



Sponsorship proposal

6th World Zoroastrian
Youth Congress 2015
Auckland, New Zealand

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Proposal

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Zoroastrian Youth of New Zealand (ZYNZ), with the guidance of the Zarathushtrian Association of New Zealand (ZANZ) will be hosting the 6th World Zoroastrian Youth Congress at Kings College in Auckland, New Zealand between the 28th of December and the 2nd of January 2016.

Over six intense days filled with workshops, innovative and inspirational key note speakers, and social networking, the ZYNZ will play host to Zoroastrian Youth from across the globe in what will be one of the first ecologically conscious congresses. The youth will come together to experience a Congress intended to educate, engage and motivate them to embrace our treasured culture, enhance our unique traditions and evolve to create a united future. In essence, our motto, Embrace...Enhance...Evolve.

Every four years a World Zoroastrian Youth Congress (WZYC) is hosted by the selected country, and the Zoroastrian youth of that country come together to organize the monumental event. This congress is for Zoroastrians aged 15 to 35 years and is a way to educate youth about their culture and religion. It also provides a platform for new global relationships to be formed. Being an international event, each congress normally attracts between 200 - 300 delegates. In 2011, the 5th WZYC was held in Vancouver, Canada and had attracted just over 520 youth. (Please refer to the website: <http://www.zsbc.org/congress2011/>)

We are humbly requesting you to help and support us by becoming a sponsor for our Congress. Your sponsored funds will be allocated towards the costs of accommodation, food, transport, and entertainment. It will also assist us by adding to the quality of our programme, speakers and material, whilst keeping costs affordable.

With this letter we are including the sponsorship packages for your very kind perusal. Your participation and generous donation will further motivate the ZYNZ, who have taken on this challenging task to work harder at achieving our desired goals. We stand as the future generation and hope to grow together as we learn from one another. By giving us your support you do not just help us grow; you help us succeed.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or queries about sponsoring the Congress and thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Tinaz Karbhari

Chair
6th World Zoroastrian Youth Congress, 2015
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Sponsorship Packages

GOLD – NZD \$15,000.00

A Gold Sponsor will receive

You / your organisation will be given a full page spread within the congress booklet, as well a personal or corporate testimonial on our website and a mention at both the opening and closing ceremonies.

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All key sponsors will have their logo publicised on our website.

Other than these four main Sponsorship categories we welcome any sponsorship under NZD\$5,000.00.

We are also open to donations in cash or kind. All sponsorship and donations will receive mention in our Congress booklet.



Congress Overview

What is a World Zoroastrian Youth Congress?

The World Zoroastrian Youth Congress (WZYC) is a body that has been formed to nurture a better understanding of the religion amongst the Zoroastrian youth worldwide, whilst also creating a platform for friendships to bloom. A WZYC is held every four years by a host country and it's Zoroastrian Association. In 2015, the 6th WZYC will take place at Kings College, Auckland and will be organised by the Zoroastrian Youth of New Zealand (ZYNZ); the youth wing of the Zarathushtrian Association of New Zealand (ZANZ). The age group for the attendees will be from 15-35 years.

Who are Zoroastrians and where did Zoroastrianism originate?

Zoroastrianism is an ancient religion founded some time before the 6th century BCE in Persia or Greater Iran. Followers of the religion are known as Zoroastrians and they worship Zarathushtra (The founder of Zoroastrianism). The history of the faith spans its rise and decline through the centuries and is marked by a series of empires which culminate in tumultuous persecutions. Like Judaism, the resulting diaspora of Zoroastrians today comprises of pockets of concentrated populations scattered around the globe in countries like the United States, Canada, Iran, Great Britain and Australia. Despite a dying population, the faith is progressive in its teachings and basic tenants which preach good thoughts, good words and good deeds. The future of the religion, however, necessitates change and evolution if it is to survive and the onus today is on the youth to ensure its posterity. Congresses like this one create the necessary forum for Zoroastrian youth from all over the world to meet and form friendships and thus it is our aim to organise a cherished event.

Who is ZANZ and the ZYNZ?

ZANZ is a non-profit organisation that was established in 1996 for the welfare of the Zoroastrian community in Auckland, New Zealand and the broader community overseas. Its primary objective has been to preserve the cultural and religious identity of Zoroastrians in New Zealand. Over the years they have successfully organised a wide range of events which include Navroze functions, sports competitions, hosting guest speakers and producing various plays. The youth have also been brought together by the Christmas parties, prayer classes and holiday events.

The ZYNZ has been formed for the 6th World Zoroastrian Youth Congress (WZYC) and its main objective is to facilitate and ensure smooth management of tasks leading up to the event. The youth have formulated and chosen which committees to be involved in based on their specific interests & skill sets. Having diverse backgrounds, the ZYNZ bring together many skills, and as a result are an all-rounded group. Any tasks set for us will be accomplished as a team.

Our aim for the Congress

As the ZYNZ, we envision creating a global platform for Zoroastrian youth to embrace our treasured culture, enhance our unique traditions and evolve to unite our future. In doing so, we will provide a memorable religious and social experience, as well as a strong networking base for our young global Zoroastrian delegates. Furthermore, this will be the first eco-friendly congress which is elaborated below.



How are we going to achieve our aim?

New Zealand and Zoroastrianism have an important common theme: New Zealand is reputed to be a 'clean green' country and Zoroastrianism is recognized as an environmentally conscious religion due to the rituals and injunctions that aim to safeguard nature from polluting influences. We will endeavour to make this event memorable - as the first ecologically conscious World Zoroastrian Youth Congress. This will be done by spreading awareness of our country's pristine environment along with our religion's customs to the best of our ability.

One particular way this has already started to be achieved is through CUE Haven; an initiative run by Thomas and Mahrukh Stazyk that is committed to the preservation of native plant and animal life. The 60 acre farm in Araparera, Auckland, is to be reconverted into native forest. The restoration plan will be completed over a 15 year period, as the detailed re-vegetation attempts to create a haven among all too common stretches of agricultural land being divided and sub-divided for lifestyle blocks or property development.

The parallel between the objectives of this Congress and that of the cause is drawn in the need for collective effort. We see this Congress as an opportunity to stress the necessity to evolve as a faith and a community. Like the trees being planted, we can only secure perpetuity through adaptability once our roots take to foreign ground. The Stazyk's are admirably dedicated to preserving this land's legacy just as this Congress is in preserving that of our religion.

For every NZD\$10.00 that is donated, ZYNZ will plant a native New Zealand tree at CUE Haven to help offset the carbon footprints of delegates attend, furthermore, creating a greener future for the wider community.

Overall, with all of the support, encouragement and dedication of ZANZ and the Zoroastrian community in Auckland and worldwide, the youth are very confident that they will be able to host this event with great success!