathri festival honours Lord Shiva, also known as “Mahadeva”. Lord Shiva is the oldest revered God in Hinduism, and Maha Shivarathri is a major festival which widely commemorates the conquering of darkness and ignorance in life and is also the night of marriage between Shiva & Shakti (Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati).

One of our Sudarshanam member organised a puja at their residence on 18 February 2023. Shiv puja conducted on this day is highly meritorious and bestows health, wealth, harmony, success and spiritual progress. The other members along with their kids participated in this puja to invoke Lord Shiva’s blessings.

25 February 2023 – Action Cancer Charity Event



Sudarshanam participated in the Action Cancer Charity Event that was held on 25 February 2023. Sudarshanam team put up a food stall for the event selling delicious Indian delicacies and made a profit of £291.50 from the stall. Sudarshanam is proud in being part of this charity event where Action Cancer raised £2,432 in total from the event.



15 April 2023 – Vishu celebrations



Vishu is a cultural festival celebrating the Malayali New Year in Kerala, India. The festival is marked by family time, preparing colourful auspicious items and viewing these as the first thing on the Vishu day (Vishukkani). In particular, Malayalis seek to view the golden blossoms of the Indian laburnum (Kani Konna), money or silver items, cloth (pattu), mirror, rice, coconut, cucumber, fruits and other harvest products. Days before Vishu, people start bursting fireworks at their houses and it concludes with lot of fireworks on day of Vishu. People wear new clothes (Koti) and they eat a feast called Sadhya. In Kaineettam, elders give a small amount of pocket money to children.

At Sudarshanam, we had organised a variety of cultural programs including a Vishu kai neetam and Sadhya. The highlight of this year's Vishu was that we welcomed people outside of Sudarshanam to join us and embrace our culture. A delicious Sadhya was prepared by the Sudarshanam family members. We collected around £1,400 by selling the Vishu tickets, through sponsorship and by selling raffle tickets.

Another highlight was that Sudarshanam donated £780 to Sabarinath. Sabarinath was a 23 year old Malayali student from Trivandrum who came to Queens University Belfast to study. Unfortunately, his whole body was paralysed due to an autoimmune disorder, due to lack of food and nutrition. Shabharinath was at the Musgrave Park Hospital for his treatment and rehabilitation therapy. We were overwhelmed and wanted to contribute towards his journey back to India. Sabarinath safely went back to India in the month of April. Sudarshanam wants to express its gratitude to all its members for the heartfelt contribution in helping Sabarinath go back India safely.





30 April 2023 – Belfast City Marathon



In line with previous years, we formed a 5 Relay team from Sudarshanam and participated in the Belfast City Marathon 2023. As a tribute to our best friend Krishnan Subramanian (Ravi), we named our relay team starting with **R, A, V, I**.

This year, Sudarshanam raised £428 for AWARE NI. AWARE is the Depression Charity for Northern Ireland. AWARE delivers mental health and well-being programmes into communities, schools, colleges, universities and workplaces.

09 July 2023 – Sports Day



Sport is an amazing concept that improves the lives of people. Mental health should not be taken lightly. In order to have a holistic and healthy life, at Sudarshanam we conduct Sports Day for the kids and adults. The sports day celebration showed the commitment that all our members have towards sports. Various activities were conducted, and the winners were awarded with prizes. We also donated £50 to the Dunmurry Community Centre.



16 July 2023 – Summer Picnic



In the summer, we had organised a one-day picnic with the families at the Carnfunnock Country Park. It was a very fun filled day and all the kids including the adults had a wonderful time.

02 September 2023 – Onam celebrations



Onam is an annual harvest and cultural festival related to Hinduism that is celebrated mostly by the people of Kerala. A major annual event for Keralites, it is the official festival of the state and includes a spectrum of cultural events. Onam Festival falls during the Malayali month of Chingam (Aug - Sep) and marks the homecoming of legendary King Mahabali. Carnival of Onam lasts for ten days and brings out the best of Kerala culture and tradition. Intricately decorated Pookalam, ambrosial Onasadya, breathtaking Snake Boat Race and exotic Kaikottikali dance are some of the most remarkable features of Onam - the harvest festival in Kerala.

At Sudarshanam we celebrated Onam on 2 September 2023 with all our members. Thiruvadira by the ladies of Sudarshanam and scrumptious sadhya prepared by the members was the highlight of the celebration. We also conducted Onam games like Vadamvali (tug-of-war), Kulam Kara, Musical chair etc. Overall, it was a fun filled day for all of us at Sudarshanam.



10 September 2023 – Sri Krishna Janmashtami celebrations



Lord Krishna's birth is celebrated as Janmashtami. Lord Krishna's devotees celebrate the day with great devotion and reverence. He is seen as a symbol of divinity, love, and righteousness. His life and teachings inspire devotees to lead a life based on dharma (righteousness), karma (action), and bhakti (devotion).

The kids from Sudarshanam were dressed up as little Krishnas and Radhas. There was traditional Krishna Bhajans and everyone were immersed in the festive atmosphere.

24 September 2023 - Ganesh Chaturthi



Ganesh Chaturthi is a ten-day festival that celebrates the birth of Lord Ganesh (Ganesha), a Hindu deity and god of wisdom and prosperity. As one of the biggest Hindu celebrations in India, Ganesh Chaturthi is celebrated all over the country with massive public and domestic events. We at Sudarshanam performed a small puja and bhajan on this auspicious day invoking Lord Ganesh's blessings. The kids actively participated by dancing and putting up a play demonstrating the story of Ganesh.



18 November 2023 – Diwali celebrations



Diwali is the Hindu festival of lights. It symbolises the spiritual "victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance". The celebrations generally last five or six days. During the festival, the celebrants illuminate their homes, temples and workspaces with diyas (oil lamps), candles and lanterns.

Diwali was yet another successful event hosted by Sudarshanam. We had organised a variety of entertainment for the guests and the members. There was live multicultural program, traditional and Bollywood dance, Indian vegetarian food stalls and many other stalls for the people attending the event. We had also conducted drama, dance, arts and crafts workshops allowing everyone including the locals to participate.

The main reason for the success of this program was because of the support we received from the Belfast City Council. At the start of the year the council had kindly sanctioned us £2,250 to conduct the Diwali celebrations. We would like to thank the Belfast City Council from the bottom of our hearts for this gratitude.

Regular Sunday Sessions

Regular Sunday sessions continued as usual at the Spectrum Centre. Spectrum Centre was not booked for regular activities during the summer months. This was mainly due to the fact that a lot of Sudarshanam members planned long holidays during summer months to visit India. Sunday sessions continued in the usual pattern without much changes. Yoga continued without much interruption.

Purna Vidya Classes could not pick up the momentum due to various factors and we are working hard to revive it to the original state. As part of restructuring Purna Vidya, we had arranged "Train the Teachers" program last year. Thanks to Our Purna Vidya Teacher from England, Vasumati Ji who had shown Great interest in sharing her wisdom to our teachers.

Our Admin team under Pushpa (Chairperson) and Suchitra's (Vice chairperson) leadership have spent quite a good amount of time in Virtual meetings etc to coordinate various activities, Sunday sessions and Food/snack rota. Our Sincere gratitude to all Admin team members.

Also, thanks to all local community leaders, PSNI and the Spectrum Centre for providing their continued support for all our activities.

Our Great Appreciation to Vidhya Ponnuli for all her efforts in systematically looking after the accounts, tracking the subscriptions, paying off expenses and coordinating all banking activities.



Public benefit

Our main Beneficiary was AWARE NI to whom we donated **£428** through Belfast City Marathon Run.

Outcomes:

- Maintaining Hindu Culture among our community by creating awareness.
- Showcasing the importance of our festivals and significance of various rituals.
- By involving local groups, helps in reducing hate crime, racism and prejudice thereby creating a sense of togetherness and contribute towards shared community.
- Encouraging cultural integration and bridging gap within our Local communities.
- A great way in bringing people together and create sense of purpose.

Membership growth:

During the year we had 11 new families joining Sudarshanam and 4 families have left us.

As we grow exponentially, it's essential that we strengthen our relationship, know each other better, their strengths and weaknesses, help each other, share knowledge and ideas so that we all stand unite in all our activities and initiatives.

Achievements

- Participated in the Action Cancer Charity Event.
- Unlike previous years, this year we opened Vishu celebrations to people outside of Sudarshanam and the event was very successful.
- Received a grant of £2,250 from Belfast City Council for Diwali celebrations.
- We now have our inventory tracking system. Still a long way to go but we have at least made a start to keep track of our inventory.
- We were able to successfully implement all the cultural celebrations as discussed in the start of the year.
- Participated in Belfast Marathon and raised funds for AWARE NI.

Challenges

- Bringing our new members to regular Sunday sessions.
- Keeping the momentum of Purna Vidya classes. We need to restart the classes in a regular fashion for our Children to be aware of our cultural heritage.
- Collecting pending Subscription dues.
- Absence of Permanent Office / Venue for Sunday sessions / Storage area



Income and expenditure account for the period from Dec 2022 to Nov 2023

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Conclusion

Sudarshanam team is grateful to all its members for their hard work and dedication to keep Sudarshanam activities going without any breaks. Efforts have been made to address the points members have raised during the general meetings. We are grateful to all the Admin members under the guidance of our Chairperson Pushpa and Vice Chairperson Suchitra for coordinating all the events and making another successful year of representing our cultural values and traditions to our kids. We are looking forward to the coming years for strengthening our relationship to create an atmosphere that helps younger generation benefits more from our existence. Also, we should strive hard to make a more profound positive impact in the community relations in all our activities.

SUDARSHANAM HINDU SAMAJAM

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104670

Annual return

**Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of
Sudarshanam Hindu Samajam 104670**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 30th November 2022, which are set out on page 2 of the Annual Finance report Apr-Nov 2022.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

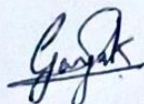
My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Signature: 

Name: Ganga K. Sarosh

Address: 181 Donegal Road, Belfast

Date: 28/01/2024

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Income and expenditure

Sudarshanam holds no assets nor has any liabilities to any other parties.

- **Net Income** from April 2022 to November 2022: **£6589**
- **Net Expenses: £6544**
- **Net Margin: £45**

Major expenditure was for Sunday Sessions Room rent, purchasing cutleries etc
Remaining expenditure was in respect of organising and purchasing items for various cultural activities, gifts for Children ,Annual Event Insurance,Purna Vidya Teachers training and other administrative expenses

Income against expenditure

There was an operating profit of **£45**

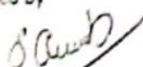
Balance summary as at the end of the November 2022:

Balance carried forward to 2023: **£4153**

Account Summary from April to November 2022

Expenses	££	Income	££
Vishu-2022	587	Carried Forward	4108
Marathon 2022	1011	Monthly Subscription	5578
Sports Day -2022	1002	Miscellaneous	1011
Onam-2022	755		
Diwali-2022	461		
Miscellaneous	2728		
Net Expenses	6544	Net Income	6589
Balance Carried forward to next year	45		
Balance from previous year	4108		
Net Amount Carried forward to 2023	4153		

Signed by



Saneesh Soman

Finance Coordinator

(Treasurer)

Dated: 4th December 2022

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Our first restart was on 12th September 2021 at Spectrum Hall. A General body meeting was held where the following Administration members were elected for the year 2021 – 22

Trustees selected on 12th September 2021:



Position	Member
Chairman	Shibu Sukumaran
Secretary	Surendran Sukumaravarma
Finance Coordinator	Saneesh Soman
Cultural Program Coordinator	Sujitha Sukhesh
Social Media Coordinator	Nithin Nath
Daily Program Coordinator	Manoj Kumar
Yoga & Ethics Coordinator	Umesh Vijayam
Youth Program Coordinator	Pushpa Srikant
Antrim/Ballymena Program Coordinator	Sreejith Mohandas

The legal governance of Sudarshanam Hindu Samajam is the responsibility of the charity trustees.

Trustees are appointed as required. Potential new Trustees are identified and invited to join by agreement of the existing Trustees. Trustee meetings are held during the year at which the activities, direction and finances of the organisation are discussed.

Sudarshanam Hindu Samajam registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on 11th September 2015.

Introduction:

Sudarshanam Hindu Samajam NI is a charity organisation working towards promoting Hindu culture among Indian Malayalee communities and promoting cultural relationships and exchanges between various communities in Belfast. We are proud that we were able to organise/celebrate the events which showcased the tradition and culture of the Malayalee Hindu community.

Sudarshanam Hindu Samajam is non-denominational. We have a child protection policy and anyone working with the children goes through Access NI checks.

Sudarshanam Hindu Samajam has a Vulnerable Person Safeguarding Policy. The trustees wish to record their gratitude and appreciation to the elders, core serve team, childrens' teams and all the others who serve the organisation in various capacities and without whom the organisation could not function.

Objectives and Activities of the Charity:

The main purpose of the Sudarshanam Hindu Samajam is to preserve & extend the knowledge of Hindu Culture, especially among the Kerala Hindu community in Northern Ireland. This is not restricted to the Indian population and is disseminated to the local community as well. Our focus is to sustain the Kerala Hindu Culture and pass the goodness to the next generation.

Activities – April 2022 to November 2022

		2022 Event Calendar		
Date	Festival	Venue	Sound & Light Hire	Food
16th April 2022	Vishu-2022	Lisburn Church Hall	Baiju	Internal
2nd May 2022	Belfast Marathon-2022			Internal
26th June 2022	Sports Day -2022	Dunmurry Grounds	Internal	Internal
11th September	Onam-2022	St.Brides Church Hall	Babu	Internal
26th-4th Oct	Navarathri -2022	Member's Homes		Internal
23rd Oct	Diwali 2022	Antrim church hall	Baiju	Internal

Diwali Celebrations

Date: 7th November 2021

Venue: Antrim St.Joseph's Church Hall

Diwali is one of the major Indian festivals we celebrate since 2016. There was a great level of enthusiasm among all the members and the festival was celebrated with a high level of energy, particularly because this was the first festival we celebrated together after the comeback from the pandemic. It was a fun-filled event with various programs by Children & Adults and mouth-watering

food straight from the kitchen of our members. Fireworks marked the culmination of Diwali at Antrim church hall.



Vishu Celebrations

Date: 16th April 2022

Venue: St.Patrick's Church Hall, Lisburn.

Vishu, the Malayalam new year, is a traditional Hindu festival in Kerala. The festival follows the solar cycle of lunisolar as the first day of the month called Medam. It was a great opportunity for the adults to celebrate the festival in a traditional fashion while the young members had a great chance to observe and learn the rich traditions of the festival.

There were variety of programs from children and adults. The main program attraction was Dashavatharam Play starring all our children that depicted the epic story of Bhagavata Purana. Sumptuous traditional Sudarshanam Sadya cooked at our own kitchen is the Signature for all our festivities and we always receive encouraging feedback from our guests.



2nd May 2022– Belfast Marathon:

We formed 5 Relay teams from 23 members and raised **£555** for the British Red Cross which was officially handed over to BRC on our sports day. An event always to cherish and this is our 5th Year of participation; thanks to all our members who took effort and raised funds through every possible source.

Our fond memories are with Krishnan Subramanian (Ravi), our ardent well-wisher who was always an active forerunner in our Marathon team for the last 2 years. He suddenly passed away on 10th June. As a tribute to our best friend Ravi, we decided to have our 2023 Marathon relay team names starting with **R,A,V,I** ; we are yet to decide on our Beneficiary for 2023 Marathon.



26th June 2022 Sudarshanam Sports Day and Charity donation was a Great success when all the Youth & Adults team participated in various events conducted at Dunmurry grounds



We donated £555 collected from the Belfast Marathon to the British Red Cross intended to support Ukrainian refugees. Ann Marie from the British Red Cross collected the donation on behalf of BRC, Belfast centre. She felicitated the participants and distributed prizes to all our Superstars who had their best day out on a warm May Summer Day.

Onam Celebrations

Date: 10th September 2022

Venue -St.Brides'Church Hall

Onam is the biggest festival in Kerala. Sudarshanam celebrated Onam in its traditional way with floral decorations, various cultural programmes and a traditional feast. It was another great opportunity for Sudarshanam to showcase the rich traditions and a great day for all those who participated in the event.



Major highlight of this year's Onam program was well planned, organized and rehearsed Thiruvathirakali choreographed and performed by all Ladies. It was indeed a colourful treat to watch. Kudos to all amazing girls who made it a great event.

26th Sep to 4th October 2022 – Navarathri Celebrations -

It's been a great idea from our Ladies group to organise Bhajan & Pooja on all 9 days of Navarathri at various houses volunteered by our members. This auspicious occasion of showering knowledge to all our families especially children was launched for the first time last year and it was a grand success. To continue that momentum, we carried on this tradition this year as well. All 9 days we had Bhajana & Pooja at different houses. Apart from the spiritual vibe it created a special unity, happiness and satisfaction for all of the attendees. We would like to continue this as part of our annual events calendar and would encourage all new family members to come forward and take part from next year.



Diwali Celebrations

Date: 23rd October 2022

Venue: Antrim St. Joseph's Church Hall

Diwali is one of the major Indian festivals we have been celebrating without fail since 2016.

This year we had another colourful celebration at Antrim church hall on 23rd October.



Regular Sunday Sessions

Regular Sunday sessions continued as usual at the Spectrum Centre.

As most of our members planned their holidays in the summer months, we did not book any hall for our weekly activities/get together during that period.

Sunday sessions continued in the usual pattern without much changes. Yoga continued without much interruption.

Purna Vidya Classes still could not pick up the momentum due to various factors and we are working hard to revive it to the original state

As part of restructuring Purna Vidya, we have arranged “Train the Teachers “program which is going on in full strength; Thanks to our Purna Vidya Teacher from England, Vasumati ji who had shown Great interest in sharing her wisdom to our teachers.

Our Admin team under Shibu’s leadership had regular Virtual meetings to coordinate various activities, Sunday sessions and Food rota. Our Sincere gratitude to all Admin team members.

Our sincere gratitude are also with Spectrum Centre and Mary Magdalene Church management for providing their continued support to facilitate our activities.

Special mention to our Finance coordinator, Saneesh Soman for all his efforts in systematically looking after the accounts, tracking the subscriptions, paying off expenses and coordinating all banking activities.

Our Big Shout out to all our Admin team members especially Sujita Nair in spite of her personal & official commitments was instrumental in coordinating various cultural activities. We had our monthly planning meeting that helped us in sharing bright ideas and keeping the momentum going in our journey throughout the year.



Public benefit

Our main Beneficiary this year was the British Red Cross for whom we donated £555 for their Refugee Support program collected through Belfast Marathon Run.

Outcomes:

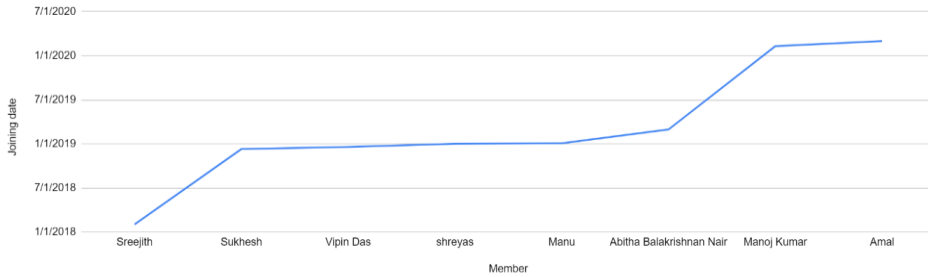
- Maintaining Hindu Culture among our community by creating awareness of our festivals and significance of various rituals.
- By involving local groups, it always helps in reducing hate crime, racism and prejudice thereby creating a sense of togetherness in contributing towards a shared community.
- Encouraging cultural integration and bridging gap within our Local communities

Membership growth:

While we recognize the contribution of all our beloved family members, without which we are not where we are now, we would like to mention the organic growth of Sudarshanam during pre and post pandemic times.

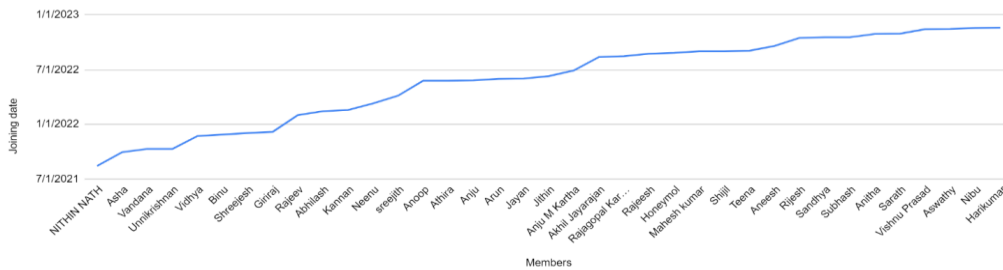
- Our original membership count was 19 till Jan 2018.
- More families started joining from 2018 when we introduced an online membership form for ease of management and tracking.
- 8 families joined during the period 2018-20. Unexpectedly we were also impacted due to pandemic where we had around 18 months break and all our activities were forced to cease from March 2020-September 2021

2018-20 Membership growth



- Major influx started from around July 2021 when many interested families joined as a respite to come out from the lock down fever.
- 38 new families joined from July 2021 till date.
- 6 families left during this period for personal reasons.
- There are 59 Family members as on date.

2021-22 Membership Growth



As we have grown exponentially, it's essential that we strengthen our relationship, know each other better, including strengths and weaknesses, help each other, share knowledge and ideas so that we all stand unite in all our activities and initiatives.

Members joined Pre-2018	19
Members Joined from 2018-2020	8
Members joined since June 2021	38
Members Left	6
Existing count	59

Achievements

- We were able to revive our regular Sudarshanam sessions after an 18 months pandemic break in the best way possible.
- As part of restructuring Purna Vidya, we have arranged "Train the Teachers "program which is going on in full strength; Thanks to Our Purna Vidya Teacher from England, Vasumati Ji who had shown Great interest in sharing her wisdom to our Teachers and Sreejesh Nair for coordinating the teaching session.
- Chenda training team started in October 2022 to encourage our youth and adults to learn & practise our traditional Kerala drums.

- Participated in Belfast Marathon Team Relay and raised funds for the British Red Cross Ukrainian Refugee support in Belfast.

Challenges

- Motivating our new members to attend the regular Sunday Sessions.
- Continuity of Purna Vidya classes and keeping the momentum. We need to restart the classes in a regular fashion for our Children to be aware of our cultural heritage.
- Collecting pending subscription dues.
- Venue for Sunday Sessions or for celebrating event due to absence of Permanent Office or availability of venues when we need it.
- Not enough storage space
- Sudarshanam Inventory tracking

Income and expenditure

Sudarshanam holds no assets nor has any liabilities to any other parties.

- **Net Income** from April 2022 to November 2022: **£6589**
- **Net Expenses:** **£6544**
- **Net Margin:** **£45**

Major expenditure was for Sunday Sessions Room rent, purchasing cutleries etc

Remaining expenditure was in respect of organising and purchasing items for various cultural activities, gifts for Children ,Annual Event Insurance,Purna Vidya Teachers training and other administrative expenses

Income against expenditure

There was an operating profit of **£45**

Balance summary as at the end of the November 2022:

Balance carried forward to 2023: **£4153**

Account Summary from April to November 2022

Expenses	££	Income	££
Vishu-2022	587	Carried Forward	4108
Marathon 2022	1011	Monthly Subscription	5578
Sports Day -2022	1002	Miscellaneous	1011
Onam-2022	755		
Diwali-2022	461		
Miscellaneous	2728		
Net Expenses	6544	Net Income	6589
Balance Carried forward to next year	45		
Balance from previous year	4108		
Net Amount Carried forward to 2023	4153		

Conclusion

Sudarshanam team is grateful to all its members for their hard work and dedication to keep Sudarshanam activities going without any breaks. Efforts have been made to address the points that members have raised during the general meetings. We are grateful to our cultural program coordination team led by Sujita Nair for successfully organizing cultural activities involving all our young children that showcased our Values and traditions. We are looking forward to the coming years for strengthening our relationship within our families and to create an atmosphere that helps younger generation benefits more from our existence. Also, we should all strive hard to make a more profound and positive impact to the community by contributing more that can benefit next generation.

SUDARSHANAM HINDU SAMAJAM

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104670

Annual return

**Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of
Sudarshanam Hindu Samajam 104670**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 30th November 2022, which are set out on page 2 of the Annual Finance report Apr-Nov 2022.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

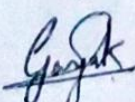
My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Signature: 

Name: Ganga K. Suresh

Address: 181 Donegal Road, Belfast

Date: 28/01/2024