

***National Sikh
Youth Federation***
ANNUAL REPORT 2019/2020



The National Sikh Youth Federation (NSYF) is a collective of Sikh activists, artists, and academics established in 2012 and based in Southall that exists to serve the Panth Khalsa.

Over the last 7 years the NSYF has developed high quality researched based resources to create dialogue in the Sikh community. Our resources have been used all over the Sikh diaspora and through our work we have built links with Panthic organisations all over the world.

As well as producing resources NSYF has engaged in public discourse, both within the Panth, in academic spaces, and in national and international media to offer a panth-centric perspective on key Sikh issues.

In September last year, with the support of the Sangat NSYF took the step to go fulltime, by employing one team member. This has resulted in a huge increase of Panthic related activity; we have been able to travel thousands of miles from the UK to North America and even Australia where we were invited by Sikh Sangat to deliver much needed Parchaar, delivering lectures, facilitating workshops and most importantly building competencies and relationships with Gursikh Panthic minded Naujawaan.

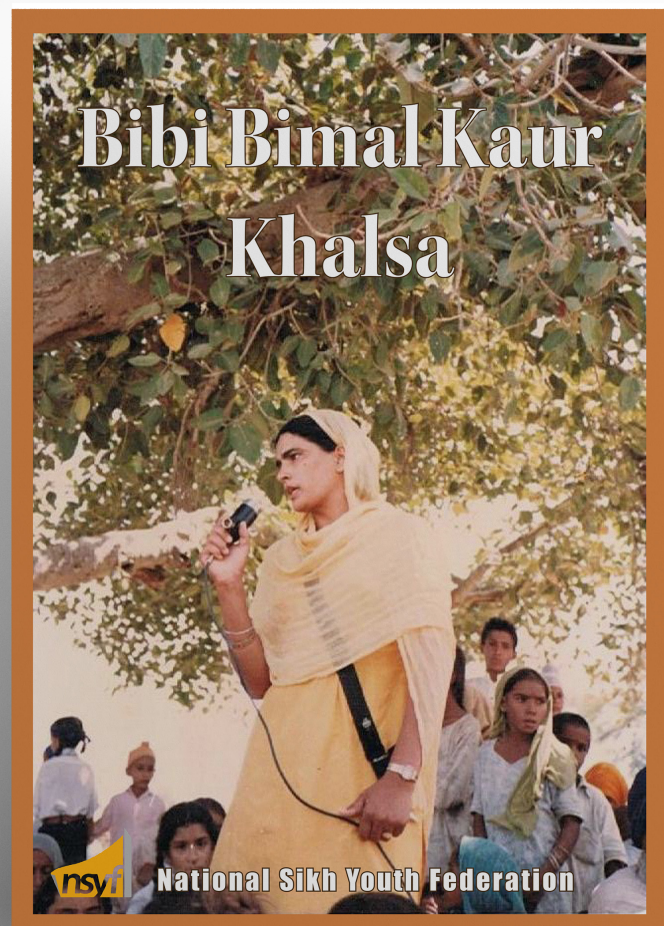
As for most people Covid-19 has had a devastating effect which effectively put a stop to all our planned public speaking and engagements, however the most unfortunate cancellation was the screening of 'Battle of Amrtisar', a documentary which the NSYF has been working with partner organizations to complete for the past 4 years. We had planned a major launch and even booked theatres for a nationwide screening tour of this groundbreaking project this past June. With the onset of Covid-19 we have had to radically alter our projects and plans and innovatively launched virtual workshops, lectures and podcasts as well as working on research and writing projects such as the Martyrdom of Bib Bimal Kaur and a book on the Sikh Sangarsh. The much awaited 'Battle of Amrtisar' documentary will now be released in June 2021, alongside several other projects which we have been working on during the pandemic.

We thank you for your continued support and look forward to sharing our upcoming projects with you.

BIBI BIMAL KAUR MAGAZINE

Bibi Ji was a fearless advocate for the Sikhs of Punjab and to mark her martyrdom NSYF released a magazine dedicated to this icon of the Khalistan struggle.

This magazine has been the product of intense research into Bibi Bimal Kaur's life, which involved meeting one of her sons, Bhai Jaswinder Singh, to corroborate key facts and information.



AUSTRALIA TOUR

Sponsored by United Sikh Youth Federation Australia

Sydney

Gurdwara talk / Workshops / Nagar Kirtan Speech / Sikh youth conference

Melbourne

Gurdwara talks / Shauni / Singh Sabha Youth Workshops

Brisbane

Seminar / Workshop / Youth Camp



Firstly, we would like to thank Shamsher Singh and the NSYF team for coming down to us and giving us much needed youth gathering, and ignite an array of discussions of topics which many individuals from the youth or family try to avoid... with veerji's visit we have been able to begin discussions on topics which other groups, Gurudwara's and also society attempted to avoid...

...The impact on our community in Australia has been extraordinary, with the assistance and guidance from veerji the youth has been able to develop a firm platform where they can speak and communicate their thoughts and discuss issues such as the mass genocides, how Sikhs are being oppressed by the Governments, the impact of British invading our territories and what they have stolen from us. Furthermore, we have been taught on what we can do to stand against and allow for future generations to further grow our platform which we did not have prior.

United Sikh Youth Federation Australia



UNITED SIKH YOUTH FEDERATION
Presents



BHAI SHAMSHER SINGH AUSTRALIA TOUR 2019

6th November - 25 November

YOUTH'S ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES TO
KHALSA PANTH

TALKS
SPEECHES
WORKSHOPS
Q&A'S

AS A SIKH WHAT ARE OUR RESPONSIBILITIES
TOWARDS, HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN THE
WORLD, SIKH REPRESENTATION & LEADERSHIP IN
WESTERN COUNTRIES, SIKH IDENTITY, PANTHIK
SEVA, WORLDLY & SIKH POLITICS, CONCEPT OF MIRI-
PIRI, INVOLVEMENT OF YOUTH IN PANTHIK
INITIATIVES & SEVA'S ETC.

SYDNEY, BRISBANE, MELBOURNE

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UNHEARD VOICES



We invited Shamsheer Singh from NSYF to Unheard Voices Open Mic Night to highlight what it means to decolonize and embrace our Sikh roots in a western society. With NSYF's immense background on Sikh history, philosophy, and research, they were a good fit for this topic. During this event, Shamsheer Singh provided a rich perspective on the importance of Khalistan and what it means to uphold the foundation that our Gurus have constructed for us. With this event, the youth was able to express their unique experiences and engage with this concept of embracing their Sikh roots. United

Unheard Voices

Invited by Seattle Sikh Youth to take part in their main annual event



Unheard Voices

Open Mic Night

Join us for a night to share how Sikhi and Punjabi culture has influenced your journey in **embracing your roots in a western society**. This is a safe place to express your life experiences and how that has mentally shaped who you are today.

Featuring these Poets & Speakers



Harpreet Kaur



Shamsheer Singh

University of Washington
Ethnic Cultural Theatre - Red Building
3940 Brooklyn Ave N.E.

October 19th, 2019 5pm-9pm

Spots are limited
Ages 15-40

To participate to speak, or for any questions
please contact us on:

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Phone: (206) 458-4259

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LECTURE AND DISCUSSION

at UC Berkeley

UC Berkeley Sikh Student Association presents

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ਸਚੁ ਕੋਟੁ ਸਤਾਣੀ ਨੀਵੁ ਦੈ

Guru Nanak Sahib established sovereignty

on the foundation of the fortress of truth.

- Guru Granth Sahib Ji, Ang 966, Bhatt Satta Ji & Balwand Ji

**A discussion on Sikh freedom and envisioning
Guru Nanak Dev Ji's revolution in the 21st century**



Bhai Shamsheer Singh

Co-Founder of the National Sikh Youth Federation UK



Wednesday | October 23 | 8-10 PM | Dwinelle 145





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NSYF is amongst the few Sikh organizations with global outreach that actively work towards the cause of Sikh sovereignty and tackling the issues that our Sikh diaspora continues to face. Bhai Shamsher Singh led a discussion on how Guru Nanak Sahib’s revolution (with its physical manifestation being in Kartarpur Sahib) translates in the twenty-first century. The vichar interrogated current political dynamics that exist in our diaspora, and gave the Sangat attending a holistic approach to look at Sikh history with, right up from our Guru Sahiban establishing city-states to the current struggle of ending Indian occupation in Punjab. We do ardaas in front of Guru Maharaj that the Sevadaars of NSYF continue to build Panthic unity with other organizations, sustain the critical dialogue they are creating in Sikh student circles, and raise the much needed awareness on our forgotten chapters.



UC Berkeley Sikh Student Association

KAUR FACTION

NSYF is dedicated to creating space for KaurS and investing resources in nurturing the next generation of Panthic leadership. We were delighted in launching Kaur Faction a space designed by and for KaurS, and look forward to reopening these spaces as soon as it safe to do so.



KAUR FACTION

In memory of
Bibi Bimal Kaur
& Bibi Upkar Kaur;
35 years on

SELF CARE

Hosted by Jaspreet Kaur

A Kaur safe space to discuss, learn & build on the key roles KaurS hold in our Panth through regular **monthly meetings**.

22nd September, 1-3pm, The Lodge (next to Park Ave Gurdwara), UB1 3AG (Register via Eventbrite)



KAUR FACTION

In memory of
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& Bibi Upkar Kaur;
35 years on

SIKH POETRY

Hosted by Jaspreet Kaur
with Prabhsharandeep Singh
DPhil Oxford University

A Kaur safe space to discuss, learn & build on the key roles KaurS hold in our Panth through regular **monthly meetings**.

18th August, 1-3pm, The Lodge (next to Park Ave Gurdwara), UB1 3AG (Register via Eventbrite)



Kaur Faction

In memory of
Bibi Bimal Kaur &
Bibi Upkar Kaur:
35 years on

SIKHI & DECOLONISATION

With Shamsheer Singh

An all female safe space to discuss, learn & build on the key roles KaurS hold in our Panth through regular **monthly meetings**.

15th March, 1-3pm, The Lodge (next to Park Ave Gurdwara), UB1 3AG (Register via Eventbrite)



KAUR FACTION

In memory of
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& Bibi Upkar Kaur;
35 years on

Hosted by
Bibi Jaspreet Kaur
@KaurHealth

An all female safe space to discuss, learn & build on the key roles KaurS hold in our Panth through regular **monthly meetings**.

8th June, The Lodge (next to Park Ave Gurdwara), UB1 3AG (Register via Eventbrite)





LECTURES, PODCASTS & WORKSHOPS

Join our weekly Zoom meeting and connect with Panthic youth!

PANTHIC VICHAAR ਪੰਥ ਵਸੇ ਮੈਂ ਉਜੜਾਂ

Timing:

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| Vancouver | New York | London | Sydney |
| Sat May 9 1 pm | Sat May 9 4 pm | Sat May 9 9 pm | Sun May 10 6 am |

DM for invite info



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Battle of Amritsar

13TH JUNE 2020
8PM GMT
ZOOM ID: 513 108 1984

#KhalistanZindabad
#NeverForget1984

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SOVEREIGNS VS THE STATE

To honour the June 1984 martyrs of Khalistan, join us as we realign our consciousness by looking at the parallels of Black and Sikh liberation struggles.

6th June 2020 8pm GMT
ZOOM ID: 513 108 1984

"WE REVOLT SIMPLY BECAUSE FOR MANY REASONS, WE CAN NO LONGER BREATHE"



Youth Discussion


on the Shaheedia of 1978 Vaisakhi

Sunday April 19

1 PM - 3 PM

Zoom ID: 929-7719-7381

DM: for any inquiries



Samvad presents an important discussion series to commemorate the Shaheedia of

June 1984 Teeja Ghalughara Battle of Amritsar

Speakers: Bhai Amrer Singh @ Dr. Gurneet Singh

Friday 5 June 7:30 PM
Sat Amritsar Sabh Time

Violence: Ideology, Tradition and Practice From Khalas Perspective

Speakers: Dr. Sikandar Singh @ Dr. Navdeep Singh






Saturday 6 June 8:30 PM
Sat Amritsar Sabh Time

The Unique Personality of Sant Jarnail Singh Ji and the Future of The Khalas Panth

Speakers: Bhai Mandhir Singh @ Bhai Maninder Singh

Sunday 7 June 8:30 PM
Sat Amritsar Sabh Time

More details at samvad.org

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#BhindranwaleWeek



SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY 18TH JANUARY

Singh Sabha Gurdwara Glasgow

A DAY OF TALKS AND WORKSHOPS WITH GUEST SPEAKER BHAI SHAMSHER SINGH OF THE NATIONAL SIKH YOUTH FEDERATION



2nd June

HOST: Gurvinder Singh

GUEST: Shamsheer Singh NSYF UK

Aus: 7pm | UK: 10am | India: 2:30pm | New York: 5am

SinghStation.net LIVE

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18.01.2020
Singh Sabha Glasgow

MAPPING SIKH SOVEREIGNTY

The Nanak Raj Chalaela workshop is designed to develop your understanding of Sikh sovereignty through exploring the relationship Sikh sovereignty has with our Sikhi.

REGISTER AT EVENTBRITE.COM



Study Circle


Join us for an open discussion with the author of the essay:

'Experiences of Desertion: Locating the works of Harinder Singh Mehboob'

18th Aug, 4-6pm, Park Ave

Mehboob is an important Sikh writer whose work is uniquely Gurmata centred, and rich in Sikh experience.

Email: info@nsyf.org.uk to receive a copy of the essay for pre-reading.



With the help of your intelligence and the sword, you have become the master of Deh and Tugh, 90.

Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji Maharaj

The Sovereign Khalsa

Bhai Shamsheer Singh (NSYF) will explore the Sovereignty of the Khalsa and how Guru Sahib bestowed their divine throne upon their Sikhs.

Wednesday 11th March 2020
6:30PM

A34 Dearing Building
Jubilee Campus
University of Nottingham





Artwork commission by specialist miniature painter Jatinder Singh Durhaily

Articles, videos, podcast:

Shaheed Bhai Harmeet Singh video
Slough Gurdwara Anti-Khalistan activity from media response
Punjabi singers working with the Indian state
Kabul Attack Solutions Beyond Now - article
Speech at Southall Nagar Kirtan video
River waters podcast
Sikh representation podcast
Akal Takaht Statement on Kashmir translation
Bhindranwale Week Insta Live, Workshop, Gurdwara speech
Article on Speech given in Southall by our sister from a Shaheed parivaar
Indian Government Spying Zoom event
Regular Panthic Vichar sessions attend by Panthic nuajawan from Punjab, Kashmir, UK, Canada, America, Australia

Events:

Glasgow - Mapping Sikh sovereignty - workshop - talk - youth discussions
Guru Nanak and Iran - Glasgow kids workshop
Post General Election - community conversation
Sikh Studies Conference - research for paper on Sikh academia
Nishaan Research conference - presented a paper on Sikh academia
Guru Nanak 550 - a critical conversation
Sikh Community Hustings Event
Kaur Faction - Sikh poetry - Sikh Self Care - Sikhi &

Decolonisation
Sikh Raj Workshop for Khalsa Camp and delivered to over 100 participants
Study Circle on Harinder Singh Mehboob

University and Gurdwara Talks:

Glasgow - Jathedar's Jevani
Willenhal Gurdwara Smagam
Berkley University
Cov uni
Kings Uni
Glasgow Gurdwara - free Jaggi Jaap
Nottingham University
Slough Gurdwara
Punjabi lecture on Sant Ji for Bhindranwale Week
Khalsa Akhara Talk

Zines/Publications:

The Martyrdom of Bibi Bimal Kaur
India's Hidden Genocide

Mutual Aid:

Supporting a Masters student studying political science with his research into '1984'
Supporting a PhD student studying international politics with research into Khalistan
Supporting a major grant research project looking at international trauma
Supporting Grassroots Panthic organisations
Undocumented Sikh Migrants Fund to provide financial support for those that have 'No Recourse to Public Funds'

UPCOMING PROJECTS

Battle of Amritsar

June 2021 will see the global launch of the 'Battle of Amritsar' documentary, NSYF will premier this groundbreaking documentary in the UK and in Europe, arranging screenings and events.

Book on Sikh Political Struggle

Satguru Sahib's kirpa they have allowed NSYF to travel on the path that the shaheeds have laid towards Khalistan, on this journey we can confidently say we've come across every book written on Khalistan and not one book in the mainstream provides even a basic, unbiased, factual account of the Khalistan struggle. Our research over the last decade will play a major role in NSYF producing a book on Sikh political struggle, we aim for this book to be unparalleled in its scope, research, and authenticity in covering Sikh struggle.

More articles, lectures, and videos

We will continue attending and organizing events, writing articles, and producing video content that offers analysis which centers Khalistan and the Kurbani of our shaheeds.

Degh Tegh Fateh