

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



Dear Members, Donors and Supporters of WZO,

I want to thank all of you for your continued support for WZO and your continued confidence in me as the Chair. I also want to thank the entire Board of Directors of WZO who have dedicated their time to its benefit and made my job that much easier. The workload is now shared between the Directors as we work through sub-committees

on different aspects of running WZO.

Our events in 2022 have significantly increased from 2021 and I would like to thank our two joint Social Secretaries for organising them. The number of cultural events and talks are far more than in previous years. We also had two Afternoon Tea events which have proved to be very popular. We hope that you will attend the programme of events we are arranging for you. It is a great way in bringing the community together. WZO has also worked hard with the local community, particularly in the local inter-faith activities and on environmental projects.

We are pleased to inform that our resident priest, Fali Madon, is busier than ever and has proved to be very popular within the community. He offers a full range of services including Navjotes/Sudreh Pooshi, weddings for Zoroastrian couples and intermarried, funeral rites, Muktaad and so on. He also prepares the young for their Navjotes.

Last year, we made several improvements to our hall and as a result we are receiving more bookings than before. Please do consider the use of the hall for your next event. It is available at very competitive rates to WZO members. Please also let your friends know that this is an excellent venue for their special day

WZO is pleased to say that it has increased its charitable donations to those in need, when compared to the previous year. For it is in difficult times, when the demand from charities is higher. Unfortunately, it also means that WZO received lower amount of donations in common with other charities.

With the reduction in income and increase in its expenses, WZO's bank balances were lower at the end of 2022 than at the start of the year. Together, we must reverse this trend, so may I please request you to donate generously to its funds, support its activities and consider leaving a lasting legacy to WZO in your will.

Let me end my message by urging all of you to get involved with WZO and with your help we will continue to support the community well into the foreseeable future. Once again, I personally thank each one of you for your confidence in me and the support you have given to WZO in the past. Long may this continue.

Yours humbly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rumi Sethna', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Mr Rumi Sethna,
Chair, WZO.**

