

The UK Government introduces restrictions on Freedom to Worship.

The idea we all hold sacred and take for granted is our freedom to worship. This core belief is central to all that make us British and therefore one of the most tolerant and respected free societies on earth. This is all about to change as it is confirmed today by Liam Clifford Director of www.globalvisas.com one of the world leading authorities on Immigration laws that the UK Government are introducing laws which will make it more difficult for Ministers of religion from outside the EU to enter the UK to address their congregations and lead UK people in prayer

New Delhi, Delhi, August 26, 2008 /India PRwire/ -- Religion transcends national borders and most religions including Christian faiths, Islam, Judaism, Buddhism, Hinduism and more regularly invite learned elders of their religions to join them in the UK for prayer and guidance. Young religious people are also invited to extend their understanding of the UK and our people. The new laws to restrict Ministers of religion coming the UK will affect every religion in the UK.

For a minister of religion to enter the UK currently they simply require a letter of invitation from the congregation(s) they wish to visit. Going forward they will require a pre-approved Government sponsor who has paid for their approval. The new laws allow the Home Office to refuse the minister of religion the right to come to the UK as they do not have a pre-approved sponsor. Liam Clifford points out the assumption must be the Government intend to exercise this new power if they have gone to the effort of introducing it. The only question remains is when shall they invoke their new right to refuse sponsorship of Minister of religions. Maybe when Catholics disagree too loudly with abortion laws or Islamic preachers who disagree with the UK foreign policies could find their sponsors unable to invite them to the UK. This is of course an extremely worrying curtailment of our right to worship and one everybody needs to fight.

Our right to believe, worship and discuss any issues should never be infringed upon but encouraged. Ministers from all our religions come to the UK to lead us in prayer but also to travel amongst our many temples, synagogue, mosques and church our ministers of religion have never had to report to a pre approved sponsor before who must be based in the UK. Holy work while in the UK is not overseen by any "local manager" or sponsor. The data held by Immigration on Ministers of religion breaching Immigration rules and absconding seems extremely small for such a response now by the Government. One Catholic Priest summed it up when he said "We have one sponsor and one boss. He most certainly is not answerable to the Home Office." Liam Clifford and www.globalvisas.com is fighting to have the new requirement for sponsorship removed. Freedom to worship should be encouraged and barriers should not be erected making it more difficult for people to come to our country to worship with us and lead us in prayer. He goes on to say the idea of making money out of sponsors of religious leaders is a sin and the lowest of the low even for this government.

Liam Clifford said "I go to Church each Sunday and just last week we had a priest from Asia standing in for parish priest while he was on his annual holiday. Under the new laws that priest who led us in prayer may not have been allowed to join us in time and he would also have to find a person to pay for his sponsors fees.

Liam Clifford from www.globalvisas.com goes on to say "When and why will the first ministers be refused entry? I only hope the Government does not attempt to quote radical extremism as their reasoning behind this action as the only radical extremists are the UK Government themselves who are dragging the UK down to the level of Nazi Germany or even the levels of China which George Bush recently spoke out against when he said "Everyone should have the right to worship freely however they choose. The Government must surely wake up and see the damage it is causing before it is too late."

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