



40 Years of Service

Standing Committee of Tamil Speaking people (SCOT) Annual General Meeting 2019

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of SCOT will be held on Sunday 24th November 2019 commencing at 9.30am, at The Northolt Village Community Centre, Northolt Village UB5 6AD.

The following documents are enclosed for your careful perusal prior to the meeting:

- Annual Report 2018/2019
- Statement of Audited Accounts 2018/2019
- Project Officer's Report 2018/2019
- Minutes of the AGM held on 18th November 2018
- Sample of Nomination forms for the election of the Office Bearers for 2019/2020

**** Please note that the completed nomination forms should reach the secretary by 22nd November 2019**

AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. Registration and Apologies
2. Adoption of the Minutes of AGM held on 18.11.2018
3. Matters arising from the minutes
4. Adoption of Statement of Audited Accounts
5. Presidents Address
6. Election of General Council Members 2019/2020, including the appointment of Honorary Auditor
7. Any Other Business (The matters to be discussed should be notified to the secretary by 17th November 2019)

Thanking you,

C J Sabapathy

President	Secretary	Treasurer	Projects Officer
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President's Annual Report

Dear members, friends and well-wishers of Standing Committee of Tamils (SCOT) over 40 years have elapsed since SCOT began after the aftermath of 1977 riots in Sri Lanka with loss of lives, livelihood, property and displacement of large section of communities towards safer areas in North and East.

We are deeply grateful to you for helping us to support our fellow Tamil brothers and sisters in dire needs. The percentage of people living below poverty line is the largest in Tamil areas-18% in Killinochchi, 13% in Mullaitivu, 11% in Batticaloa, 10% in Trincomalee and 8% in Jaffna .

The twelve month period since SCOT celebrated our Fortieth - Ruby anniversary had been very eventful with extensive flooding affecting people in Killinochchi district just after Christmas of 2018 which we immediately acted upon along with KILLIPEOPLE charity in UK providing dry rations which were distributed on 29th December 2018 to over 130 families mostly depending on farming for their survival.

SCOT was in action again following the horrific acts of violence executed on churchgoers in their places of worship on Easter Sunday in April 2019. With the help of local charity AEDU in Batticaloa we were able to provide immediate relief towards caring for injured and for families affected following bereavement. We still continue supporting affected families with medical support.

Our annual April New Year Lunch speaker was Mr Arumugam Kandiah - Agricultural Engineer, Former Consultant FAO, Rome (member of committee commissioned by the Governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka) who presented the proposed Economic Development Master Plan for the Northern Province as the Government's post conflict plans and programmes have fallen short of meeting the unique socioeconomic challenges and needs of a Province coming out of three decades of war. The framework recommended the creation of a Northern Planning Bureau responsible for guiding long-term economic development. Once the bureau is established SCOT General Committee has assured it will co-ordinate with other Diaspora charities and individuals in UK in the strategic planning, coordination and provide the most needed support to the development of the Northern Planning Bureau.

The SCOT's mission for the future is Education, Education and Empowerment. We have already embarked on projects promoting development that enhance Education, Improve Employment opportunities and empower the underprivileged thus creating potentials for long term impact that will bring them a brighter future.

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SCOT along with EDFSL-Education Development Forum of SL and executed by the British Council centre in Jaffna has started Training of Teacher Trainer courses for improving the standard of English teaching in schools in the North and Vanni. The first group comprised of 20 capable and committed teachers as Teacher trainers who will train other teachers. The total commitment of SCOT to date is nearly £40,000 including £10,000 from EDFSL. Early indication the recent GCE-OL results in English language has shown progressive improvements from schools where the students were taught by teachers who had undergone the training.

As part of our Empowerment project SCOT is working with Assist Resettlement and Renaissance to fund Fishing Equipment (1 boat, 1 engine and 10 nets) to fishermen in the coastal areas to go back to their traditional employment .Each boat will help a group of five families. SCOT has agreed to fund this project this year and in 2020 costing £ 5,600 each year.

During the past three decades of bloody war in Sri Lanka people have endured untold suffering through starvation, injury, deprivation, natural disaster, inhumanity and death. Ten years on we still have the problems lingering on unresolved and SCOT is proud to have taken on its hands to prescribe remedies in some small way .Please refer to the project officer's report for other areas and initiatives we continue to support to change the quality of lives of our sisters and brothers in our homeland. All this is only possible through your generosity and support for which we are immensely thankful.

On behalf of the members of the Standing Committee of Tamils -SCOT, I look forward welcoming you to our 2019 Dinner and Dance on Saturday 16 November and our Annual General Meeting on Sunday 24 November (please see details attached) providing an opportunity to share your views with us and how we can take SCOT forward to serve our people.

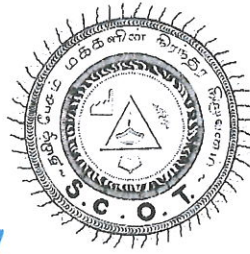
Wishing you all Greetings of the season and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.



Dr Ranjit S Thambyrajah

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President of Standing Committee of Tamils (SCOT)



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Standing Committee of Tamil Speaking People (SCOT) Project Officer's Report 2018 - 19

We are immensely grateful to our dear members, donors, advertisers and patrons for helping us to support our fellow Tamil speaking brothers and sisters in need.

Each and every Tamils in North and East of Sri Lanka has undergone and still going through hardships, challenges, great losses and deprivation each and every day of their life. It is sad to say this injustice has not changed, in any recognisable way.

SCOT's resources are limited, but we have stood by the Tamils in Sri Lanka throughout the face of adversary for over **40 years**. Holding hands with our friends and delivery partners in Sri Lanka, doing everything in our power to aid and help to overcome some of their challenges.

We could have taken the easy route. We could have chosen to stick our head in the sands and upturned our noses to the cries of our own people. But we did not. SCOT has stood by the needy helping them to walk when they could not, carrying them when they had no hope and nursing them when there was no faith.

Even though the battle is at a close the war is not over. The current war is not the one that we all know with guns and bombs and sirens; it is more dangerous than that. Now our war is against our largest opponent, time. Before it is too late, we need to uplift the quality of life of our people in the North and East of Sri Lanka, so that they look forward for a brighter future.

To achieve this SCOT has spilt its activities in to three streams - **Education, Employment** and **Empowerment. (3E's)**. It is important we harness our limited resources, have a structured approach and focus on projects that will make a material difference to our people. The strategy of SCOT going forward is to work closer with other likeminded charities and organisations both in the UK and Sri Lanka.

To name a few, in the recent past SCOT has been;

- Working with Assist RR providing fishing boat to fishermen enabling them to return to work – each boat shared by five families.
- Working with 'Kili people UK' providing immediate Flood relief and support to people affected by the last boxing day floods.
- Working with "AEDU Batticaloa" providing long term rehabilitation support for victims of Easter bomb attack.

(A comprehensive list of projects funded by SCOT in 2018/9 is the Treasurer's report).

Going forward SCOT General Council's aim is to work closely with government agencies, UK and overseas charities so that funding is prioritised, and duplication is avoided.

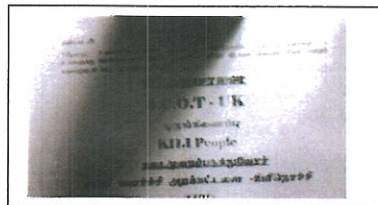
SCOT will take a lead or work jointly to identify the need, assess the requirements and plan and deliver projects and programmes through our three streams **Education, Employment** and **Empowerment (3E's)** so that we can collectively change the quality of life of our people in the North and East of Sri Lanka. Like us our fellow brothers and sisters in North and East of Sri Lanka also have hopes, ambitions and dreams as well.

To deliver this we need you. Who are willing to share their time and skills with SCOT for our people. We are on a journey with a dream. A dream that will echo throughout North and East of Sri-Lanka, when achieved and we will. So please join us on this journey – become a member and be part of us, become a GC member and enable us to collectively make the right decision for our people, become a sponsor of our events and promote our service to our people. The more we do will change the life of someone in some small way.

Jude Swampillai
Project Officer
October 2019



Above:
April 2019 Easter Bomb victim



Above:
December 2018 flood relief with

Below: Fishing Boat Project



Below: English Teacher Training



STANDING COMMITTEE OF TAMIL SPEAKING PEOPLE

GENERAL COUNCIL MEMBERS NOMINATION FORM 2018/2019

Position:

Name of Member:

Address:

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Postcode:

Telephone No:

E-mail:

Signature:

Proposed by:

Address:

Signature:

Seconded by:

Address:

Signature:

Please note that the completed nomination forms should reach the Secretary by 11th November 2018

For SCOT use only

Date received:

Signature:

The candidate, proposer and seconder should be fully paid up members on 30 September, 2018