



Public Notice

New Common Ties Programme for Young Commonwealth Citizens in the UK

The High Commission informs the Cameroonian Diaspora that the Commonwealth plans to establish a new programme called Common Ties, for young commonwealth Citizens (18-30) who are temporarily in the United Kingdom for work or studies. Utilising the opportune time of their duration of stay in the UK, the programme will aim to engage and connect these talented young people with the mission, values and work of the Commonwealth and with each other as current and future leaders of Commonwealth countries. Such connections will strengthen ties across the Commonwealth laying foundations to assist these young leaders in facing challenges and realising opportunities in the future.

The core of the programme will be quarterly events at Marlborough House, with themes based on emerging thought and practice relevant to young professionals regarding public policy, public leadership, cutting edge research, private sector enterprise and other topical matters related to democracy and development. The programme will provide a space for the young people to share ideas and opportunities, and to engage with prominent leaders and role models. A social media platform will be set to enhance connection between members, who will also be encouraged to self-organise local events and field visits, especially those who live in regional areas of the UK.

It is also envisaged an annual Commonwealth Values & Leadership Workshop for the more active members of Common Ties, to provide a more in-depth experience, additional mentorship, and to strengthen interpersonal relationships formed and fostered by members' participation in the programme. The programme coordinator, Ms Chifundo Chilera, can be contacted on c.chilera@commonwealth.int for more information.

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