

# National Hindu Students' Forum (NHSF) (UK)



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## WHO IS INVOLVED WITH THE ORGANISATION?

As the name suggests, this is a student organisation run by and for students.

Our chapter committees are formed of students based on campus who run their local societies on a day-to-day basis

We have members who are sixth formers, undergraduates and postgraduates, including international students. Our national committee also contains recent graduates, using their experiences gained at university to benefit NHSF work, and we have an advisory board that provide guidance and direction. Alumni of the organisation often remain involved in many capacities.

## WHAT IS NHSF?

National Hindu Students' Forum (UK) is the largest Hindu student body in Europe, which aims to protect, preserve, practice and promote Hindu Dharma through the empowerment of the Hindu student population.

## HOW DOES NHSF FUNCTION?

NHSF functions on many different levels. The majority of NHSF activity is based on campus at the many university Hindu societies active across the country, with these societies organising events catered to the needs of their members. Contact with the local Hindu community is also maintained, keeping Hindu students in touch and involved with the wider Hindu samaj. Another level of NHSF activity is the national events organised to bring together Hindu students from across the country. Our national publications endeavor to inform and debate, whilst our PR team exists to ensure cohesion with the wider Hindu population and with society at large. In brief, NHSF functions in a multi-layered and very dynamic way!

## WHAT DOES NHSF DO?

A neat summary would be to say that we aspire to build the foundations for a strong and vibrant Hindu community by establishing a youth orientated proactive agenda, but that doesn't even begin to describe the activity of the organisation. We aim to fulfil the cultural, spiritual, educational and social needs of all our members through a wide range of campus and national activities. We also provide a platform for Hindu students to air their views, through our publications and we look to represent the concerns of and highlight any problems faced by Hindu students. To find out more about what is going on, visit the 'events' section of this app.

## WHO DOES NHSF REPRESENT?

We represent over 4,000 Hindu students from universities and colleges across the UK. If your Hindu society is part of our network, we represent you.

That means we are here to provide for your needs and to raise your concerns.



### **WHO DOES NHSF WORK WITH?**

NHSF strives to maintain open working relationships with all other Hindu organisations, both youth-orientated and general. We also work with other student organisations to ensure your needs as a student are being met, as well as your needs as a Hindu. We have traditionally worked well with the NUS and UJS.

### **WHO SUPPORTS NHSF?**

We look to the wider Hindu community for support, be that on a local samaj level or from national organisations. However, ultimately this organisation exists for and because of Hindu students: without you, there is no NHSF.

### **WHERE DOES NHSF ACQUIRE FUNDS?**

NHSF is not funded solely by any group or organisation, and raises its finance through a variety of ways including donations, sponsorships, and membership fees. In order to be able to provide more for the Hindu youth we represent, we need more support both from the Hindu community and society at large.

### **WHY WAS NHSF FOUNDED?**

NHSF were founded OVER 20 years ago, as it was felt that there was a lack of representation for Hindu students at university. There are needs and requirements specific to Hindus that were just not met by the Asian and Indian societies in existence at that time. NHSF has grown much since those beginnings, but we aim to be true to that initial goal: to concern ourselves with the welfare of Hindu students.

### **IS NHSF RELEVANT TO ME AS A HINDU STUDENT?**

Absolutely! If you are a Hindu student, we are here to support you, both, as a Hindu and as a student. We provide a variety of opportunities that will empower you to become strong, contributing members of society beyond university. We are here to look after your needs, raising any issues you may have and help you to develop both as an individual and as a member of the Hindu samaj.

### **IS NHSF RELEVANT TO ME AS A NON-HINDU?**

By simply downloading this app, you have made it relevant to you. Whether you hold an academic interest in Hindu student life or are merely curious, NHSF is here to help.

### **HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?**

To see how you can benefit from being involved in NHSF, and how you can contribute, join your campus Hindu society; a list of these can be found from the 'campus' section. Every campus is different and you will have the chance to be part of a variety of events and activities.

### **HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE?**

One of the best ways to gain more information on NHSF is to continue to browse our app or visit our website [www.nhsf.org.uk](http://www.nhsf.org.uk); please bear with us as we expand many sections and continue working on the site. If you want to contact us with regards to something specific, e-mail the relevant National Committee member (can be found in this section). For anything else, e-mail [info@nhsf.org.uk](mailto:info@nhsf.org.uk) and the relevant team member will contact you.

