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Awards will be presented to young achievers from the Sikh community for their achievements in the arts, sport and education or for the contribution they have made to their community.

Vegetarian food prepared by the Sikh community will be offered to people attending.

Deputy Mayor of London Richard Barnes is due to speak at the celebrations, which are also commemorating 300 years of the consecration of Sri Guru Granth Sahib as the eternal Guru.

Richard Barnes said: 'London's Sikh community continues to play an important role in London's cultural life and economy. Vaisakhi, the Sikh New Year, is the holiest day for over 20 million Sikhs worldwide and its message about promoting friendship and mutual respect is of particular relevance to this great city of ours.'

"Everyone is welcome to attend Vaisakhi in the Square, so I hope you will join us on the day.'

Marketing Director at Lycamobile, Rob Beswick, added: 'Lycamobile is delighted to be supporting this year's GLA Vaisakhi celebrations and Trafalgar Square is an excellent location for this event.'

"We will be bringing along some great Vaisakhi promotions and free giveaways. We will continue to support flagship events that reflect the diversity and vibrancy of our customer mix which is echoed in our sponsorship commitment with the GLA this year.'

PROGRAMME (subject to change).

12pm Shabad Kirtin (religious hymns) performed by groups from Gurdwaras in London.

2.15pm Live music, dance, guest artists and DJs from Sunrise Radio. 3pm-4pm Speeches and presentations. 3.30pm Live music and dance.