

When We Talk Will You Listen

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Meaning

'When we talk will you listen' is a banner created by 'Hamari Yaadain', a South Asian group based in Leeds. This banner asks us to listen, and to try and understand the concerns of people living with dementia. One of the symptoms of certain kinds of dementia can be the disturbance of speech, and the ability to speak a second language.

Symbolism

The central illustration is of members of the group within a lotus blossom, which is the national flower of India. In the top corners are marigolds, which are important flowers in South Asian culture, and at the bottom are the white roses of Yorkshire. The flowers are joined by sound waves. The group was recorded saying "when we talk, will you listen" in English and then Punjabi. The sound waves are depicted on the banner; the left is English and to the right Punjabi.

The colours green and saffron are taken from the National flag of India, with green representing healing and nature, and saffron representing renunciation and humility.