

Information and events for UK nationals living in Portugal

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1. 26 May 2021

New event added: Ask the Embassy live Q&A on Thursday 27 May

2. 11 December 2020

Information added about our new Live Q&A event on residency in Portugal on our Brits in Portugal Facebook page, on Thursday 17 December 2020.

3. 27 August 2020

Ask the Embassy Live Q&A on 10 September at 12pm

4. 23 July 2020

New Facebook Q&A session on Friday 23rd July on Brits in Portugal

5. 2 July 2020

Upcoming Live Q&A on 15 July

6. 17 March 2020

Update to outreach events page

7. 12 March 2020

Updated with new Q&A Live session

8. 20 January 2020

The meeting in Angra do Heroísmo has been cancelled.

9. 14 January 2020

Upcoming outreach events in the Azores

10. 12 November 2019

New event for UK nationals in Portugal – Porto 22 November

11. 27 September 2019

New outreach event on healthcare on Brits in Portugal Facebook

12. 16 September 2019

Update to outreach event dates to include registration details

13. 4 September 2019

New information on next outreach event in Fundão.

14. 22 August 2019

We have updated the upcoming events section.

15. 5 July 2019

Updated with links to Facebook Live sessions on residency, healthcare and driving in Portugal

16. 27 June 2019

EU Exit Update: Facebook Q&A session on Residency to take place in July on Brits in Portugal Facebook page

17. 17 May 2019

New updates to the next outreach events.

18. 7 May 2019

We've updated with new outreach events in Portugal.

19. 17 April 2019

We've added information about next outreach events.

20. 8 March 2019

We have changed the venue for our outreach event in Funchal on 21 March.

21. 4 March 2019

We have added information about the outreach event in Portalegre.

22. 25 February 2019

We have added further information about next outreach events and updated the previous ones.

23. 13 February 2019

Updates on new outreach events added to page

24. 1 February 2019

EU Exit update: confirmation of new venues and dates for next outreach events

25. 25 January 2019

EU Exit update: added information about the next event and a note for social media

26. 15 January 2019

New dates added for outreach events

27. 4 January 2019

Update of dates and places for past and future outreach events

28. 3 December 2018

We've added addresses and links for next outreach events.

29. 28 November 2018

Added further details about the outreach event in Sintra

30. 22 November 2018

First published.

[FCO is first government department to join the #OneLess campaign](#)

- Foreign Office joins network of NGOs, businesses and thinktanks to tackle ocean plastic
- New data shows Foreign Office has achieved a 98% reduction in single-use plastics since launching internal #BeyondPlastic campaign
- Plastic bottles completely removed from the Foreign Office in London and embassies around the world are taking up the challenge to go plastic-free

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) has today joined the #OneLess pioneer network which cultivates a fundamental change in the way Londoners drink water by promoting a refill culture and reducing our reliance on single-use plastic water bottles.

The FCO also published new data showing its use of single-use plastics has fallen by 98 per cent since the introduction last year of a drive to eliminate avoidable single-use plastics in its UK operations.

Sir Simon McDonald Permanent Under-Secretary at the Foreign Office, said:

Thanks to changes we've made since April 2018, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office now uses nearly 2.5 million fewer single-use plastic items every year.

I want us to lead the way on sustainability in Whitehall and beyond. Joining the #OneLess campaign will allow us to share our expertise and consign the single-use plastic water bottle to history.

The #OneLess campaign, hosted by ZSL (Zoological Society of London), works with pioneer network members to trial new solutions, redesign infrastructure and overcome challenges.

Rachel Shairp, Project Coordinator of the #OneLess campaign, said:

Single-use plastic water bottles are unnecessary in a city like London and over the past three years we've seen Londoners, businesses and members of government embrace tap water and rally to transform London into a place where plastic bottled water is a thing of the past.

We're delighted to be working with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office to help them move from single-use plastic water bottles to more ocean-friendly ways of drinking water.

Dominic Jermey, Director General of international conservation charity ZSL said:

The evidence of the damage plastic is doing to our environment is overwhelming. Since 2016 ZSL through the #OneLess campaign has removed nearly 70,000 single-use plastic bottles from the Thames alone. I am delighted to see the Foreign and Commonwealth Office taking steps to help reduce single-use plastic and I hope other government departments will follow their lead.

The FCO's #BeyondPlastic campaign has focused on eliminating all avoidable single-use plastics by offering staff different alternatives, and initiatives such as giving a discount on drinks purchased with a reusable mug – the so-called 'Latte Levy', the first in Whitehall. As part of this, the Foreign Office has, since August 2018, removed all plastic-bottled water from its restaurants and coffee shops, which accounted for over 54,000 units in the preceding 20 months.

In addition, 14 embassies of our around the world have managed to completely eliminate single-use plastic, and a further 40 have set out plans to do so.

Notes to editors:

FCO performance on avoidable single-use plastics is as follows:

2014:

Description	Pack size	Total quantity	Total spend (£)
Plastic sauce sachets	200	No data available	No data available
Plastic take away containers	Various (500>5000)	No data available	No data available
Plastic cutlery	1000	No data available	No data available
Plastic water bottles	Each	No data available	No data available

2015:

Description	Pack size	Total quantity	Total spend (£)
Plastic sauce sachets	200	No data available	No data available
Plastic take away containers	Various (500>5000)	16	584.61
Plastic cutlery	1000	20	237.94
Plastic water bottles	Each	3339	1,168.04

2016:

Description	Pack size	Total quantity	Total spend (£)
Plastic sauce sachets	200	235	1,192.54
Plastic take away containers	Various (500>5000)	114	4,193.02
Plastic cutlery	1000	255	3,082.05
Plastic water bottles	Each	30331	10,624.42

2017:

Description	Pack size	Total quantity	Total spend (£)
Plastic sauce sachets	200	357	2,047.03
Plastic take away containers	Various (500>5000)	88	3,136.18
Plastic cutlery	1000	288	3,481.49
Plastic water bottles	Each	33080	11,736.60

2018:

Description	Pack size	Total quantity	Total spend (£)
Plastic sauce sachets	200	2	9.72
Plastic take away containers	Various (500>5000)	8	287.30

Plastic cutlery	1000	14	163.85
Plastic water bottles	Each	21451	8,183.33

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[Afghanistan: Call for proposals for FCO's programme fund 2019/20](#)

We are looking for a range of proposals which can demonstrate impact in one year, including where a project will act as a catalyst for alternative, sustainable sources of funding.

Currently we are inviting bids in the following areas:

Media freedom and the protection of journalists

- Bids of up to £100,000: supporting the safety of journalists reporting in Afghanistan, seeking to reduce the numbers of journalists killed and injured in Afghanistan and help them to safely report to the Afghan public.
- Bids of up to £50,000: promoting greater accessibility of government information for journalists and the public. Proposals should consider how to work with the access to information commission and government media.
- Bids of up to £75,000: developing the capability and capacity of female citizen journalists working outside of Kabul, particularly focusing on social media training and ability to report from provinces.

Promoting the rights of the child and championing youth participation

- Bids of up to £80,000: promoting greater youth access to and participation in sport, particularly for girls, as a vehicle for promoting community stability. Proposals could include (but not limited to) building upon the success of the Afghanistan Cricket team and the

recent Cricket World Cup in England and Wales.

- Bids of up to £60,000: promoting the UK's Chevening Programme across Afghanistan, helping to ensure an increase in quality applications from candidates outside of Kabul, particularly from female applicants.

Criteria for selection

In all thematic areas, proposals will be expected to demonstrate that:

- the project proposal provides good value for money
- the proposal has clear, achievable outcomes, and responds to a local demand or need
- the organisation has the capacity to deliver the project to a high standard (successful proposals will be subject to a due diligence assessment of the organisation)
- the project helps build Afghan capacity (International NGOs/companies should aim to partner with a local Afghan counterpart where feasible)
- the impact of the project will be sustainable beyond the end of the funding period (i.e. 31 March 2020)
- activities can be delivered over the project life-cycle (i.e. not all planned for the final quarter of the year)
- all risks have been carefully identified and measured and have suitable mitigations proposed

How to apply

To apply, you should:

- read all the documents and requirements (attached below)
- complete the project proposal form and submit your proposal to hedayatullah.noori@fco.gov.uk by 9th July 2019; please ensure the theme area of the bid is included in the subject line

Implementers whose proposals are awarded funding will be notified by the end of July 2019, with an expectation that activity could begin shortly afterwards, and end by 31 March 2020.

Before bidding please familiarise yourself with the following key documents:

[Government sets out new plans to open up public appointments](#)

- Minister sets out next steps in drive to boost the diversity of boards of public bodies, such as the NHS and UK museums

- Government publishes updated Diversity Action Plan to ensure those who sit on boards of public bodies are representative of the society they serve
- Findings from a landmark, independent review by Lord Holmes into opening up public appointments for disabled people underpin this plan

The latest steps in an ambitious plan to ensure appointees to the boards of public bodies better reflect the public have been outlined today (27 June) by the Minister for Implementation, Oliver Dowden.

A refreshed Public Appointments Diversity Action Plan commits the government to improving all kinds of diversity on the boards of public bodies. It sets out a roadmap for realising an ambition that half of all public appointees will be female and 14 percent of public appointments will be from ethnic minorities by 2022.

The plan confirms actions to improve how appointments are made including:

- piloting a mentoring scheme to help those who narrowly miss out
- testing new approaches to the recruitment process, to ensure diverse skills and lived experience are taken into account
- induction training that gives those newly appointed the best start to their roles.

The Minister also confirmed that the government is accepting the principle of all the recommendations of Lord Holmes' independent review into opening up public appointments to disabled people, which was commissioned last year. This includes committing the government to improving the quality of data on appointees so that it can take a decision on what the government's ambition for the numbers of disabled people appointed to boards should be by the end of 2020.

The shake-up comes just days after the Prime Minister announced a new package of measures to tackle the injustices faced by disabled people in the workplace, at home and in the community.

The Minister for Implementation, Oliver Dowden, said:

There is both a moral and practical case for ensuring the boards of our public institutions reflect the communities they serve.

That's why I'm announcing changes today that will remove obstacles not only for disabled people but for all underrepresented groups in public appointments, opening up exciting roles across the UK to applicants with fresh opinions, ideas, backgrounds and experiences.

Lord Holmes said:

I am passionate about the benefits of Diversity and Inclusion. I am delighted the Government has accepted the principles of all of the

recommendations I have made.

The review made recommendations in four areas: data and transparency, attracting talent, applications and interviews, and beyond. Whilst I am grateful for this unqualified support for the principles, the detail regarding specific recommendations, particularly around data and transparency, will have to be carefully monitored.

The Government and Cabinet Office have a fantastic opportunity to set a gold standard and demonstrate, not just the benefits of diversity, but how to recruit the best talent.

[UN Human Rights Council 41: Violence Against Women at Work](#)

Thank you, Mr Vice-President,

The United Kingdom very much welcomes this discussion on violence against women at work.

Gender-based violence is pervasive; it threatens the lives and wellbeing of women and girls and it must be eliminated. Women must be empowered to have a voice, to have agency, to live in safety and to be able to access opportunities that are fundamental to freedom and development.

In the UK, we have a strong legal framework to prevent and address violence and harassment in the workplace. And, at the International Labour Conference last week, the UK was proud to support effortst in agreeing the first ever global treaty to end violence and harassment in the workplace.

It is encouraging to see many positive measures being taken at the international, regional and national levels to address the scourge of violence. However, we need to take accelerated action to prevent violence and to improve our response to the impacts of violence against women in the workplace.

The UK is leading efforts to eradicate violence against women and girls in all its forms. We know that violence against women and girls is preventable. The UK's 'What Works to Prevent Violence' programme has demonstrated that even in the most challenging settings, violence can reduce by up to 50% in less than 3 years. This evidence should be a catalyst for us all to improve our efforts to prevent violence

Thank you, Mr Vice-President.