



## OneJAIN 2019 Election Manifesto

- OneJAIN is the 30 UK Jain organisations, collectively represented by the Institute of Jainology (IOJ) in government and inter-faith matters.
- OneJAIN is not a political organisation and has no political affiliations with any party.
- In 2016, the IOJ became the secretariat of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Jainism (Jain APPG) and has developed several policies which are now the basis for this manifesto.
- IOJ will inform the Jain community, where any candidate who was a Member of the previous Parliament has signed this Election Manifesto.

### OneJAIN Manifesto

#### 1. Jains should be better represented in public life

- Jains are an integral part of the multi faith society that is modern Britain. They play an active part in business and charity; however, they are not adequately represented in local government or in Parliament. OneJAIN will actively campaign for Jains to be better represented in all areas of public life.

#### 2. Jainism should be added as a 'Tick Box' in the Religions Section in the next national census

- In the last national census, over 20,000 Jains ticked the 'Other' box, and added Jain. This is about 30% of the British Jain population. OneJAIN will actively continue campaigning for a Jain 'Tick Box' to be added to the census.

#### 3. Jains should be represented at major national and local events

- Jains are an integral and integrated part of modern Britain and should be represented at all major national events. OneJAIN will actively campaign for Jains to be represented at all national events.

#### 4. Jains support the integration of all faiths into British Society

- Living in today's Britain, we strongly support British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance. OneJAIN will actively campaign for all faiths to follow these values and encourage learning English to drive better integration and harmony.



5. Jains condemn violence in the UK in response to events elsewhere

- Jains respect the rights of all to peaceful protest as a key part of a free, democratic society. OneJAIN will actively campaign against violent protest in response to religious, social or political events in the UK or other parts of the world.

6. Jains will actively campaign for greater security for Jain and other families

- There has been a significant rise in crimes, and in particular violent crimes, in the areas in which Jains live and work. OneJAIN will actively campaign for safer streets and neighbourhoods.

7. Jains promote stronger UK-India bilateral ties

- Jainism originated from India and has very strong links with India, the world's largest multi-faith and multicultural democracy. OneJAIN will actively campaign for stronger UK-India ties.