

Nainan Desai- Building a Hindu Diversity and Education Outreach Program

3 Different types of organizations - Diversity Education Needs

1. NEED to provide diversity (Govt. Agencies, Police, etc)
 - a. What are our symbols/customs
 - b. Dressing/greetings
 2. SHOULD (schools, Universities)
 3. ENCOURAGE (social service clubs, other religious centers)
 - a. Need to customize our talks for them
 - b. Need a way to get them interested, learning about Hinduism wouldn't be enough.
 - i. Ex. "Doing business with India"
- Reach out, more than outreach.
 - Need to train speakers and STANDARDIZE the message

Nikunj Trevedi- Campus Outreach

- Why is a Hindu group on campus necessary?
- 250K Hindu students in USA
- Problem is that there are too many groups, and many are not portraying Hinduism properly.
 - Dance groups, etc.
- Muslim and Jewish organizations are funded by the community and are completely united.
- The void without a Hindu group.
 - Lack of education
 - Lack of community
 - Matrimonial
- HSC
 - Charcha Chats
- How can mandir help?
 - a. Provide funding for your local chapter.
 - b. Be a community advisor.
 - i. Build bridges between different Sampradayas.
 - ii. Funnel The high schoolers
 - c. Fund Hindu Chaplains in Universities.

Neha Srivastava- Temples as Centers for Shakti

- Victim of domestic violence
 - She did not know what to do or who to turn too.
- They seek too:
 - a. Provide Support
 - b. Support Networks
 - c. Providing Spiritual Centers
- Very few support agencies have Hindu helpers, most will be South Asian.
- Temples play a major role in the Hindu community, this is where the change can happen.
 - Trained Shaktivas in mandirs.
 - **Organization is willing to send educators two hours a week to teach counselors in mandirs.**
 - Temples are safe spaces at the end of the day- there is no safer space than in the arms of god.

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Nainan Desai- Hindu Family Support Services

- Manav Seva is Madhav Seva
- Examples of services
 - Medical and dental care
 - Senior Care Team
 - Youth guidance Team