

## Non-Alcoholic and Vegetarian Diwali celebrated by NSW Unions

By : Surinder Jain.

Unions NSW held a Diwali celebration “Unions in Unison in Divine Diwali” in the Trades Hall at Trade Union office on 26th October 2018. The event was hosted by the secretary of NSW Unions and presented by Harish Velji and Aesha of the labour Union movement.



Diwali celebration in Trades Hall

According to Mr Harish Velji,

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*“Unions in Unison in Divine Diwali was a historical first by the unions at their historic site. As organisers we felt the only way we should respect the event (Diwali being a religious event) was by not having meat or alcohol. There are some commercial Diwali function who supply both. My team has people of various faith. Great thing is that all recognise that we must value each others religion as equal and should be treated as such. Aisha, Michelle and I look forward to attending Hindu Council Diwali Mela.”*

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Thank you for inviting Hindu Council to the event and sticking to the spiritual festival and abiding by Hindu sensitivities on the matter, without us having to even ask.

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Harish Velji talking about Diwali

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