

The Vision of the London Buddhist Centre

The vision of the LBC is to gather together a community of Buddhist spiritual practitioners, who communicate and exemplify Sangharakshita's distinctive vision of the Dharma. We want to help create and make as widely available as possible good conditions for men and women to deepen their Going for Refuge to the Buddha – the ideal of Enlightenment, the Dharma – all those attitudes and teaching that lead to Enlightenment, and the Sangha – those men and women who have made decisive progress on the path to Enlightenment. And we want to make those conditions as widely available as possible.

Arising out of this vision we have, broadly speaking, ten 'fields of work' – areas particular concern, focus and emphasis.

Arena	Description	Focused by
Teaching the Dharma	Communicating Sangharakshita's distinctive vision of the Buddhadharma in a coherent, progressive and comprehensive way to all.	Dharma Co-ordinator
Spiritual Friendship (<i>Kalyanamitrata</i>)	Creating Sangha among men and women who attend the LBC, as a path and a fruit, a practice and an experienced benefit	Mitra Convenors and Chair
Communities	To encourage vibrant, financially sustainable FWBO residential spiritual communities	Communities sub-group
Right Livelihood	To encourage work as a spiritual and ethical practice – especially the creation and support of Team-Based Right Livelihood Businesses that are spiritually vital and financially sustainable	Friends Foods Board, Sudana Management Committee, Windhorse Trading, Bodywise Trustees
LBC administration	Running the LBC administration, reception & systems that support the Centre to carry out its work in a harmonious and efficient way.	Centre Coordinator

Holding regular LBC retreats at all levels of involvement	To provide a quiet and well run retreat centre (Vajrasana) and to make effective, sustainable use of it	Vajrasana Caretaker And Centre Coordinator
Breathing Space	To apply the Buddhadharma using secular terms to meet specific needs	Breathing Space management group
Communications	<i>Within the LBC Mandala :</i> To communicate and be in dialogue with those who attend the LBC <i>Beyond the Mandala :</i> Dharma Outreach: To advertise widely so the LBC and its activities are known; To make the Buddhadharma known in a range of venues to as many people as possible. Involvement with the wider community: To have a beneficial relationship with the wider community as neighbours and as citizens	Centre Co-ordinator, Web group Dharma Coordinator
Financial & Legal Responsibilities	To help maintain the long-term financial viability of the institutions of the Mandala; to work within the legal framework in all our areas of involvement	Treasurer, Friends' Foods financial manager, LBC Council, Bodywise Trustees
Property management & maintenance	To responsibly manage the physical assets of the charity	Property manager