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***Defence Minister Nikos Dendias Visits London
as Greek and British War Museums
Sign MoU to Strengthen Bilateral Cooperation***

Greek Defence Minister Nikos Dendias witnessed on April 4 the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Athens War Museum and the Imperial War Museum in London. The agreement signed by the President of the Athens Museum retired HAF Lieutenant General Konstantinos Karamesinis and the IWM Director-General, Ms. Caro Howell aims at facilitating cooperation and the exchange of know-how between the two museums. On the same day, Defence Minister Nikos Dendias also

held a meeting with Archbishop Nikitas of Thyateira and Great Britain, while on April 3rd he attended and delivered an address at the Embassy's event "Our Future Matters: Protecting children in crisis situations. From Struggle to Strength".





Secretary General Ms Maira Myrogianni visits the UK to Strengthen Diaspora and Cultural Ties

In May and June 2025, the Secretary General for Greeks Abroad and Public Diplomacy, Ms Maira Myrogianni, visited the United Kingdom for a series of engagements to strengthen bonds with the Greek Diaspora and its younger generation in the UK, promote Greek culture and heritage, and further deepen our cultural and academic ties with the UK.

May 12–15, 2025

During her first visit, Ms Myrogianni focused on diaspora engagement and promoting Hellenic education and culture. She was received by Archbishop Nikitas, visited the Greek Nursery and Primary School of London, and met with diaspora representatives in London and Cambridge, covering areas from education to entrepreneurship. She also joined a working breakfast with Endeavor Greece at the Hellenic Residence, hosted by Ambassador Mr Yannis Tsaousis, and toured the Embassy's permanent exhibition on George Seferis. [Read more on our Facebook page.](#)

June 11–14, 2025

Her June visit emphasized cultural diplomacy and innovation. In Oxford, she met with university faculty to support Greek Studies Chairs and visited the Ashmolean Museum's Greek and Cypriot collections. In London, she attended the event "What Next for the Parthenon Sculptures?" hosted by the "Parthenon Project". She also spoke at "The Future of Education through the Lens of AI", organised by the Hellenic Tech Network in collaboration with the Embassy's Education, highlighting Greece's national AI strategy. At the Anglo-Hellenic League's 2025 Runciman Award ceremony hosted at King's College London Ms Myrogianni presented the prize to Sasha Dugdale for "The Strongbox", emphasizing the award's role in promoting Greek literature and UK–Greece cultural ties. [Read more.](#)



Strengthening Greek Presence in Wales: New Honorary Consul in Cardiff

A new chapter begins for the Greek Diaspora in Wales with the upcoming opening of the Honorary Consulate of Greece in Cardiff. Mr Konstantinos Grigoratos has been appointed Honorary Consul and was officially sworn in on April 30, 2025, at the Greek Embassy in London by Ambassador Mr Yannis Tsaousis.

Mr Grigoratos, an active member of the Greek community in Wales and a representative of its younger generation, will serve the Greek Diaspora in Cardiff and across the region. The new Honorary Consulate will begin operations shortly and is expected to play a vital role in enhancing

consular services for our fellow Greeks in Wales.



Protecting Children in Crisis situations: From Struggle to Strength

On April 3rd, the Hellenic Residence hosted an evening of powerful dialogue and reflection under the title "Our Future Matters: Protecting Children in Crisis Situations. From Struggle to Strength". The event brought together experts from diplomacy, media, and civil society to highlight the urgent need to protect children affected by conflict and crises around the world. The event was held in partnership with "Together for Children", a leading Greek child protection organisation. Its President, Ms Alexandra Martinou, spoke passionately about the organisation's tireless work and its impact on vulnerable children and families.

We were deeply honoured by the presence of Greece's Minister of National Defence, Mr Nikos Dendias, who delivered opening remarks. His address reinforced Greece's strong commitment to the protection of children in conflict zones, particularly as a priority issue during its upcoming term on the UN Security Council (2025–2026).

The evening featured two thought-provoking panel discussions: The first panel spotlighted the lived realities of children in conflict through the eyes of award-winning photojournalists Kate Holt and Giles Clarke. They both shared images and insights from their experiences in conflict zones around the world, shedding light on the devastating and multifaceted impact of war on children. The second panel, moderated by Greek Ambassador Mr. Yannis Tsaousis, focused on the global diplomatic response to Children and Armed Conflict (CAAC). Panelists included High Commissioner of Mozambique, Ms Albertina Mac Donald, Ambassador of Slovenia, Ms Sanja Štiglic, and Professor Stephen Montefort, High Commissioner of Malta—all representing countries with recent or current seats on the UN Security Council. Their discussion underlined a shared commitment to keeping CAAC issues high on the international agenda.

The evening also highlighted innovative educational and mental health initiatives: Fiona Crack, Joint Controller of BBC World Service Languages, presented "Dars", the BBC's educational programme for children in Afghanistan. Niamh White introduced the inspiring work of Hospital Rooms, a UK-based arts and mental health charity using creativity to support vulnerable children and communities.

Photos: John Kolikis





Delos as Inspiration: Exploring Heritage and Innovation at the Hellenic Residence

On Tuesday, 27 May, the Hellenic Residence in London became the setting for a captivating evening of ideas, dialogue, and exchange — with the iconic island of Delos as our symbolic point of departure. The event explored how heritage and innovation intersect across time, disciplines, and people, inspired by Delos’ enduring legacy. From Arts and Culture to MedTech and Finance, and from Tourism and Archaeology to Diplomacy and Commerce, a distinguished group of speakers offered thoughtful insights rooted in the island’s rich history — once a sacred site, a thriving trade centre, a hub of healing and cultural activity, and today, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The event served as a prelude to the upcoming 9th Greek-British Symposium, set to take place this October in Cambridge — continuing the tradition of thoughtful conversations on shared themes and forward-looking perspectives.

During the panel discussion moderated by Ambassador Mr Yannis Tsaousis, the speakers shared personal reflections and unique connections with Delos. The Ambassador of France to the UK, Ms H  l  ne Duch  ne, offered a heartfelt account of childhood memories on Delos, weaving them into a broader narrative of Franco-Hellenic friendship and cooperation. The Secretary General of the Greek National Tourism Organisation, Mr Andreas Fiorentinos, contributed both professional expertise and personal appreciation of Delos's timeless charm.

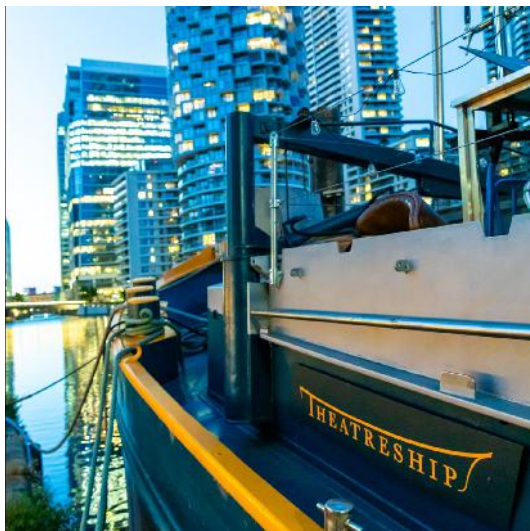
We also welcomed Sir Antony Gormley, internationally acclaimed British sculptor, who delivered a compelling presentation on SIGHT — his groundbreaking 2019 installation on Delos, which created a powerful dialogue between contemporary sculpture and the ancient landscape.

Opening remarks were delivered by Dr Vicky Pryce, economist and member of the Greek-British Symposium Steering Committee, as well as by Dr Christos Angelis, physician and President of the Hellenic Business Society.

We were delighted to include a special video message from Bettany Hughes, renowned historian, author, and broadcaster, speaking from Delos where she was attending the 5th Global Gathering of the World Human Forum. Her reflections, enriched with footage from one of her acclaimed documentaries, offered guests a visual journey through the island's historical and cultural landscape.

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Honouring Greek Independence Heroine Laskarina Bouboulina in London on the Bicentenary of Her Death

On 22 May, London paid tribute to one of Greece's most legendary figures, Laskarina Bouboulina, marking 200 years since her death with a special commemorative event aboard TheatreShip—a unique ship-turned-event space that beautifully echoed Bouboulina's lifelong bond with the sea.

The centrepiece of the evening was Captain Laskarina, a moving solo performance directed and performed by Anastasia Revi, and written by Mihalís Darnakis and Maria Laftsidou. Through vivid storytelling and

powerful stagecraft, the performance brought to life the remarkable journey of Bouboulina—a fearless naval commander and heroine of the Greek War of Independence—highlighting her enduring impact and legacy.

Among the distinguished guests was Mr Pavlos Demertzis-Bouboulis, a direct descendant of Bouboulina and Managing Director of the Bouboulina Museum in Spetses, who honoured the event with his presence.

In his address, the Greek Ambassador to the UK, Mr. Yannis Tsaousis, highlighted the profound symbolic significance of the event. He emphasized that this tribute to Laskarina Bouboulina serves not only as a remembrance of her heroism and sacrifice, but also as a bridge of cultural memory and national pride—connecting past with present, art with history, and Greece with its diaspora.

Guests from the Greek and British arts communities, as well as members of the Greek diaspora, also enjoyed a special exhibition featuring works dedicated to Bouboulina from the Bouboulina Museum, further enriching the evening with visual tributes to this iconic heroine.

This memorable event served as both a celebration and a reminder— of this legendary figure of the Greek War of Independence that continues to inspire generations around the world.

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London Greek Film Festival Awards Ceremony: Celebrating Greek Cinema in the Heart of London

The 19th London Greek Film Festival Awards Ceremony was held on June 26, 2025, at the Embassy of Greece in London. The event brought together an inspiring community of filmmakers, artists, and guests from Greece, the UK, and across the globe to honour the creativity, diversity, and cultural impact of Greek and Greek-related cinema.

This year's awards showcased a rich spectrum of genres, themes, and narratives, reaffirming the Festival's mission to spotlight outstanding contemporary filmmaking from Greece and the Greek diaspora.

Now in its 19th year, the London Greek Film Festival continues to thrive as a vital cultural bridge, connecting Greek and international filmmakers with audiences in the UK and beyond. This enduring success is a testament to

the vision and dedication of the Festival's founder and artistic director, Mr. Christos Prosylys.

The evening also featured a special presentation of a video produced by the Hellenic Film and Audiovisual Center / Creative Greece. As Greece's leading authority supporting domestic and international film productions, the Center plays a pivotal role in strengthening the local industry and fostering global collaborations.



Launch Event of the Hellenic Business Society in GB at the Hellenic Residence

On Tuesday, April 8th, an event was hosted at the Hellenic Residence for the launch of the newly established Hellenic Business Society in GB. The North London-based Society brings together Greek professionals and businesses from across the UK, aiming to foster connections, support trade, and create valuable networking and partnership opportunities.

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Ambassador Tsaousis Visits Oxford's Greek Community and School



On the 12th of June, Ambassador of Greece Mr Yannis Tsaousis visited the city of Oxford, where he had the pleasure of meeting with the leadership and members of the Greek Orthodox Community of The Holy Trinity, as well as with the dedicated teachers and parents of the Greek School of Oxford. In a symbolic gesture of support for Greek education abroad, the Ambassador donated books to the school's library — a meaningful contribution to the ongoing effort to preserve and promote the Greek language and culture among younger generations.



The visit provided an important opportunity for open dialogue on community priorities and concerns, while also highlighting the vital role of the Greek Diaspora in sustaining Greek identity and heritage across the UK. Ambassador Tsaousis expressed his deep appreciation for the community's tireless efforts and reaffirmed Greece's enduring commitment to supporting its citizens and cultural presence around the world.



Ambassador of Greece Visits Greek Community and attends exhibition in Surrey

On Saturday the 12th of April, the Ambassador of Greece to the UK, Mr Yannis Tsaousis, visited the Greek Orthodox Community and the Greek School of Kingston in Surrey, where he met with community representatives to discuss their important and wide-ranging work. Topics included the preservation and promotion of the Greek language, the celebration of Greek culture, as well as current issues of interest and concern to the local Greek community. As a gesture of support, Ambassador Tsaousis donated books to enrich the library of the Greek School of St. George, reinforcing the Embassy's commitment to education and cultural heritage. Earlier the same day, the Ambassador attended the opening of an exhibition by renowned Greek artist Stavros Kotsireas in Farnham, Surrey. There, he also had the opportunity to meet with Greek citizens living and working in the area, engaging with them on matters of shared interest and celebrating the vibrant presence of Hellenism in the UK.



More Visitors and Special Guests Visit the George Seferis Permanent Exhibition

We were delighted to welcome a great number of visitors and special guests to our permanent exhibition dedicated to the Greek Nobel laureate poet and diplomat, George Seferis, at the Hellenic Residence. Between April and June, the exhibition opened its doors on six special occasions, offering hundreds of people the unique opportunity to engage with Seferis' remarkable legacy in the very place where he lived and served as Greece's Ambassador to the UK from 1957 to 1962.

Beyond the regular exhibition openings, we had the honour of hosting several distinguished guests and groups.

-At the beginning of April, the Ambassador of Greece, Mr Yannis Tsaousis, had the honour of welcoming the renowned British actor, writer, and director Sir Stephen Fry to the Hellenic Residence. During his visit, Sir Stephen was given a private tour of the Seferis exhibition, followed by an engaging conversation covering a wide range of topics of Greek interest and beyond.

-On 10 April, we welcomed an inspiring all-women delegation from the 'Empowered Greek Ladies' network, who toured the exhibition and engaged deeply with Seferis' life and work. Later, on 28 April, students from the Modern Greek Studies programme at the University of

Cambridge visited the Hellenic Residence, accompanied by Dr Liana Giannakopoulou and Dr Regina Karousou-Fokas. It was a privilege to share insights into the UK chapter of Seferis' life and career, and to witness the thoughtful reflections and enthusiasm of both students and professors. Their passion for Greek poetry and culture was truly inspiring and reaffirmed the enduring impact of Seferis' contributions.



Ambassador's Applied Diplomacy Talk Series

On May 12th, we had the pleasure of welcoming members of the Queen Mary United Nations Society and students from Queen Mary University of London to the Embassy for an engaging session with Ambassador Yannis Tsaousis, part of his ongoing Applied Diplomacy talk series, in various universities across the UK.

The discussion focused on Greece's foreign policy and the key priorities of Greece as a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council for the 2025–2026 term. Ambassador Tsaousis offered insights from his diplomatic career, sharing real-world examples and illustrating

how a goal-oriented, solution-focused approach can lead to effective and impactful diplomacy.

It was a dynamic exchange with bright, inquisitive students—future diplomats whose thoughtful questions and perspectives contributed to a lively and meaningful discussion.



Celebrating Young Talent at the Embassy of Greece in London!

On Friday, 6 June, the Embassy of Greece in London proudly hosted the Award Ceremony for the Children's Painting Competition, organised by the Education Office of the Embassy under the guidance of its Head, Ms Lina Filippaki. The Embassy was transformed into a vibrant gallery, filled with colour, creativity, and the remarkable imagination of young artists from Greek schools across the UK.

This year's theme — "Greece" — inspired an array of stunning works that reflected the richness of Greek culture, history, landscapes, and mythology. From ancient temples to sun-drenched islands, each painting brought Greece vividly to life through the eyes of its youngest admirers.

Prizes and certificates were awarded by the Ambassador of Greece, Mr Yannis Tsaousis, the Deputy Head of Mission, Ms Ioanna Kriebardi, and the Head of the Consular Office, Mr Christos Goulas.

As a special gesture, Ambassador Tsaousis personally selected and offered books related to the theme of each first-place winning artwork. All winners also received commemorative gifts — beautifully curated books generously provided by the Directorate of Literature of the Ministry of Culture and the Embassy of Greece.

A selection of the children's artworks will remain on permanent display at the Embassy — a lasting tribute to the creativity, talent, and Hellenic spirit of our young artists.



Greece at the Food & Drink Expo in Birmingham

The Food & Drink Expo, held at NEC Birmingham from 7 to 9 April, proved to be a major success for Greece, showcasing the exceptional quality, authenticity, and vast potential of Greek products within the UK food and

beverage sector.

With strong participation from the Regions of Thessaly, Attica, and Crete—coordinated by Enterprise Greece—alongside numerous independent Greek companies, the event provided valuable opportunities to enhance the visibility and market presence of Greek goods across the UK.



Please note that the Embassy and the Consular Office in London will remain closed on August 15th.



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