



Monday 3 October

Venue: High Commission for the Republic of Zambia, Zambia House, 2 Palace Gate, Kensington, London, W8 5NG

Nearest tube station: Gloucester Road (District, Circle and Piccadilly lines)

Programme

0900-0930 **Arrival, registration and coffee**

0930-1100 **Welcome, programme overview and speed dating introductions**

- His Excellency Mr Muyeba Chikonde, High Commissioner for the Republic of Zambia
- Michael Lake CBE, Director, The Royal Commonwealth Society

1100-1230 **Introduction to the Commonwealth**

Commonwealth Quiz activity followed by a panel discussion and Q&A:

- The Commonwealth and the Royal Commonwealth Society, Lewis Brooks, Policy and Research Manager, The Royal Commonwealth Society
- The RCS and Youth Engagement, Helen Jones MBE, Director of Youth and Education Programmes, The Royal Commonwealth Society
- Youth Empowerment in the Commonwealth, Layne Robinson, Head of Youth Programmes, Commonwealth Secretariat

1230-1330 **Lunch**

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1330-1530 **Panel discussion: Making Change in the Commonwealth followed by a Q&A**

- Chair – John Loughton, Trustee, The Royal Commonwealth Society
- Leon Ward, UK Young Ambassador to the Commonwealth, British Youth Council & Member of the Commonwealth Youth Gender and Equality Network
- Jenny Stodola, Vice-Chair Youth, RCS Canada National
- Kishva Ambigapathy, Chair, Commonwealth Youth Council
- Hillary Briffa, Associate Fellow, The Royal Commonwealth Society
- Hamza Patel, British Council Active Citizens Programme

1530-1600 **Break**

1600-1700 **Regional Experiences and Priorities**

Breakout Groups: discussion of regional recommendations to feed into branch meeting

1700-1800 **Closing refreshments**





Tuesday 4 October

Venue: High Commission for Malta, Malta House, 36-38 Piccadilly, London, W1J 0LE

Nearest tube stations: Piccadilly Circus (Bakerloo and Piccadilly lines) or Green Park (Victoria and Jubilee lines)

Programme

0900-0930 **Arrivals and welcome refreshments**

0930-1000 **Welcome Speech**
Michael Sani, CEO of Bite the Ballot

1000-1130 **Workshop: Youth leadership in the Commonwealth**
Interactive session led by John Loughton, Trustee, The Royal Commonwealth Society

1130-1315 **Skill-building workshops**

- Communications and social media (Claudine Beaumont, Google)
- The Power of Networks (PJ Cole, Lifeline Networks)

1315-1415 **Lunch**

1415-1515 **Regional Discussion Groups: Connecting with the RCS in your region / country**
Regional Facilitators:

- Africa: Gideon Commey, Regional Youth Co-ordinator for Africa
- Europe: Hillary Briffa
- Asia & the Pacific: Jack Milne
- Americas: Jenny Stodola

1515-1545 **Break**

1545-1645 **Forming Recommendations**
Development of recommendations to be taken forward to the International Branch Meeting

1800-2030 **Evening Reception** – High Commission for Malta, Malta House, 36-38 Piccadilly, London, W1J 0LE

