# Tibet Society

Founded in 1959, within weeks of the flight of the Dalai Lama from Tibet following the uprising against China's occupation, Tibet Society became the world's first ever Tibet support group.

Today, Tibet Society continues to work for the freedom of the Tibetan people and their right to self-determination.

All the founders of Tibet Society had personal knowledge of an independent and free Tibet, having either lived in Lhasa or had direct dealings with the Tibetan government. Hugh Richardson, the British Representative in Tibet, was among the dignitaries who greeted the young Dalai Lama when, in 1939, aged just four, he first entered Lhasa. Heinrich Harrer, when in Lhasa in the 1940s, coached the Dalai Lama in English and maths. Robert Ford, who remained Vice President until his death in 2013, was captured and imprisoned for five years by the invading Chinese army in 1950 when serving as radio officer to the Tibetan Government. Well known High Court Judge and founder of the Buddhist Society, Christmas Humphreys, first met the Dalai Lama in 1956.

Tibet Society works for the freedom of the Tibetan people and their right to self determination by:

• Seeking negotiation and change through dialogue

• Promoting understanding of Tibet's history, culture and religion

• Lobbying the UK government through the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Tibet

• Fostering a greater understanding between parliamentarians from the UK and the Tibetan Parliament in Exile

• Supporting Tibetans in the UK to make their voice heard

• Helping the Tibetan Government in Exile in their democratic processes.

Help keep Tibet alive. Be a voice for change. JOIN TIBET SOCIETY

Tibet Society, the world's first Tibet support group, was founded in 1959. Funded by its members, it has been working for over 50 years to seek justice for Tibet through parliamentary lobbying, campaigns and actions. Help keep Tibet alive by joining Tibet Society today. (Annual membership £24; Family £36; Life £500).

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