

Aum away from Home

*Recording the memories of
first-generation Hindus in Britain*



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Introduction

This touring exhibition highlights the *British Hindu Oral History Project*, which offers a real chance for Hindus in Britain to get to know themselves from the voices of the first-generation.

There are an estimated 559,000 Hindus in Britain (2001 census figures). The majority of these people will have hailed from Gujarat, arrived here from East Africa in the 1960s and 1970s and many are now approaching old age.

Without capturing this history of the older generation, the Hindu community in Britain will lose access to this heritage and ultimately their identity. To date this is the only national project to form a permanent record of the Hindu community's cultural heritage and British history.



The British Hinduism Oral History Project

With help from The Heritage Lottery Fund, The Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies has launched this nation wide *British Hindu Oral History Project*. The project will form the first permanent record of the cultural and historical life of Hindus in Britain. At the completion of the project in April 2004, three hundred interviews with members of the first-generation Hindu community in Britain will have been conducted.

The transcribed interviews will be kept in the Hindu Archive at the Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies. The archive will serve as a basis for community awareness and a valuable resource for future research, as well as media projects.

"We feel the project has huge model value for other communities. There's no denying the strategic and important vision behind the Oral History Project and the work of the Centre."

Helen Jackson, Heritage Lottery Fund



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To listen to the stories

just pick-up the phone

*identity
expectations
history
belonging
family
journeys
roots
experiences
adventure
children
generations
memories...*

How to contact and take part

The British Hindu Oral History Project is designed in such a way that everyone can get involved. If you feel that you would like to be part of this exciting project and a part of history making please contact us. You could put your name forward as volunteer to conduct interviews of family and friends. Or you may wish us to come and interview you.

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