



Dear members,

2023 was yet another momentous year for MAUK. Handing over two newly built houses to deserving families, The Platinum Mela, with over 250 performers that attracted over 5K participants and our food bank leading the way in preventing food poverty in Newham are some of the astonishing services we can all be proud of. However, as Secretary of MAUK, what stood out for me was the overwhelming number of queries, complaints, and requests for assistance from desperate newly migrated Malayalees that we dealt with in 2022. Listening patiently without being judgemental, explaining the harsh, inevitable realities they must face in a language and tone that they understand and reassuring them that things can only get better was enough to bring back many from despair and even suicidal thoughts. When we could, we provided them with impartial advice and mental, financial and logistical support. At other times, we have signposted them to where they can get more professional help. The constant request for help and support, often beyond our remit, has been a draining and deflating task for MAUK volunteers. However, we continue to do it as we are passionate about serving our community to the best of our ability. We know that those who laid our foundation and others after them who built up MAUK did so to ensure that our organisation will survive the test of time, stand tall and be noble to support and serve future generations of Malayalees who choose Britain as their home.

On behalf of the director board, I invite you to the 2023 AGM on Sunday, 24 September 2023, from 2 PM to 4 PM at Kerala House.

Agenda:

1. Welcome: Chair
2. Minutes of previous AGM: Secretary
3. 2022 Annual Report: Secretary
4. 2022 Annual Account: CFO
5. Elections: Chair
6. AOB (at the discretion of the chair and if notified before 8 PM, 22/09/23)
7. Vote of thanks: Chair

The formalities of an AGM often don't allow time or opportunities for lengthy discourses and exchanges. However, the director board would love to hear your open and honest opinions, fresh ideas and recommendations. Hence, this year, we have arranged a social gathering after the AGM for members to connect and interact. We will provide soft drinks and dinner. Therefore, we request you confirm your attendance in advance.

Finally, on behalf of the Director Board, I take this opportunity to thank all our members, volunteers, supporters and sponsors for their continued invaluable contribution. Your support is our strength. I look forward to seeing you at the AGM.

Yours sincerely,

Sreejith Sreedharan
Secretary | MAUK