



**BanyanTree**  
Network

# UK Launch Event

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Join us as we bring together global policy builders and community leaders for a weekend of networking, strategic vision and insights.



Date:

29th & 30th August, 2026

Timings:

8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Location:

Abbey CL, Paisley Townhall, Glasgow PA1 1JF

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# 01 BTN Welcome Note

## A Living Ecosystem for a Shared Future.

It is a pleasure to welcome you to the Banyan Tree Network. Inspired by the iconic banyan tree where a single organism grows into a vast, interconnected forest of roots and branches the network is a collective of thinkers, doers, and organisations dedicated to the renewal and celebration of Dharmic culture and wisdom.

In today's fast-paced world, it can be easy to feel like an isolated branch. At the Banyan Tree Network, we believe that we are stronger when we are connected. Much like the tree that gives us our name, we provide a "canopy" of support a space where diverse initiatives can remain independent and unique, yet draw strength from the same rich soil of shared values, mutual respect, and civilizational pride.

Whether you are here as an individual seeker, a community leader, or an organisation looking to collaborate, you are joining a movement that values:

- **Interconnectedness:** Building bridges across our diverse communities to foster unity and resilience.
- **Knowledge & Heritage:** Preserving and promoting the profound wisdom of Indian traditions for the contemporary world.
- **Sustainable Growth:** Supporting one another to ensure our collective efforts flourish for generations to come.

We invite you to explore this brochure, discover our partner organisations, and find your place within our growing ecosystem. Together, we aren't just building a network; we are cultivating a legacy.





## 02 The Journey So Far

The organization's initial launch at a significant gathering in New Jersey, USA. That inaugural meeting of the minds served as the foundation for the network, bringing together a diverse array of Hindu organizations from around the world. It was a remarkable milestone to witness such global representation coming together to foster the connections and collaborations that have now culminated in this expansive civilizational ecosystem.

The Banyan Tree Network successfully convened a landmark leadership gathering at the Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, on November 15, 2025, marking a landmark moment for the organization. This high level forum brought together a strategic collective of Dharma aligned leaders, scholars, and institutions dedicated to strengthening a civilizational ecosystem.

The event was characterized by a professional commitment to networking and cross-sector collaboration, featuring panel discussions on "Dharmic Leadership" and "Sacred Synergies" that facilitated high-impact dialogue among senior advocates and leaders.

These interactions established a robust framework for coordinated action and shared purpose within the community. Furthermore, the assembly served to honor the thirty-year legacy of the Infinity Foundation and the pioneering work of Rajiv Malhotra.





## 03 Namaste Scotland

### *A Warm Scottish Namaste.*

It is a profound honour to welcome you to Glasgow for this historic occasion.

As Scotland's largest city, Glasgow has always been a place of community, culture and history. Today, it serves as the proud host of the first-ever international convention brought to Scotland by the Hindu community. This is not just an event; it is a landmark moment in our shared history, marking a new chapter of visibility, impact, and vision for Scottish Hindus across the nation.

Here today at the historic Paisley Town Hall, Glasgow a world-class venue, renowned for its industrial heritage, its vibrant cultural scene, and its spirit of innovation. Yet, for us, it holds a deeper significance.

Glasgow stands as the heart of Scotland's Hindu community, hosting its largest concentration of Hindus and a vibrant network of Mandirs. Through Mandirs represented here today and across the nation, the Scottish Hindu community has woven the values of Sewa and Dharma into the very tartan of Scottish life.

This event is more than simply sharing ideas; This event marks the first international platform initiated by the Scottish Hindu community, triumphantly showcasing how our vibrant heritage enriches the thriving, multicultural tapestry of this great city. May the discussions held here ignite new inspirations and leave a lasting legacy for generations to come.



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# 04 Concept Note

## *A Global Civilizational Design.*

Hinduism endures not just as a way of life or religion, but also as a living civilisation. While often described as a religion or a way of life, these definitions are incomplete; they fail to explain how a tradition survives millennia, regenerates after repeated shocks, and reappears reinvigorated across geography and time. Hinduism is a civilisational reality that requires more than sentiment to thrive it requires intentionality, durability, and design.

Historically, a core aspect of the Hindu civilisational frameworks were its geographic anchor. Today, that constraint has dissolved. Hindu society is now global economically, intellectually, and demographically dispersed, yet civilisation ties bind it. This shift transforms our responsibility and requires a new way of thinking.

A global civilisation cannot function as a loose collection of cultural affinities; it must act with intent rather than cultural instinct. It must think in terms of long-term needs, internal coherence, and capacity building.

The Banyan Tree Network exists to provide this connective structure. Aligning institutions, talent, and thought across geographies to serve interests across generations. Critically, moving beyond performative gestures to effective action. Building the educational, intellectual, and organisational frameworks necessary to sustain a collective memory.

Participation in this project requires more than a slogan. It demands civilisational consciousness: clarity of purpose, loyalty to continuity, and a commitment to building institutions.



29TH AUGUST 2026

# 05 Program Day 1



For program details scan

8:30 AM	Registration
9:30 AM	Diya and Welcome Ceremony
10:00 AM	Keynote
10:30 AM	BREAK
10:45 AM	<p>Session 1: A Silent Exodus? Hindus in Britain Today</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• UK MP</li><li>• Scottish MSP</li><li>• Senior Civil Servant/Policy Advisor</li><li>• Interfaith Leader</li><li>• Hindu Institution Builder</li><li>• Hindu Data Driven Voice</li><li>• Global Hindu Voice</li></ul>
11:45 AM	Panel Town Hall with Audience Q&A
12:45 PM	LUNCH BREAK
1:45 PM	<p>Session 2: Winning the Room</p> <p>SPEAKER 1: THE NECESSARY CONDITIONS FRAMEWORK Focus on representation pipelines, state interface, legal readiness, institutional coordination, public appointments, and a step-by-step diagnostic for Hindu civic infrastructure.</p> <p>SPEAKER 2: HOW OTHER MINORITY COMMUNITIES BUILD INFLUENCE An analytical case study on political pipelines, policy capability, legal advocacy, media discipline, and sustainable funding models, focusing on what is replicable for Hindus.</p>
2:45 PM	<p>Session 3: Mandirs as Civic Infrastructure</p> <p>Mandirs are trusted centres of Hindu life, but their role is too often confined to ritual. They are not yet functioning as hubs for talent, leadership, and civic capacity. Unlocking this potential is critical for long-term community influence.</p>
3:45 PM	BREAK
4:00 PM	Session 4: Global Hindu Thought Leader: 2nd Keynote + Town Hall
5:00 PM	Closing Remarks



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# 05 Program Day 2



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9:30 AM	<p>Session 1: A Silent Exodus? Hindus in Britain Today</p> <p>THE ANATOMY OF A WIN: HINDUPHOBIA CASE STUDY - SCOTLAND Hinduphobia Policy Initiatives in Scotland</p> <p>SWASTIKA CASE STUDY - CANADA CoHNA and the Canadian policy reversal on the misclassification of the</p>				
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1:15 PM	LUNCH BREAK				
2:15 PM	<p>DHARMIC DRAGONS DEN</p> <p>A fast-paced pitch session where attendees bring practical ideas to strengthen the Banyan Tree Network. Selected pitches will receive live feedback from a panel of BTN leaders and practitioners, with the strongest proposals invited into a post-event working group for delivery.</p>				
4:00 PM	Session 3: 3rd Keynote by Rajiv Malhotra + Town Hall				
5:00 PM	Closing Remarks				

# 06 Founder's Message

It is a profound honour to be a part of this historic gathering in Glasgow. When we look at the Banyan Tree Network, we are not looking at a mere social collective; we are working to build a vital piece of infrastructure for the Hindu community across the globe.

My aspiration for this network is that it becomes the intellectual and social glue for our global diaspora. For too long, our communities have been fragmented by linguistic differences, regionalism, or narrow institutional interests.

We must move from being reactive to being proactive, shifting our focus toward growing our institutional memory and cohesiveness. Creating the intellectual capital to define our own narrative on our own terms, ensuring that the ancient wisdom of our ancestors is articulated with a sophistication that the modern world respects.

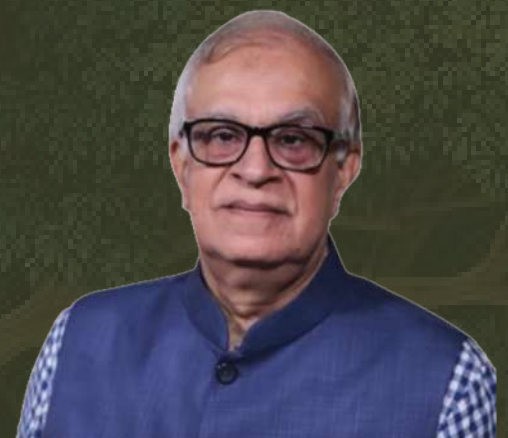
The United Kingdom holds a unique and strategic position in this global movement. As a primary site where the historical narrative of Hinduism was once authored by those who thought differently, the UK is now the most critical place for the "New Narrative" to be written by the community itself.

With a highly educated and successful diaspora, the community must move its success to advocacy. You are positioned at the heart of Western academic and political discourse; it is time to invest in a generation of thinkers and leaders who can champion Dharma in the public square.

Seeing this convention take root in Glasgow is deeply heartening. By weaving our values into the "Scottish Tartan," you prove that our heritage is both universal and additive.

*Rajiv Malhotra*

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## 07 Scottish Hindu Foundation Banyan Tree Network

The Scottish Hindu Foundation is proud to stand as a foundational root for the Banyan Tree Network (BTN), a partnership that epitomises the strength of a unified Dharmic Framework. By aligning with this global ecosystem, we are moving beyond isolated community efforts toward a sophisticated model of international collaboration.

Our partnership with global organisations through BTN allows us to exchange intellectual capital and strategic resources, ensuring that the ancient wisdom of Dharma is not only preserved but articulated with modern relevance on the world stage.

By leveraging the BTN's infrastructure and collective intelligence, we are streamlining our efforts to move from reactive community management to proactive cultural leadership. This smart approach ensures that every initiative from educational seminars to social policy is data-driven, professionally executed, and strategically aligned with our global peers.

Scotland provides the ideal soil for this growth. Renowned globally for its "Enlightenment" heritage, Scotland possesses a unique culture for research, development, and innovation. The Scottish Hindu Foundation seeks to harness this national spirit, positioning Glasgow and Edinburgh as hubs for Dharmic R&D.

We are inviting scholars and innovators to utilise the Scottish intellectual landscape to stress-test ideas and develop new narratives. By blending our Scottish values with Dharmic values, we are creating a unique synthesis that contributes to the thriving, multicultural tapestry of our nation while strengthening the global Banyan tree.



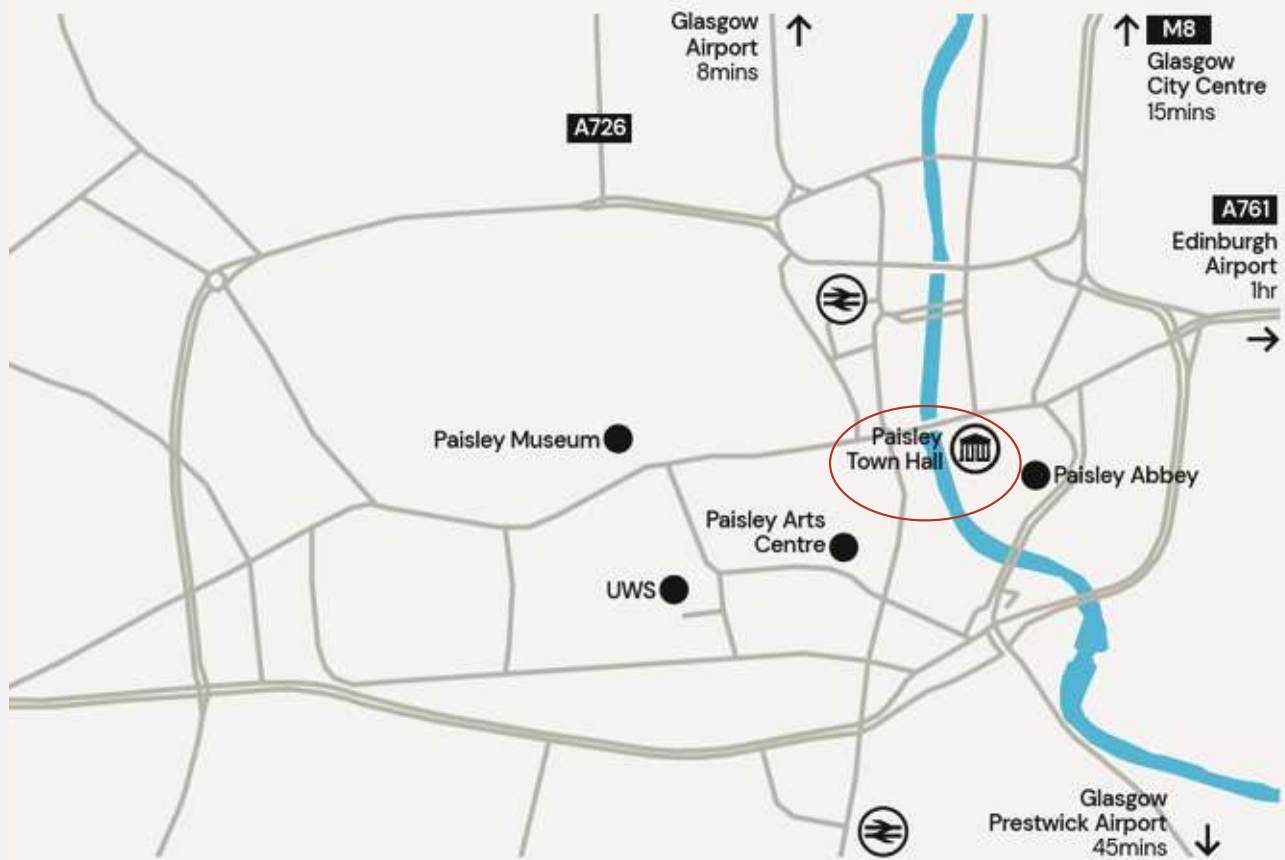
## 08 The Venue

Standing as a proud symbol of Victorian architectural mastery, Paisley Town Hall is more than just a building; it is a monument to the town's and Scotland's rich industrial heritage and enduring civic pride. Gifted to the people by the Clark family of the world-renowned Anchor Thread Mills, a Grade A-listed landmark has served as the cultural heartbeat of Renfrewshire since its completion in 1882.

The building was designed by William Henry Lynn and William Young at the renowned architectural firm Rennison & Scott, who won a prestigious competition in the 1870s to create a structure that would embody the town's growing wealth and global influence. With its striking clock tower and intricate stonework, it remains one of Scotland's most prestigious examples of nineteenth-century design. The recent multi-million-pound restoration, the Town Hall has been transformed into a world-class destination that marries historic opulence with cutting-edge modernity. Its Main Hall, characterized by soaring ceilings, ornate cornices, and breathtaking acoustics, provides an atmosphere of unparalleled grandeur.

Within these storied walls, we are that honored to host the UK Launch of the Banyan Tree Network. This venue serves as the perfect backdrop for a network dedicated to growth and international excellence. We invite you to experience the legacy of the past as we branch out into a vibrant, collaborative future.





## 09 Travel

### → By Train:

Paisley Gilmour Street is the primary station, located just a 5-minute walk from the Town Hall. Frequent direct services run from Glasgow Central, with a journey time of approximately 10 to 15 minutes.

### → By Car:

Routes: The town hall is served by the M8 motorway. From Glasgow City Centre, it is typically a 20-minute drive.

Parking: While there is limited parking directly at the venue, several public car parks are available within a short walking distance in Paisley town centre.

→ Hotel Partner: Holiday Inn

### → From Glasgow Airport:

The venue's proximity to Glasgow Airport (GLA) makes it an ideal location for international guests. The airport is approximately 2 miles (3.2 km) away. By taxi or car, the journey usually takes about 8 to 10 minutes depending on traffic. The 757 bus provides a direct link from the airport to Paisley town centre in about 15 minutes.

### → By Bus:

Major stops are located on Gauze Street and Smithhills Street, both of which are just minutes away on foot.



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We believe the best events aren't just attended—they're built through meaningful partnerships. By sponsoring Banyan Tree UK Launch you aren't just putting your logo on a banner; you're connecting with an engaged audience and helping us bring a unique vision to life.

### → *Let's Start a Conversation*

Ready to explore the possibilities? We'd love to grab a chai (virtual or otherwise) to discuss how we can tailor a partnership that meets your goals.

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# 11 Grow Together

## *How to Join the initiative*

Whether you are an individual professional looking to offer your expertise or an organization seeking to align with a global strategic framework, there is a place for you under the canopy.

### **For Individuals:**

Become a individual contributor, offer your skills in policy, law, media, or tech to support civilisational projects.

### **For Organizations:**

Become a organisation contributor, align your mission with a global network to scale your impact, share resources, and present a unified front for common interests

We invite you to move beyond identity as a performance and embrace Hindutva as civilisational consciousness. Join the Banyan Tree Network today and help us engineer a durable, global, and dignified future for our tradition

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