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Sri Lankan Night 2024



Sri Lankan Night 2024 - an evening of fun with a Sri Lankan dinner, live music and dance

Join us for a vibrant Sri Lankan evening at our 10th anniversary scholarship celebration dinner!

You'll have the opportunity to enjoy authentic Sri Lankan curry and dance to the tune of melodious Sri Lankan music and learn about the incredible impact our scholarships have had over the past decade, empowering bright young minds to pursue their dreams through education.

With a keynote speech highlighting evolution of dance from Kafrinha to Brazilian Zouk, followed by a tantalising dance performance, this event promises to be an unforgettable celebration of community, culture, and the power of giving back.

Date & time: Saturday 15th June 2024 from 6.00pm till late.

Price: £50 per adult, £25 per child (6-12 years).

Venue: Holiday Inn Bolton Centre, 1 Higher Bridge St, Bolton BL1 2EW.

[Please click here to book your place\(s\)](#)

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Programme

- 6.00 – 6.30 pm Arrival, Registration & Refreshments
- 6.30– 6.35 pm Welcome & Introduction: Dr Mohan Siriwardena, President, APSL
- 6.35– 6.50 pm **‘My first visit to Sri Lanka’**: Prof Chris Nester, Keele University Friend and long-term sponsor of Scholarship Scheme, on his recent visit to Sri Lanka
- 6.50 – 7.00 pm Message from Prof. Terrence Fernando, Co-Founder, Scholarship Scheme.
Annual Report: Mervyn Silva & Gayani Senaratne

7.00 – 7.30 pm

Keynote Address

‘From Sri Lankan Kafirinha to Brazilian Zouk: Dancing through the Atlantic and Indian Ocean worlds.’



Speaker: Professor Ananya Jahanara Kabir FBA, King’s College London.

Ananya is Professor of English Literature at King’s College London and Fellow of the British Academy. Her research into the history of African heritage social dances and the reasons for their global popularity has been funded by national and international grants and has won her academic recognition in Europe and India. Ananya is now starting a new research project on Dutch and Portuguese heritage across Atlantic and Indian Ocean world sites, including Galle and Jaffna in Sri Lanka.

- 7.30 – 7.40 pm Zouk dance performance - Rebecca and Rosie
- 8.00 – 9.30 pm Networking & Sri Lankan buffet dinner
Raffle
- 9.30 – 12.00 pm Music & Dance including Sri Lanka Baila (DJ: Genre music)

* Above times are approximate as there will be short interludes between items to showcase children’s talent



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Want to stay at the event venue?

For your convenience we have negotiated a favourable delegate rate with the venue itself. Instead of the regular price of £152, we have block reserved bedrooms at a discounted rate of £137.00 Bed & Breakfast, per room at Holiday Inn Bolton Centre. They would need to be pre-booked 7 days before the event to get the discount price as otherwise will be released back to general sale thereafter.

How to book: To book, please ringing their in-house reservations team on 01204 879988 – select option 1 and quote our block code of SO1. All bookings will need to be secured with a debit or credit card and payment made at reception on arrival. There is ample on-site free parking for the guests.

Why not extend your stay and make a weekend of it?

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Known throughout the world as the birthplace of the industrial revolution, Manchester has a proud history in science, politics, music, arts, and sport. And today the city combines this heritage with a progressive vision to be a city that delivers surprise and delight in equal measures.

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