

## EVENT SUMMARY

# A History Forgotten – Interfaith Event

On April 12, 2018, Sikh Sangat of North America, in partnership with the Sikh Student's Associations of Simon Fraser University (SFU) and University of British Columbia (UBC), hosted an evening of interfaith and community engagement to raise awareness about the Sikh faith, in celebration of Sikh Heritage Month.

The day began with guests being welcomed to the Gurdwara and receiving a free information package about Sikhs, followed by a personalized tour of the Gurdwara. Guests had the opportunity to participate in various types of Seva (Selfless Service), and then made their way into the main hall to listen to kirten (traditional faith-based music).

“The dialogue around Sikh extremism was very eye-opening and that message needs to be heard by so many more people,” said a member of the Hindu faith. “Often times we group people together and paint everyone with the same brush, without knowing the facts. This is one of the best talks I’ve heard on this topics, and haven’t heard anyone else who had the courage to present it the way Simer Singh did today.”

The main program began with Simer Singh addressing the congregation and talking about who Sikhs are, the concept of langar, why Sikhs bow to Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji and Sikh extremism in Canada. This portion of the program was one of the highlights of the evening for much of the congregation. It allowed for an open dialogue in an inclusive environment for guests to ask intimate questions and to receive well-thought of, and accurate answers in a way that highlighted connectivity with the Divine, the world and each other.

“I was born into the Sikh faith like many of us who come to the Gurdwara. I can honestly say that many of the questions that were asked today – I’ve heard the same questions be asked before,” said a member of the Sikh faith. “The difference today was that the answers that were given were direct and to the point. Very simple to understand. The presenter managed to refer to Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji in almost every single answer provided, which helped me realize the truth behind what he was saying. How to meditate and do Simran according to Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji is something that I’ll remember from this event.”

To conclude the program, Langar was offered to all guests, which is a specially prepared meal for the congregation by local volunteers. The congregation enjoyed a meal together with their brothers and sisters from various faiths further adding to dialogue and connection.

You can view the media release here: [A History Forgotten – Interfaith Event – Media Release](#)

Photos of the event can be seen here: [A History Forgotten – Interfaith Event – Photos](#)

You can view video coverage of the event here: [A History Forgotten – Interfaith Event – Video Clip](#)



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