



# RIGPA

Vision board statement  
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*This statement is a summary of the 5-page communication sent to the Rigpa community by the Vision Board on 30 April 2018.*

Following Dzongsar Khyentse Rinpoche's tour of Europe, the new Vision Board has met for the first time in March. That immensely clarifying and timely visit provided the ideal springboard for us to begin our work together.

We recognize and feel ourselves the anguish and shock, and sense of loss and pain, that our community has been through these past months. There have also been moments of extraordinary openness, togetherness and shared resolve, that have shone through.

We believe the willingness of our Sangha to be open, to listen to each other and to exchange, has shown the strength and big heartedness of our community. We, as a Vision Board, feel a deep and humble sense of responsibility, and will do all that we can to support this way forward for the Sangha. We are also committed to looking into what we need to learn from this situation, and what we need to change, in order to provide the safest and most conducive environment for everyone in Rigpa.

We also realize that Rigpa needs to renew its vision. Several threads of consultation and enquiry will need to come together in order for us to do so, including the guidance from our main spiritual advisors (Dzongsar Khyentse Rinpoche, Jetsun Khandro Rinpoche and Khenchen Namdrol), as well as other progressive, experienced Buddhist teachers, and the input from the Sangha—your expressed wishes and aspirations, calls for change, wisdom and insight.

We feel it important to recognize that we, as a community, still need time to heal and process the upheavals that we have been through. We also need to appreciate and be sensitive to our diversity. Rigpa has been many

things to many different people. Some of us remain deeply devoted to Sogyal Rinpoche and will continue to follow his teachings. Some of us are uncertain about our relationship and are still in a process of reflection and uncertainty. Some of us relate to Rigpa as a place where we receive teachings from multiple teachers. It is important that Rigpa remains a home to all, open to all, and as inclusive as possible.

We will do our best to support the development of a renewed vision, taking all this into account, while also remaining true to Sogyal Rinpoche's original intention for Rigpa to offer a clear and authentic path to enlightenment for the modern world.

The Vision Board has since held a second meeting in May, and will communicate again to the Rigpa sangha over the summer.