

Govindas, Abbey Street, Dublin 1
May 21st 2011 11:00 AM

**ISKCON Ireland National Council
Meeting No.1**

In attendance:-

Praghosa das	PR
Syamananda das	SD
Gopal Acarya das	GA
Caitanya Candrodaya das	CC
Bhagavata dd	BG
Sri Rupa das	SR
Somesh Kumar	SK

Apologies from:-

Tim McEvit	TM
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PR gave an introduction to the formation of the IINC; Representation of ISKCON centres as a gathering, in Ireland, has not been happening for a number of years, while it is an ISKCON norm. The European GBC body reviewed a complaint they received from Ireland and as a result of that complaint, they made one recommendation - a National Council for Ireland should be re-established;-

This meeting is to explore how best to fulfil the request of the Euro GBC;-

The following discussion questions were raised:

1) Who does the ISKCON Ireland National Council represent presently?

Some comments included: "devotees living in the asrama and visitors;" "interest of the Deities," "oneself as one of the devotees in Ireland", "anyone who is inspired, if they follow SP and his movement;" "Indian community" "temple and community and satellite communities who are attending the temple;"

2) Who should the ISKCON Ireland National Council represent going forward?

Comments by individuals included: "people who are willing to be represented by us and are actively engaged in service," "anyone who accepts SP as a pure devotee and Krishna as the SP of G" "those who chant 16 rounds and follow the four reg. principles," "those who are part of the future, not only of the old days of the past, the second generation of devotees," "ideally needs to represent everyone," "those who are following authority even if they accept other spiritual authority while respecting everyone."

The following statements were unanimously agreed as the answers to:

Who does the ISKCON Ireland National Council represent presently?

The ISKCON Ireland National Council currently represents those residing on ISKCON property, those regularly attending, serving and participating in ISKCON programs as well as satellite gatherings of devotees who are serving enthusiastically within ISKCON's mission.

Who should the ISKCON Ireland National Council represent going forward?

Ideally the ISKCON Ireland National Council aspires to serve the entire jiva population of the country.

That said, the ISKCON Ireland National Council is obliged to work within their capacity. Given that the relationship of representation has vital elements of reciprocation, the ISKCON Ireland National Council will naturally offer to serve, as representatives, those who are actively serving the mission of Srila Prabhupada and are supportive of the authority structure as given by him.

Within this framework we invite any and all to engage in the Harinama Sankirtana movement of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu.

Majority voted: That IINC meetings should be held quarterly;-

Agenda items for the next meeting:-

- 1) Who should the ISKCON Ireland National Council representatives be;-
- 2) Succession;-
- 3) Proposals for the membership of the council, local representatives, Irish sanga proposals;-
- 4) Scope of work for the ISKCON Ireland National Council;-

Next meeting: Additional representation of the satellite groups are to be confirmed or discussed at the next meeting, to be held on Sunday 26th of June at 10 AM on Inisrath Island.