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WELCOME TO OUR MARCH 2022 NEWSLETTER

DIRECTORS NOTE

BY DR JASDEV SINGH RAI (SHRG DIRECTOR) (LONDON OFFICE)

The 49th Regular Session of the United Nations Human Rights Council (HRC) held in Geneva was dominated by the dire situation in Ukraine. However, the HRC has a fixed itemised agenda that is always covered item by item. These range from general human rights issues in items 3 and 9. That concentrates on Racism and the Durban World Conference Against Racism outcomes and progress.

The Sikh Human Rights Group engaged with the HRC on several agenda items. SHRG's main position and approach is pluralism. SHRG also invited the only woman out of the 32 farmer leaders who led the world-famous farmers' protest in India to speak from its platform. Ms Kavita Kurugantham spoke under agenda item 10 which deals with Technical Assistance and Capacity Building. While applauding the resilience of Indian democracy as the reason that the Indian Government repealed the Three Farm Laws that had led to opposition from farmers, Ms Kurugantham urged the United Nations to make human rights and the United Nations Sustainable development Goals (UN SDGs) integral to the World Trade Organisations agreements. **To watch the full video please click [here](#)**

It is SHRG's position that small farms across the world need to be preserved, supported and encouraged to thrive. Apart from ensuring diversity of food, they also keep overall poverty down, promote gender equality, keep communities together and are better for the environment. Small farms survive with subsidies. However, the World Trade Organisation (WTO) is against subsidies as it holds that subsidies distort the market. WTO rules are generally oblivious to human rights and the UN SDGs. They seem to encourage large agribusinesses to take over the market and drive small farms out. SHRG considers that the WTO needs to start thinking beyond the market and ensure trade agreements are cognisant of human rights and the UN SDGs. SHRG has started campaigning on this.

The SHRG spoke on several other items, including on Right to Food, Foreign Debt (that is crippling developing countries), the Right to Privacy in the Age of Artificial Intelligence, Transnational Corporations and Other Business Enterprises, Rights of the Child, Neurodiversity and a few more. **The statements are available on our [website](#)**

The SHRG also submitted written statements to the 49th Regular Session of the UN HRC. Under item 8, we gave a submission on the need to abolish the tampon tax around the world. Under item 9, we submitted a statement promoting the idea of a Declaration on Diversity.

While a great deal of SHRG's work concentrated on the 49th Regular Session of the UN HRC in March, it also worked on its other projects. The Sikh Neurodiversity Project is a project started by the SHRG to facilitate children and young adults with neurodiversity to be able to find friendly reception and understanding in community places such as Gurdwaras. Spearheaded by Mr Carlos Arbuthnott, the project is developing in stages. Parents have been complimenting it and have found that their children enjoy going to the Gurdwara. The project is being taken to other towns and cities across the UK.

The SHRG has also been engaged in a multi NGO campaign to persuade State Governments to abolish the tampon tax. SHRG feels that taxing an item that is gender-specific and necessary for the hygiene and health of women is gender discrimination. Several countries have abolished this tax. SHRG along with other NGOs is hoping that more countries will also abolish taxes on products that assist with managing menstruation. Ms Bethan Walters, who is leading this project at SHRG, is assisting to bring the issue to the United Nations and lobbying countries to join the countries that have already abolished the tampon tax.

SHRG's staff in Geneva have been working hard to ensure statements are given time, written statements are submitted and there is interaction with NGOs as well as representatives of countries that will support SHRGs interest areas.

SHRG is also excited that the United Nations offices in New York have now opened up to NGOs after a long period when NGOs were not permitted due to the COVID-19 restrictions. The work in New York is taking off and it is hoped that the SHRG will host a few events there over the coming year.

This newsletter has some of the information about our work in March. However, there is more on our website.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Jasdev Singh Rai

WELCOME TO OUR MARCH 2022 NEWSLETTER

EDITORS NOTE

BY MR CARLOS ARBUTHNOTT (LONDON OFFICE)

(HUMAN RIGHTS OFFICER AND PROJECT COORDINATOR AT THE SHRG)

Welcome to the March 2022 edition of the Sikh Human Rights Group's monthly newsletter informing you of our ongoing work. Unfortunately, we are not able to cover everything that we do in this brief newsletter. Nevertheless, and as you will see we are engaged in a wide variety of international human rights issues to promote our founding doctrine of Pluralism.

We have also taken on a number of interns and volunteers who take up research, take notes during United Nations conferences and events and write reports. Consequently, we always try to encourage them to contribute to our newsletter.

If you would like to get involved in any of our ongoing projects or for anything else then please contact us via email at info@shrg.ngo

I very much hope that you enjoy the contents of this month's edition.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Carlos Arbuthnott



(Mr Carlos Arbuthnott)



GURDWARA SRI GURU SINGH SABHA SOUTHALL

SEN ENGAGEMENT EVENT

This event is an opportunity for those with lifelong neurodiversity characteristics (SEN) of any age and those who care for them to come together to discuss how **Gurdwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha Southall** can best support them and their families.

The Sikh Neurodiversity Network is currently establishing a network of children and adults with lifelong neurological characteristics, such as Autism, and listening to their experiences and the experiences of those who care for them. Specifically, regarding the problems they may have encountered whilst accessing Gurdwaras and other Sikh community institutions.

After we have completed this step we will then establish a network of experts within Gurdwaras and other Sikh community institutions who will be charged with increasing Sangat understanding, engagement and support for those with lifelong neurological characteristics.

There will be:

- Food and drink
- Music
- Arts and crafts
- Toys



Date: 24 April 2022 (Sunday)

Time: 09:30 - 11:30 (BST)

Address: Gurdwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha Southall (Upstairs Hall), 2-8 Park Avenue, Southall, UB1 3AG

To book your FREE ticket or for more information about this event and the Sikh Neurodiversity Network please scan the QR code below.

N.B. Wheelchair access is available



UN HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL: 49TH REGULAR SESSION

BY MR CARLOS ARBUTHNOTT (LONDON OFFICE)



To watch the full video please click [here](#)

On Friday the 11th of March 2022, Ms Demi-Leigh Shannon-Wilbraham (A-Level Student and Intern at the SHRG), made the following oral submission at the United Nations Human Rights Councils 49th Regular Session from SHRGs platform regarding the importance of young people, women and girls and other disempowered and marginalised groups' participating in our global fight to mitigate and adapt to the negative impacts of climate change. Specifically, at the Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on Sustainable Environment.

For more information please read our report to the United Nations Human Rights Council entitled [A/HRC/49/NGO/107](#) by clicking [here](#).

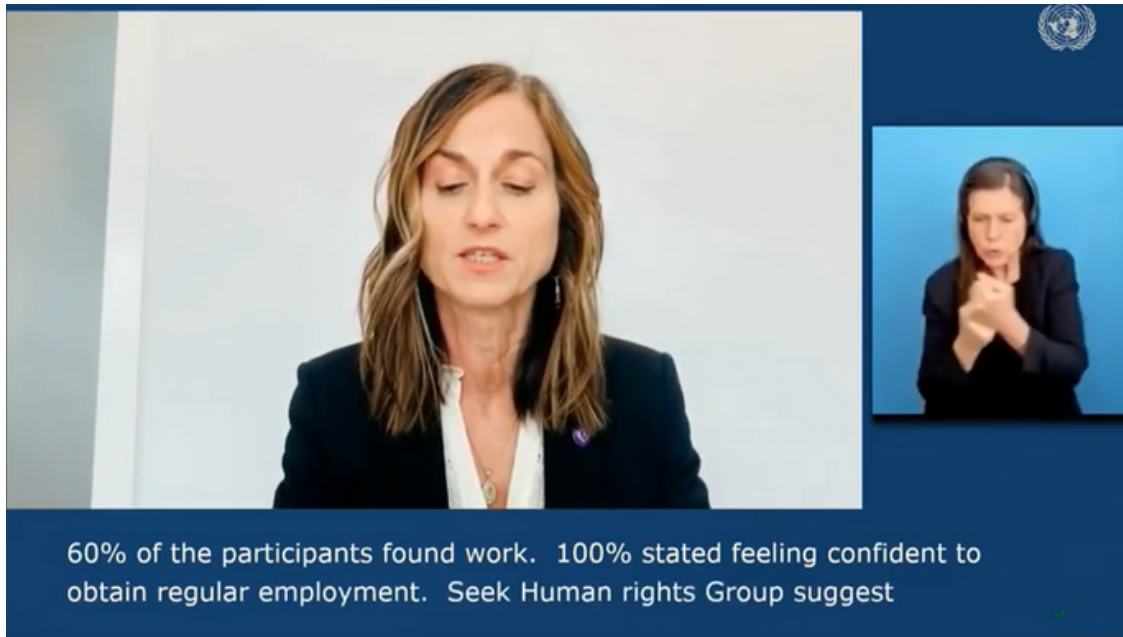
Why is this important?

'When integrated into a pluralist approach to tackling environmental issues, these otherwise disenfranchised communities have directly and significantly contributed to constructive and productive outcomes [...] Around the world we see that countries that provide platform, voice and respect for diverse approaches and knowledge inputs, seem to be incrementally gaining on the fight against climate change'.



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On Monday the 14th of March 2022, Ms Trudi Beswick (CEO of Caudwell Children and an affiliate of SHRG), made the following oral submission at the United Nations Human Rights Councils 49th Regular Session from SHRGs platform regarding the fact that Autistic people around the globe are systematically being denied the right to work, and consequently, society is missing out on the opportunity to benefit from the strengths that Autistic people can bring to the workplace.

Why is this important?

'The majority of persons with disabilities live in conditions of poverty. This poverty is multidimensional in nature and is compounded across the lifespan. Children and adolescents with disabilities face limited education and skills training opportunities. Whilst adults with disabilities face disproportionately high rates of unemployment and underemployment. Evidence shows that Autistic people are least likely to be in work of any other disabled groups. Just 21% of Autistic people are in employment...'

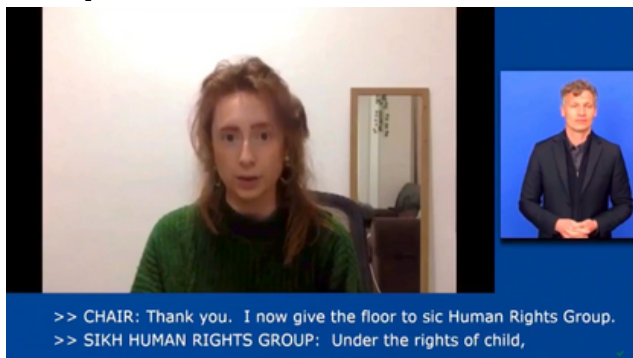


UN HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL: 49TH REGULAR SESSION

BY MR CARLOS ARBUTHNOTT (LONDON OFFICE)

UN HRCs 49th Regular Session Annual Debate on the Rights of the Child

Every year, the UN HRC dedicates a full day to discussing a specific children's rights theme during its March Regular Session. At the end of the session, it negotiates and adopts a resolution about the specific theme. This year our Human Rights, Communications and Media Officer Ms Bethan Walters spoke on the importance of access to menstrual products and education on menstruation, consent and overall health.



To watch the full video please click [here](#)

UN HRCs 49th Regular Session Item 8 General Debate Submission

The **Vienna Declaration** celebrates its thirtieth birthday next year. Therefore, the SHRG thinks that it's time that we have better access to education on menstrual health, hygiene and management and time that we abolished the Tampon Tax globally. The **Vienna Declaration** and **Program of Action** recommend actions to '*promote democracy, development and human rights*', with an emphasis on the strengthening of a pluralistic civil society and the protection of groups that have been rendered vulnerable.



To watch the full video please click [here](#)

UN HRCs 49th Regular Session Item 9 General Debate on Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Forms of Intolerance: Followup to and Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action.



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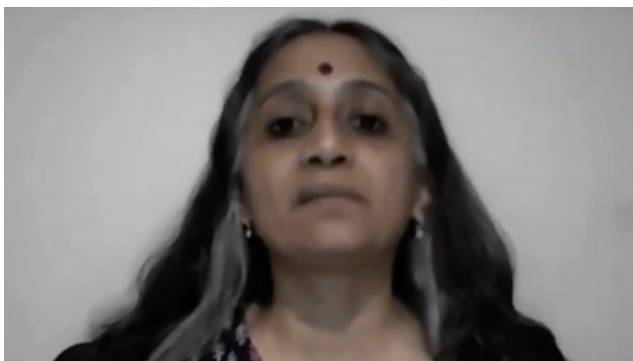
UN HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL: 49TH REGULAR SESSION

BY MR CARLOS ARBUTHNOTT (LONDON OFFICE)

UN HRCs 49th Regular Session

Item 10 General Debate: Technical Assistance and Capacity-Building

The brilliant Ms Kavitha Kuruganti, the only female member of the 32 strong farm leader coalition that led the Indian Farmers protests spoke from the SHRGs platform at the UN HRCs 49th Regular Session regarding the need for the inclusion of human rights and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals in WTO agreements.



To watch the full video please click [here](#)

UN HRCs 49th Regular Session

Interactive Dialogue with the Independent Expert on the Effects of Foreign Debt and Other Related International Financial Obligations of States on the Full Enjoyment of all Human Rights



(Ivan Lorenci De Francisco)

To watch the full video please click [here](#)

UN HRCs 49th Regular Session

Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food



(Albert Barseghyan)

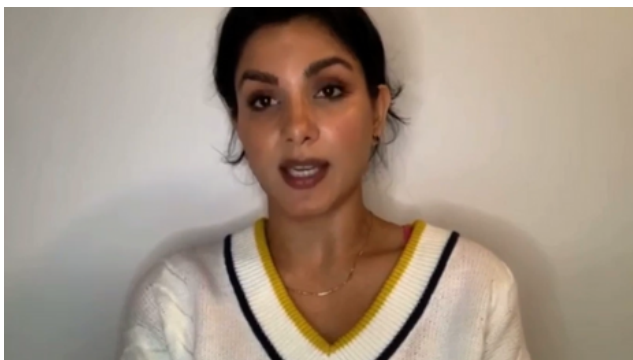
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UN HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL: 49TH REGULAR SESSION

BY MR CARLOS ARBUTHNOTT (LONDON OFFICE)

UN HRCs 49th Regular Session Item 3 General Debate



(Ms Monica Gill)

To watch the full video please click [here](#)

UN HRCs 49th Regular Session Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on Privacy



(Ivan Lorenci De Francisco)

To watch the full video please click [here](#)

UN HRCs 49th Regular Session Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues

SHRG's Director Dr Jasdev Singh Rai spoke on the need for a Declaration on Diversity.



To watch the full video please click [here](#)



GURU NANAK SIKH ACADEMY ASSEMBLY RE: SIKH NEURODIVERSITY NETWORK PROJECT

BY MR CARLOS ARBUTHNOTT (LONDON OFFICE)



To watch the full video please click [here](#)

On Monday the 28th of March 2022 Mr Carlos Arbuthnott (Human Rights Officer and Project Coordinator at the SHRG) gave a virtual assembly to the students of Guru Nanak Sikh Academy (Hayes - West London) as part of their Autism awareness week campaign.

The assembly covered the following topics:

- The connection between neurodiversity and Autism.
- Characteristics and behaviours commonly associated with Autism.
- Overview of our Sikh Neurodiversity Network project and how young people can become involved.

To get involved in this project or for more information then please email:

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COP26 YOUTH ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVE

CLIMATE CHANGE EDUCATION AND ENGAGEMENT EVENT

BY MR CARLOS ARBUTHNOTT (LONDON OFFICE)



To watch the full event recording please [click here](#)

Topic:

This was an opportunity for university students and young people to learn more about how they can help our UK and global societies mitigate and adapt to the negative impacts of climate change.

Panellists:

- **Mr Anthony Slaughter** - (Leader of the Welsh Green Party)
- **Ms Amerjit (Ammi) Kaur-Dhaliwal** - (Deputy leader of the Welsh Green Party)
- **Ms Sophie Anderson** - (Extinction Rebellion Youth Activist)

Chairs:

- **Ms Amelia Jefford** - (Cardiff University Student) (SHRG Intern) (Primary Chair)
- **Ms Alexandra Jamieson** - (Cardiff University Student) (Primary Chair)
- **Mr Carlos Arbuthnott** - (Human Rights Officer & Project Coordinator at the SHRG) (Secondary Chair)
- **Dr Jasdev Rai** - (Director of the SHRG) (Secondary Chair)

Agenda:

- Introduction to panellists
- Presentation on climate change
- Questions posed to panellists
- Audience Q&A

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Questions included but were not limited to:

- Panellists: In your expert opinions how important are young people in our national effort to mitigate and adapt to the negative impacts of climate change and what can university students specifically do to help us as a society overcome the many challenges and imminent threats of climate change?
- Panellists: For those wishing to undertake their own environmental conservation projects in Cardiff what projects would you say the local area is in most need of and what advice would you give them?
- Panellists: For those wishing to establish their own university or community environmental conservation projects what support is available to them in the local area? For instance, are there any pre-existing environmental conservation organisations or climate action groups that you have ties to and that would be able to assist our audience?
- Panellists: In your expert opinions is there one small thing that we can all adopt into our daily routines that would significantly help our UK and global societies to mitigate and adapt to the negative and imminent impacts of climate change?

To find out more about the Welsh Green Party, Extinction Rebellion, SHRGs COP26 Youth Engagement Initiative or Cardiff University then please visit the following websites:

- [Welsh Green Party](#)
- [Extinction Rebellion](#)
- [SHRGs COP26 Youth Engagement Initiative](#)
- [Cardiff University](#)



SHRG'S MENSTRUAL EMPOWERMENT PROJECT

BY MS BETHAN WALTERS (HUMAN RIGHTS, COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA OFFICER AT THE SHRG) (LONDON OFFICE)

Within our Menstrual Empowerment Project, the SHRG has been hosting monthly webinars with experts in order to discuss the different states of reproductive health with particular attention being paid to people who menstruate. Our objective at a national level is to engage our local communities to help break the taboo and stigma that is often associated with the aforementioned topics. We have also been working with Binti Period on their Dignity at Work Scheme in order to encourage schools, universities, workplaces, places of worship and public bathrooms, in general, to provide free menstrual products. However, only if the organisation is able to ensure that the products being offered are sustainable.

On an international scale, we have created a network of 96 organisations from 5 different continents. In order to share our research, resources, experiences, and voices to help remove menstrual stigma, improve education and make the option of sustainable menstruation more accessible to all people who menstruate. With this growing network and information, we have started to call upon the United Nations to put pressure on its Member States to remove the Tampon Tax, as it is a prime example of gender-based discrimination, and to ensure that all menstrual products fall under its removal, not just the disposable ones. Within this plea, we are required to provide a step-by-step plan that highlights ways that the UN's Member States can remove the tampon tax and overcome the obstacles that the 21 countries that have already removed it faced whilst doing so. We are also pushing for the UN Women to create a basic curriculum for all Member States to teach children from as young as 7 about menstrual health and to create a network of organisations globally in order to share research and to help shape attitudes towards menstruation and reproductive health generally and to ensure that the language lost around menstruation due to the use of codewords is regained.

The Secret Period an International Women's Day to Remember #breakthebias

The 8th of March is always penned into my diary every year to do something extraordinary and this year I was fortunate to hold an event with some incredible and sensational women. This was the biggest event thus far under our Menstrual Empowerment Project which began its life last year. The event was entitled **'The Secret Period. The political, the environmental, the professional, the gaslighting, and the empowerment'**, our entirely Sikh panel, was comprised of Ms Manjit K Gill MBE, the founder of Binti Period, Ms Mandeep Moore Legal Counsel for Apple EMEA, entrepreneur and President of the Sikh Games and Ms Navrup Kaur (@sikhmum), co-founder of the Seek Parenting Club. All of these women discussed their experiences and shared their expertise on why we need better education on mensuration and on other stages of reproductive health at an early age. We explored how these conversations and lessons can be entered into at school and at home and how detrimental the lack of education has been. Especially, in regards to the creation of a stigma around mensuration. We also spoke about life in the corporate and sporting sectors and how the stigma and lack of education transpire in the workplace, along with tips on how to talk to your family and what we can all do on a local, regional, national and international level to help remove the stigma.

To watch the webinar in full please [click here](#)



SHRG'S MENSTRUAL EMPOWERMENT PROJECT

BY MS BETHAN WALTERS (HUMAN RIGHTS, COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA OFFICER AT THE SHRG) (LONDON OFFICE)

SHRG's CSW66 Panel Event

On the 21st of March 2022, the SHRG hosted a UN NGO CSW66 Panel Event entitled '**Allowing Women to Menstruate throughout the Whole Month**'. To watch the full event recording please click [here](#)

What is CSW66?

The Sixty-Sixth Session of the Commission on the Status of Women took place from the 14th to the 25th of March 2022. Due to the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, CSW66 took place in a hybrid format rather than in-person in New York. Each year the CSW sets a theme and this was this year's theme:

- Priority theme: Achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in the context of climate change, environmental and disaster risk reduction policies, and programmes.
- Review theme: Women's economic empowerment in the changing world of work (agreed conclusions of the Sixty-First Session).

SHRG's Event

Our event entitled '**Allowing Women (and people who menstruate) to be Environmentally Mindful Throughout the Whole Month**' covered a range of issues including the obstacles that have been put in place to prevent people who menstruate from making more sustainable choices.

- Ms Manjit K Gill MBE; CEO of Binti Period, Period Advisor to the UK Government, currently working in the UK, India, and the Gambia.
- Ms Ella Daish; UK Environmental Activist, founder of the #EndPeriodPlastic campaign, awarded the Climate Coalitions Green Heart Hero 2020 Award for Individual Inspiration, included on The Big Issue's Top 100 Changemakers of 2020, and BBC Woman's Hour Power List.
- Ms Megan White Mukuria; Founder of Zana Africa (Kenya) working on equipping adolescent girls in East Africa, specifically Kenya, with the tools that they need to safely navigate puberty and unlock their potential.
- The CEO of TOTM (Time Of The Month), a leading sustainable period product company, Ms Sally Tuhami - provided a business/ economic perspective on the tampon tax, its impacts on sustainable period products, and the steps that need to be taken to get rid of it globally.

As the event unfolded our incredible panellists unpicked the title of our event, and how it was not a call for all people who menstruate to be held accountable and to make more environmentally conscious choices but rather sought to uncover the challenges and obstacles that are put in place to prevent people who menstruate from having that choice in the first place. Whether that is due to the lack of bathrooms and privacy, lack of access to clean and safe water, lack of access to the necessary equipment to dispose of menstrual products safely and with dignity, due to the cost of the products themselves, lack of education on menstruation and menstrual products, or the stigma associated with menstruation. Too many of these challenges and obstacles have been put in place, often unconsciously, by men in leadership positions. However, it is also due to a lack of representation in our country's Governmental establishments that we are not seeing these changes being made and therefore people who menstruate are unable to make a choice that best suits them, especially when it comes to how they manage their menstrual cycle.

If nothing else, there was one thing that we wanted our audience to take away from this event and that was or is that one size really doesn't fit all especially when it comes to menstrual management. While 50% of the population may menstruate, each person's experience is extremely different, and therefore it is so important to adopt this pluralistic mindset when pursuing change.

THE LION'S DEN

BY MS MONICA GILL (HUMAN RIGHTS OFFICER AT THE SHRG) (NEW YORK OFFICE)

This past month, representatives of the Sikh Human Rights Group have had the privilege of interacting with many Non-Governmental Organisations and individuals working on Food Sovereignty via Instagram Live sessions. These sessions focused intensely on movement building.

The beauty of the Punjabi Sikh Community lies in its ability to come together when the need arises. It's a well-known fact that there is not only an India Punjab and a Pakistan Punjabi, but a Punjab that lies like lace throughout the world and when the 'motherland' requires, it rises up as an indomitable force. However, the solutions that arise are often short-lived. Therefore, partnering with international Non-Governmental Organisations with the same end goals is what is needed in Punjab and in our opinion will help us move towards long term solutions. According to La Via Campesina, 'food sovereignty' is the peoples', countries' or state unions' RIGHT to define their agricultural and food policy, without any dumping vis-a-vis third countries. These Instagram live sessions took place on Monica Gill's Instagram page and were co-hosted by Albert Barseghyan (Human Rights Officer at the SHRG - Geneva Office) and Disparity to Parity's Daljit Kaur Soni.

Monica Gill's season two of the 'Lion's Den' started off with guest Camila Chavez, the co-founder and executive director of the Dolores Huerta Foundation, a movement-building grassroots organisation based in Bakersfield, California. Camila, a recent recipient of the James Irvine Foundation Fellowship, is a powerhouse with an entire life's worth of experience in community organising and leadership building. She discussed the reality of life in the central valley, house meetings and democracy in action, and the power of collective action. Camila is the daughter of Richard Chavez and Dolores Huerta. She was raised in La Paz, the UFW Headquarters, where the ideas of non-violence and a commitment to social justice were reinforced through the actions of people like her uncle, Cesar E Chavez. The Dolores Huerta Foundation was one of the first US-based organisations to voice its support and solidarity with the hundreds of thousands of farmers and farmworkers fighting for a fairer global food system.

The second episode featured an international guest, Indra Shekhar Singh, the son of farmers from Rajasthan and an ally to farmer activists worldwide. Indra is an independent agri-policy analyst based in India who has worked on behalf of seed sovereignty and the food sovereignty of the rural food producers of India for many years. Indra is a writer with 'A Civil Eats' and has spoken at hundreds of events globally. He is also a journalist with a show called 'Krishi ki Baat', or Farm Talks where he recently interviewed U.S. based farmers and scholar-activists on the parallels between the struggles of farmers for fairness in the United States and India. This is available on YouTube. We spoke to Indra about the Reality of the Green Revolution within and beyond Punjab, the Power of an Agrarian Identity and Reflections on the Indian Farmers Revolution. If you want to see some of Indra's creative work, check out the lyrics he co-created with Young Daku called 'Farmers Rap' on YouTube, this visual experience of the Morcha doubles as a lesson in the history of agriculture in India and how things got to where they are now.

Another key figure in the campaign for food sovereignty is Anna Canning, Campaigns Manager at our fierce ally the FAIR WORLD PROJECT (FWP)! Anna is a longtime trade justice activist who has spent +15 years working in the supply chain for fair trade goods with companies like Peace Coffee and Equal Exchange. She spoke candidly about the parallels her organisation saw between the Indian Farmers' Struggle and related problems and solutions in our shared food system. We also dove into the topics of the commodification of food, fair prices for farmers as fair trade and a concept known as 'fairwashing'. The Fair World Project was also one of the first U.S. based organisations to voice its support and solidarity with the hundreds of thousands of farmers and farmworkers fighting for a fair food system in India and globally - solidarity is power!

The fourth episode of season two of the Lion's Den was presented by the Center for Environment, Community, and Equity (CECE) of American University in Washington, D.C. and featured our first professor, Dr Garrett Graddy-Lovelace, daughter of farmers from Kentucky and the co-Founder of the Disparity to Parity project. Dr Graddy-Lovelace researches and teaches agricultural policy and agrarian politics at American University School of International Service. She draws on community-partnered...

THE LION'S DEN

BY MS MONICA GILL (HUMAN RIGHTS OFFICER AT THE SHRG) (NEW YORK OFFICE)

research methods, she studies agrobiodiversity conservation, the U.S. Farm Bill, agricultural trade, agricultural cooperatives, agricultural data, and coloniality - so as to inform food, farm, land, labour, seed, and knowledge justice. She also recently published an article in *The Wire* entitled 'The Dangers of Agricultural Parity Amnesia: Lessons From the U.S.', echoing the demands of millions of Indian farmers who *'also know at the heart of wise agricultural policy is its viability'*. She spoke in-depth about what is the Cost-Price Squeeze that hits farmers globally, Reflections on Indian Farmers Revolution + D2P and Transnational Solidarity in Action.

This month's last episode featured our 2nd international guest, Margarita Barcena, from the global grassroots organisation A Growing Culture. A Growing Culture believes in food sovereignty for everyone, everywhere. This organisation is a key ally in the growing global farmers' movement. Therefore, please do take a look at their recently revamped website to learn more about their impactful projects like the Hunger for Justice Series and the Peasant & Indigenous Press Forum (so strategically apt to share the stories of those on the frontline of agrarian resistance). Margarita spoke at length about solidarity, the Indian Farmers Revolution, what led to the Zapatista Movement and its impact, and Radical Reimagination of Crises as Catalyst.

These discussions will continue into early May with more guests bringing invaluable insights into how the Indian Farmer's Protest does not exist in a vacuum but as a result of a catalyst from many other agrarian issues occurring globally. Therefore, it is essential that we as a community learn from not only what happened before, but also what is happening today!



United Nations Engagement Opportunities 2022

Want to contribute to a written and oral
statement at the United Nations
Human Rights Council?



We are currently searching for secondary school and undergraduate students to help us prepare our written and oral statements on climate change adaptation and mitigation for the United Nations Human Rights Councils 2022 Regular Sessions:

We want to empower you to have your say, at a truly international event, on how every member of our global society can overcome the many challenge and issues of climate change

Through online presentations and simple practical projects you will learn more about the United Nations and how you can become involved

Enhance your CV and UCAS applications whilst simultaneously learning more about climate change and how it can be overcome

To apply please send an expression of interest statement to:

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