



UK & Ireland

Seven Sisters Coastline, UK

UK & IRELAND HIGHLIGHTS

COUNTRIES	CENTRES/ GROUPS	SSIO MEMBERS	SSE STUDENTS	ISSE	SATHYA SAI SCHOOLS
UK	78	4,249	1,205		
Ireland	2	45	15		
TOTAL	80	4,294	1,220		



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United Kingdom

Hundreds of SSIO members took time to show gratitude to their elders in a gathering at Hatsfield, London, on 21st October 2017. The occasion, coinciding with Avatar Declaration Day, honoured elders who have contributed to the SSIO and the new generation of its members. Children also paid respect to their parents, recognising the many sacrifices made for their benefit. More broadly, the SSIO showed its gratitude to numerous collaborating organisations who facilitate its ongoing service projects, including the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Refuge UK, the British Red Cross, Royal Mail, and the Food Bank of Hatfield.

On 10th December 2017, members of the SSIO of UK from South West England and Wales met for annual National Christmas Celebrations at the iconic Princess Hall, Cheltenham Ladies College. The event, "Harmony: the Hallmark of Humanity," began with a Christmas service following the traditional Festival of Nine Lessons and Christmas carols. Before the festivities, volunteers made donations in support of regional food banks, and their local chapter of the YMCA (Young Men's Christian Association). Readings from the Holy Bible were beautifully intertwined with the carols, together relating the joyful story of Lord Jesus. The magical and uplifting ambience in the hall during the service crescendoed into the final carol, "O Come, All Ye Faithful."



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Every month, for the past four years, Sai Young Adults from various parts of London have served food to the needy in Central London. On 2nd March 2018, the National Service Wing and Sai Young Adults served hot food to about 85 people at The Strand, Charing Cross. The recipients were also given dry packed lunches to take away, prepared by Sathya Sai volunteers.



Ireland

A historic castle hosted 35 SSIO members for the Irish Sathya Sai Summer Retreat from the 16th–18th June 2017. The event included transformational group workshops based on Sathya Sai's teachings, as well as music programmes. The event concluded with the participants gathering in the castle's dungeon, lit only by candle-light, to symbolise overcoming fear and adversities.

