

MOTION - Recognition of Tamil Heritage Month & Partnership with Tamil Community in Harrow

24th February 2022

Since 2011 we have been celebrating Thai Pongal in Harrow and it was the Leader of Harrow Council who first announced in 2020 the recognition of Tamil Heritage Month and Harrow Council was the first ever council to do so.

Under this administration, Harrow has been a trailblazer in recognising the rich contribution made by our Tamil community in Harrow, London and across the country. In January we celebrated Tamil Heritage month and the celebration of Thai Pongal.

It is a matter of pride for us that Harrow's significant Tamil population typifies the immense contribution made by Tamils in the UK in every walk of life including health & social care, support & sacrifices during the pandemic, politics, education, social, cultural and economic aspects.

The Council has been privileged to work with our Tamil community over the years. It's been a joy this year too to mark Tamil heritage month and celebrate Thai Pongal event, as we have done for the last 11 years, in Harrow Civic Centre showcasing the amazing talent of Tamil youth and celebrating the depth of Tamil culture and history. Additionally, this year we have promoted Tamil language and poetry books in Harrow's libraries and continued to work constructively with our Tamil community organisations to further their rich heritage and support the vulnerable people.

For Harrow, recognition of the contribution made by our Tamil community is year round and not just limited to the Tamil Heritage Month. In recognising the contribution of the Tamil community and saluting Tamil Heritage.

Council resolves;

- Continue and commit to its partnership with the Tamil community celebrating Tamil heritage month and ensure that our much-valued Tamil community is supported across the borough.
- Thank the Tamil community for their invaluable contribution to our borough and our city. We are profoundly grateful for the work that they do.
- Continue the excellent and cohesive work with all of Harrow's communities ~~and support the wider effects of austerity in fighting the cost of living crisis imposed by the Government.~~

Proposer of the motion: Cllr Krishna Suresh

Seconder of the motion: Cllr Peymana Assad

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