

# Queen's Birthday Party at the British Embassy in Argentina

The British Embassy in Argentina celebrated the Birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II at the British Ambassador's Residence. The celebration was attended by more than 800 guests, including national and provincial government officials, legislators from various parties, businessmen, diplomats, academics, artists, journalists and civil society members.

During her speech, the British Ambassador to Argentina, Kirsty Hayes, reviewed some of the milestones of Elizabeth II's reign. The event also marked the celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, as last February she became the first British monarch to celebrate 70 years on the throne.

The Ambassador also highlighted some of the areas of bilateral collaboration between the UK and Argentina. She concluded: "I am optimistic about Argentina's future, and you should know that you will always have a partner in the UK to support your growth. We have many projects ahead and many opportunities to benefit from cooperation, as we have already seen with vaccines, but the same could be said for so many other areas, from trade to tourism, education, technology or environmental protection".

For the first time, the local celebration of the Queen's Birthday was certified carbon neutral. This action will finance the planting of native trees in the Lanín National Park.

During the event, guests sang the national anthems of Argentina and the UK performed by the Salvation Army band. In addition, the band Mr. Kite paid tribute to the Beatles with a selection of covers of the Liverpool-born rock band. And DJ Maxi Martina, host of Selector – the British Council's weekly radio programme – played a selection of the best British music of all time.

The event was supported by a number of British companies who had the opportunity to showcase their products and services bearing the UK hallmark of excellence.