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Sikh Council UK supports Charandeep Singh to become 1st Sikh MSP in Scotland.

Charandeep Singh, Executive Committee member of SCUK, is hoping to become the Scottish National Party (SNP) candidate for Eastwood in the upcoming elections for the Scottish Parliament (May 2021).

In 2016, Charandeep Singh was one of eleven candidates in the Scottish Parliamentary Election but marginally missed out on being selected in Glasgow. Since then, he has developed in the Scottish political arena and is hopeful of further success in 2021.

The first documented Sikh in Scotland was Maharajah Duleep Singh (last King of the Sikh Empire), who moved to Scotland in 1854, taking up residence at the Grandtully estate in Perthshire.

According to the Scottish Sikh Association, the first Sikhs settled in Glasgow in the early 1920s with the first Gurdwara established in South Portland Street.

General Secretary Gurpreet Singh Anand of the SCUK said:

“Sikhs have made Scotland their home for over 100 years, making contributions in all areas including Social, Economic and now in Politics. It’s about time the Sikh community has representation in the Scottish political arena and be able to contribute its ethical values to the political systems of Scotland. We, at the Sikh Council wholeheartedly support Charandeep Singh with his campaign and urge the Eastwood community to support him.”

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