

Activities at Big Brother in a nutshell:

Investing with other international organisations in suitable equipment to create an international archive and be ready to start for Gurujji's birthday.

Further improvements to IYN to easily identify teacher news from the main magazine, and requests for relevant material for the next special edition on Gurujji's 90th.

Upgrading the website to run more smoothly.

Mr I has requested that we help with the formation of an independent Irish association.

A new working group was created specifically to organise the convention next year with Geeta.

Thoughts on how to get more teachers to join through an institute rather than independently, currently this lies at 60:40.

PR plans incl. a new photo bank and leaflets as well as monitoring lifestyle pages and a new logo.

Issues re payment of, and visas for non-euro teachers; we decide the best way forward would be to pay for legal advice.

Many policy decisions re. payments, appointments, appeals, procedures etc. as these are always up for review/improvement as the organisation continues to grow with the demands of the wider world.

As I have been the local rep for the last two years it is now time for someone new to fill my shoes. It is a crucial role in order for us to have a 2-way communication link with the parent organisation and in making sure that decisions reflect members in this part of the world too.