

Much Wenlock residents urged to find out about flood risk

Public drop in session is being held in Priory Hall on 10 July

Call for bids in Kazakhstan: children support centres development

The British Embassy in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan is now accepting project proposals for the 2019/2020 financial year (April 2019-March 2020).

This year the British Embassy Nur-Sultan is seeking to support projects that aim to improve the performance of the judicial system with respect to treatment of children and juveniles, protecting human rights and embedding transparent legal processes, ensuring proper care, support and rehabilitation of child offenders or returnees from conflict zones by equipping probation staff, psychologists, social workers and custodial staff with relevant professional skills.

Bid guidance

- projects are funded for a single financial year running from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020, with no expectation of continued funding beyond this period
- maximum budget limit: £40,000

Assessment

Bids will be assessed against the following criteria:

- alignment with the above mentioned thematic priorities and outcomes
- outcomes are achievable within the funding period
- project design includes clear monitoring and evaluation procedures
- sustainability demonstrating that project benefits continue after the funding ends
- risk and financial accountability procedures
- the organisation's safeguarding policies that ensure protection of beneficiaries
- overall value for money

Process

1. project proposals must be received by midnight on 12 July 2019. Late proposals will not be considered
2. proposals must be submitted using the attached forms only (Project Proposal and Activity Based Budget)
3. proposals must be submitted to Assemgul.Kaliyeva@fco.gov.uk
4. project proposals selected for further consideration will be notified on 18 July 2019
5. the British Embassy Nur-Sultan aim to sign grant agreements with successful project implementers by 1 August 2019

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Documents

[Activity Based Budget Template](#) (ODS, 10.6KB)

[Proposal Form £10k to £80k](#) (ODT, 38.6KB)

[Queen's birthday celebration 2019 in Athens, Greece](#)

On 19 June, British Ambassador Kate Smith CMG welcomed friends and colleagues to celebrate the 93rd birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

In her welcoming speech, HMA Kate Smith spoke about the principles and values honoured by the British people that Queen Elizabeth II stands for, emphasizing how dedication to duty, belief in freedom, democracy and the rule of law, are shared values on which the longstanding and strong bilateral relations of Greece and the UK are drawn upon.

This year's celebration was dedicated to the 80-year presence of the British Council in Greece and its contribution to building friendship and collaboration between the two countries.

Referring to the British Council, and the course it has carved out throughout eight decades, the Ambassador stated:

In these eight decades, without exaggeration, the ties of both Greeks and Britons on personal, academic, and professional levels would not be so strong and fertile without the key contribution of the British Council. Not only in Greece but throughout the world, the British Council brings together hundreds of thousands of people through culture, science, the arts, and, of course, the language of my country. And through all this, it accomplishes something more: it creates bonds, opens up horizons, cultivates interest and – dare I say – the love between our two countries.

The Ambassador also made special mention of the re-establishment of the Chevening Scholarship Program, in cooperation with the John S. Latsis Public Benefit Foundation, announcing that, this year, two scholarships were awarded for postgraduate studies in the UK and that the program will continue next year.

As is customary, the speeches were followed by the National Anthems of Greece and the United Kingdom, which were performed by the Greek Navy Light Orchestra. The Ambassador then proposed a toast to the President of the Hellenic Republic and to her majesty Queen Elizabeth II and proceeded to the cutting of the Queen's birthday cake.

The highlight of the evening was the unveiling of the new Jaguar I-Pace. Guests were able to explore the I-Pace, the new Jaguar Land Rover all-electric vehicle which was designed and built in the UK along with a Greek contribution; that of Greek engineer, Alexis Michaelides, who was part of the engine design team and who like many other Greeks, studied and pursued his career in the UK.

We are very proud of the large number of extremely talented and innovative Greeks who either work in the field of university research or transfer their knowledge to British businesses. Their presence and contribution are enormous. We recognize this and hope that the experience they are now gaining in the United Kingdom will also benefit Greece, either through bilateral collaborations or through their return to their homeland when they decide to go.

Throughout the evening, guests enjoyed traditional British delicacies, such as fish and chips, and bangor and mash as well as other excellent dishes and drinks with thanks to top British brands that sponsored the event: Severn & Wye Smokery – Imperial Salmon House, Beefeater by PERNOD RICARD HELLAS, Unilever, UNIBRAU, Cutty Sark, Kir-Yianni, Fever Tree by Karoulis SA, Green Bay & Co, 3E Hellenic Bottling Company, Douma Vital Farm and Ledra Foods

Prominent British and Greek businesses were also well represented: RTDeco,

Lloyds Register, Trans Adriatic Pipeline, HSBC, BP, Reed Smith and Coral Shell.

The government and The National Archives prepare for EU exit

Minister James Cleverly has signed papers which will enable The National Archives to launch two new services to aid legal certainty once we leave the EU and to ensure legislation is accessible to the public.

The European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 required The National Archives to make all EU legislation relevant to our exit available online. The National Archives have now produced two services to host this crucial information. The first is a comprehensive archive of EU law which will be captured through to exit day, allowing members of the public to search for EU legislation, treaties, international agreements and case law.

The second strand of work is the addition of EU legislation to legislation.gov.uk, all pieces of EU law were uploaded to the website including a timeline of the changes so far. The service makes it easy for people to find out how EU legislation is being changed by the UK.

Minister James Cleverly said:

The government is making sure that the UK is ready to leave the EU in good order. That's exactly what The National Archives is doing with this monumental piece of work.

This resource provides an invaluable legal reference which gives certainty, and clarity to the public, and especially to businesses who are making preparations for Brexit.

Jeff James, Chief Executive, Keeper of Public Records and Queen's Printer, The National Archives said:

Our aim is to ensure we have both a comprehensive, permanent record of the law at EU exit, and, with legislation.gov.uk to provide an ongoing service now and for the future. As legislation changes over time, legislation.gov.uk offers great value, aiding legal certainty for all those who are seeking to understand what the law is and will be post exit.

All of the secondary legislation can be found [here](#)

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