



All Party Parliamentary Group for Alevis

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Statement from the All Party Parliamentary Group for Alevis in support of the 2016 Alevi Festival

The All Party Parliamentary Group for Alevis sends its support and best wishes to all members of the British Alevi community on the occasion of the 2016 Alevi Festival, which is due to take place on 7th-12th June.

As part of a week-long series of events across the UK, including panel discussions, musical performances and religious ceremonies, the Festival ends with a celebration of Alevi culture at Hackney Downs Park on Sunday 12th June.

Now in its sixth year, the annual Alevi Festival continues to grow in popularity and is one of the most important events in the British Alevi calendar. It is a fantastic showcase for the rich cultural heritage of the vibrant and fast-growing Alevi community.

By promoting the religious and cultural identity of the Alevi community the Festival highlights the important contribution that Alevis make to British society. With over 300,000 Alevis living and working in the UK, you are making an immense contribution to our economy and to our society as a whole.

The All Party Parliamentary Group for Alevis recognises the importance of raising awareness about the religion and culture of the Alevi people in order to promote a greater understanding of your rights and socio-political aspirations.

Within Parliament the All Party Parliamentary Group for Alevis will continue its work to increase public awareness and recognition of the Alevi community, in order to ensure that your rights are respected and upheld.

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The APPG for Alevis was established in December 2015 to recognise the important contribution that the Alevi community makes to British society. Our aim is to ensure that British Alevis are represented in Parliament by giving them a platform to express their legitimate socio-political aspirations, ensuring that they achieve recognition for their rights and religion in Britain and overseas.

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