

WHO COULD JOIN

Anyone who is:

Employed, self-employed retired or unemployed, but able to contribute to the work of the Association from a base of special professional knowledge and experience,

Or

Member of a recognised professional body in Sri Lanka, the UK or other national or international body, or studying or undergoing training in an approved institution in the UK with a view to gaining admission to membership of such a professional body,

Or

Employed in a managerial capacity in any field by virtue of relevant practical / professional experience,

And

Sri Lankan national by birth, by descent through either parent, by marriage or by registration/naturalisation;

or

Dual national (citizen) of Sri Lanka and the UK,

or

Married to a Sri Lankan National

or

A national (citizen) of a country other than Sri Lanka and desires to support the aims of the Association to work for the ultimate benefit of the Sri Lankan nation within the policies and priorities of the Government of Sri Lanka.

Please refer to our constitution available on our website, for further details.



Association of Professional Sri Lankans in the UK

Vision Lanka

HOW TO JOIN

Complete a membership form

Get two members to countersign as proposer and seconder

Pay membership fees upfront or by Standing Order

Executive Committee will consider your application

Secretary will write to inform you of the decision / welcome you

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST

- Regular member: £15.00 per annum
- Life Member: £150.00
- Student: free



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Unity, Professionalism, Prosperity

WHO WE ARE

The Association of Professional Sri Lankans in the UK (APSL) was formed in February 2004. Our Patron is the High Commissioner of Sri Lanka in the UK.

Our aim is to:

- Promote unity among Sri Lankan professionals in the UK and pool their skills for the mutual benefit and development of Sri Lanka;
- Raise professional standards among members and colleagues;
- Project a positive image of Asians in the West as skilled and disciplined sector of people making a valuable contribution to the UK's economy and culture.



Advice and mentoring to young professionals

WHAT WE DO

We organise regular educational and fun activities designed to entertain, educate and raise funds to support worthwhile causes.

For example:

- Our activities in the UK include Seminars, Road Shows and Social Activities,
- Tsunami relief, house building,
- Active contributions to establishing renewable energy applications in Sri Lanka, energy from waste and supporting "Gaveshana" the magazine that promotes a research culture in Sri Lankan schools.

WHY WE DO THEM

- To promote unity among professionals and build "bridges",
- To boost morale, raise standards and learn from fellow professionals,
- To celebrate "Sri Lankanness" and Sri Lankans' achievements,
- To harness their skills for the benefit of Sri Lanka,
- To reverse the bad press Asians have in the West
- We believe in the maxims:
 - "It is better to light a candle than curse the darkness."
 - "United we stand, divided we fall"
 - "An eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth, is the easiest way for the entire world to be blind, deaf and toothless."
- To put something back to the country where we got so much from.

WHY WE HOLD ROAD SHOWS

We hold regular road shows to:

- To raise APSL's profile and get it better known,
- "Showcase" what we have done and what we are doing,
- Inform, involve, inspire and attract new members,
- Honour Sri Lankans who have made a real difference to the society,
- Foster unity and celebrate Sri Lankan-ness!



Road shows and social activities

HOW WE DIFFER

Unlike most Sri Lankan Associations in the UK, APSL is open to all Sri Lankans and qualifying non-Sri Lankans* living anywhere in the UK.

As a secular, non-political, organisation, we welcome Sri Lankans of every race, creed and political persuasion.

All we ask is that you value professionalism, work for unity and betterment of each other and wellbeing of Sri Lanka



Celebrating achievement

WHY BECOME A MEMBER

As a member you get the opportunity to:

- Meet and socialise with fellow Sri Lankan professionals,
- Share, contribute and learn from each other,
- Network,
- Advice and support,
- Access to experts,
- Mentoring support for younger members,
- Membership / Expertise database,
- Personal & professional development,
- Free / discounted access to APSL events,
- Members only resource on the website,
- Monthly e-Bulletin,
- Quarterly newsletter,
- Social activities,
- Make a real difference to Sri Lanka.