

Shambhala Group and Centre Survey 2026

Welcome to the 2026 Survey of Shambhala Groups and Centres

This survey is part of a broader initiative to help us see ourselves clearly as a Shambhala society. As you know, this year we are sending one survey to each group and centre. We are looking forward to receiving a response from every group and centre, so we all can have the best understanding of what groups and centres have in common and how they differ. All data we receive from this survey will be grouped by group/centre size, so no one will be able to identify your individual answers.

Thank you for taking the time to participate.

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This survey has two parts. The first part asks about your group or centre's own experiences across a number of dimensions. The second part focuses on your group or centre's relationships with others across the global Shambhala organization.

Part One - Your experiences as a Shambhala group or centre

1. In general, would you say that you have enough of these resources to support your group or centre?

	Yes, we have enough	Yes, but we could use more	No, we do not have enough
Revenue to cover expenses	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Enough money in reserve to cover one year of expenses	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Volunteers to support your activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
People to take leadership positions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Teachers to support current programming	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Meditation instructors to serve your community now	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
People training to be teachers in the future	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
People training to be meditation instructors in the future	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Equipment to offer online programming	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Expertise to offer online programming	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

2. What best describes your access to a physical space in which to practise and present programs? (Please select the best answer)

- We have a dedicated space that we own
- We have a dedicated space that we rent
- We rent space that we share with another meditation group or similar organisation
- We share space for free with another meditation group or similar organisation
- We pay for public spaces that we use occasionally
- We have public spaces that we use occasionally for free
- We meet in private settings such as someone's home
- We only interact as a group or centre online

Other (please describe briefly).

3. How well does your current space meet your needs?

- Our space is a good support for our current activities
- Our space is adequate for our current activities, but could be improved
- Our space does not meet our current needs

If none of these choices reflect your experience, you can comment here

4. Would you move to a different space if you could afford to?

- Probably yes
- Probably no

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5. How would you rate these aspects of participation in your group or centre?

	Not important to us	Somewhat important to us, but not a priority	Important to us and satisfied with how things are	Important to us and not satisfied with how things are
Numbers of new participants at programs and meditation sessions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A diverse mix of participants	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Proportion of participants becoming members or regular donors	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Previously active individuals returning to centre activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Members with different relationships with the Sakyong and other Tibetan teachers accepting and supporting each other	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Being a place where members of different generations and with different practices can meet and interact	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
People willing to increase the amount of their dues or donations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

6. Would you like to add anything about resource needs, participation or other issues at your group or centre?

7. Are the Shambhala Care and Conduct Policies and Procedures readily available to members and visitors to your group or centre?

- Yes
- Not sure
- No
- We do not know how to get a copy of these in order to make them available

* 8. Do you incorporate Shambhala Online courses in your group or centre program offerings?

- Yes
- No
- We have incorporated these in the past but prefer to offer our own courses if possible
- We have not done this, but we are considering incorporating these in the future

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9. How satisfied are you that the current array of Shambhala Online programming meets your needs as a group or centre?

- Very satisfied
- Somewhat Satisfied
- Not satisfied

10. What suggestions do you have for different Shambhala Online program offerings?

11. How well does the Shambhala Online revenue share policy meet your needs? (please select the best answer for you)

- The current revenue share policy works well
- We would like to be able to purchase a course and adapt it for our own needs
- We are not familiar with the Shambhala Online revenue share policy
- Other (please specify)

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Part Two: Your group or centre's experience with the larger Shambhala community

12. How much contact do you have with people in these groups?

	We have regular contact	We have occasional contact	We receive information from them, but we do not have regular contact	We have no contact at all
Groups and centres in our geographic area	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Groups and centres elsewhere in the world	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Land or retreat centres	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Our Global Community Council representative	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Shambhala Online	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Shambhala Global Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Shambhala Board	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

13. Do you feel that your group or centre would benefit from more interaction with people in these groups?

	Yes, we would like more interaction	Possibly, not sure of the benefit of more interaction	No, more interaction is not necessary
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Shambhala Board	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

* 14. Is your group or centre located in Europe?

- Yes
- No

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15. How much contact does your group or centre have with people at Shambhala Europe?

- We have regular contact
- We have occasional contact
- We receive information from them, but we do not have regular contact
- We have no contact at all

16. Do you feel that your group or centre would benefit from more interaction with Shambhala Europe?

- Yes, we would like more interaction
- Possibly, not sure of the benefit of more interaction
- No, more interaction is not necessary

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17. How closely does your group or centre identify as or feel connected to the larger Shambhala organization? (move the slider to your rating, or put a number from 0 to 5 in the box at the right)

0- Very little, we think of ourselves as independent	5 - Strongly identified or connecteed, we think of ourselves as an integral part of the larger organization
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	<input type="text"/>

18. Do you have any other comments about your group or centre's relationship to the larger Shambhala organization?

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Finally, please tell us a little bit about your group or centre.

19. About how large is your group or centre? This is the number of people who participate regularly in your group or centre in some way.

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| <input type="radio"/> Very small (10 or fewer in the community). | <input type="radio"/> Large (between 51 and 100 in the community). |
| <input type="radio"/> Small (20 or fewer in the community). | <input type="radio"/> Very large (more than 100 in the community). |
| <input type="radio"/> Medium (between 21 and 50 in the community). | |

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Thank you for participating in our survey of Shambhala groups and centres.

We look forward to sharing the combined responses of all survey participants with the Shambhala community, so that we can better understand each other. Please click "Done" to submit your answers.