

Vaisakhi Cultural Event Report

APNA Daycare Centre - Leamington Spa

On the 25th of April 2025, the APNA Daycare Centre in Leamington Spa hosted a vibrant Vaisakhi cultural event. This report aims to provide an overview of the event, highlighting the activities and the community's engagement. Vaisakhi is a significant celebration, marking the onset of the harvest season and the formation of the Khalsa in Sikhism. This event was an opportunity to celebrate community spirit, togetherness, and the rich cultural heritage of Punjab.

Date and Time

The event took place on the 25th of April 2025, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Venue

The celebration was held at The Sikh Cultural & Sports Community Centre, Hall 1, Queensway Trading Estate, Queensway, Leamington Spa CV31 3LZ. The venue provided ample space for the various activities planned for the day.

Programme Overview

Welcome & Introductions

The event commenced with a warm welcome from the directors of Rootz Global CIC, Harminder Kaur Bhogal and Onkar Singh. They welcomed Vice Chair of the Council, Councillor Naveen Tangri, Dr. Raminder Singh, Councillors Councillor Hema YellaPragada, Councillor Sweta Lekhy, and other esteemed guests, who included families of APNA daycare service users and the representatives of WCC Adult Social Services. The introduction also highlighted the mission and contributions of the APNA Daycare Centre to the community, showcasing the impact of their work on the local population.

Guest Speakers

Our guest speakers took the stage to share their perspectives on the significance of Vaisakhi. Their insightful talks delved into the historical and cultural importance of the festival, its relevance in contemporary society, and its impact on individual lives. The speakers' engaging narratives resonated with the attendees, fostering a deeper appreciation for the festival.

Cultural Giddha of Punjab

One of the event's highlights was a vibrant performance of Giddha, a traditional dance from Punjab. The performers, dressed in colourful traditional attire, captivated the audience with their energetic and graceful movements. The dance showcased the rich cultural heritage of Punjab and added a festive atmosphere to the celebration.

Refreshments

Delicious refreshments were served, featuring a variety of dishes from Punjabi cuisine. Attendees enjoyed a culinary journey through the flavors of Punjab, with

dishes prepared to delight the taste buds. The refreshments provided a perfect opportunity for guests to mingle and share their experiences.

Dress Contest

The event also included a Punjabi dress contest, encouraging attendees to showcase their creativity and cultural pride. Participants dressed in traditional Punjabi attire, such as suits, kurta pyjamas, and turbans, competed for a prize for the best attire. The contest added a fun and engaging element to the event, celebrating the beauty and diversity of Punjabi fashion.

Community Engagement

The Vaisakhi cultural event successfully brought together members of the community, fostering a sense of unity and togetherness. The diverse program, featuring educational talks, cultural performances, and interactive activities, ensured that there was something for everyone to enjoy. The event provided an opportunity for attendees to connect with each other, share their cultural heritage, and learn more about the work of the APNA Daycare Centre.

Feedback and Reflections

The feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive. Many expressed their appreciation for the well-organised event and the opportunity to celebrate Vaisakhi with their community. The guest speakers' insightful talks, the captivating Giddha performance, and the delicious Punjabi cuisine were particularly highlighted as memorable aspects of the day. Participants in the dress contest also appreciated the chance to showcase their cultural pride and creativity.

Attendees praised the APNA Daycare Centre for their efforts in organising such a meaningful event and expressed their hope for more events like this in the future. The organisers were commended for creating an inclusive and welcoming atmosphere where everyone felt valued and celebrated.

HEALTH and Wellness

This event served as a valuable platform to showcase key health initiatives aimed at improving community well-being. Attendees had the opportunity to learn about various projects focused on preventive care, mental health support, and nutrition education. By promoting these initiatives, the event aimed to raise awareness of their numerous benefits, such as reducing healthcare costs, enhancing quality of life, and fostering a healthier society overall.

Testimonies

We provided an opportunity for families and attendees to share their thoughts on the APNA Day Care Centre for vulnerable adults. Many people highlighted the central role that this day care centre plays in the lives of the elderly and those who are most vulnerable.

Here are some testimonies from those who attended the Vaisakhi cultural event:

Testimonies

- The Vaisakhi event organized by the APNA Daycare Centre was an unforgettable experience. It deepened my connection to my roots, and it was heartwarming to see everyone celebrate our heritage together. I was captivated by the Giddha performance and found the educational talks enlightening.
- The event was a great opportunity to meet new people and reconnect with old friends. The Punjabi dress contest was a highlight, showcasing the creative and colourful attire. I'm grateful to the APNA Daycare Centre for organising such an inclusive event.
- I was honoured to be a guest speaker. The community's enthusiasm was incredible, and this event not only celebrated Vaisakhi but also highlighted the valuable services the daycare provides in Leamington Spa. I look forward to more meaningful events from the APNA Daycare Centre.

Finally

The Vaisakhi cultural event organised by the APNA Daycare Centre was a resounding success. It provided a platform for the community to come together, celebrate their cultural heritage, and learn about the significance of Vaisakhi. The diverse program, featuring educational talks, cultural performances, and interactive activities, ensured that there was something for everyone to enjoy. The event not only celebrated the rich cultural traditions of Punjab but also highlighted the impactful work of the APNA Daycare Centre in Leamington Spa.

Moving forward, the APNA Daycare Centre aims to continue organising such events, fostering community spirit, and promoting cultural awareness. The positive feedback from attendees will serve as a motivation for future initiatives, ensuring that the centre remains a valuable resource for the community.



Committee members of the Sikh Community centre with the esteemed guests.



APNA Service Users.



Happy faces of our Service Users.



Organisers with the guests and volunteers.



Our key volunteer, Baljinder Sahota on the left mingling with the attendees.



Dr Raminder Singh reflects on the importance of preserving the social and occupational heritage of the elders of Leamington.



Vice Chair Naveen Tangri speaks on Vaisakhi and the important role that the APNA daycare centre plays in the community.



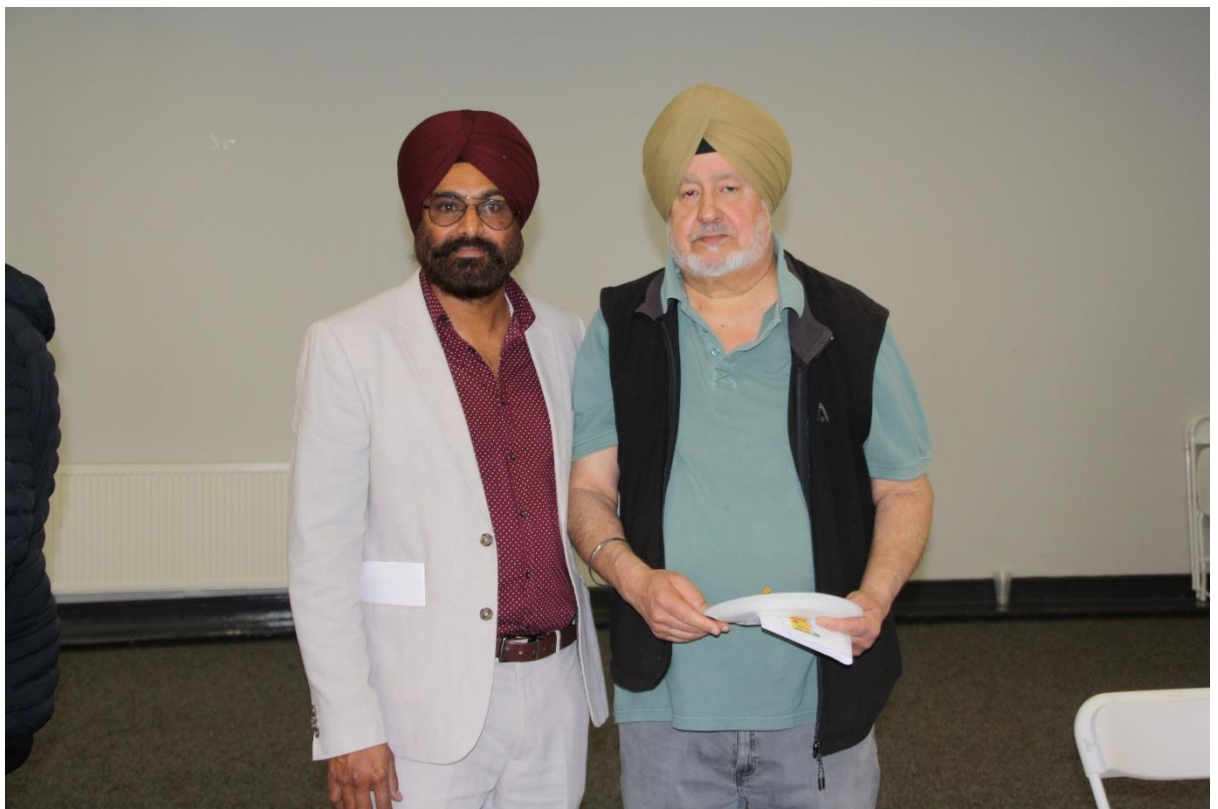
Chairman Tejpal Sing Mangat showing his appreciation for the invaluable work of APNA Daycare Centre.



Our esteemed guest speakers, Vice Chair of the Council, Taveen Tangri (left),
Councillor Sweta Lekhy (middle), and Councillor Hema YellaPragada (left)



Onkar Singh spoke to the attendees about the significance of the event.



Onkar Singh (left) Director of Rootz Global CIC, with Tejpal Singh Mangat (right), Chair of the Sikh Cultural and Sports Community Centre.



Event Chair Harminder Kaur Bhogal speaks on the significance of APNA day care centre plays in promoting overall health and wellness.