



THE ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY
CELEBRATING 150 YEARS

BUILDING ON 150 YEARS

A HISTORY IN COMMON, A FUTURE IN PROGRESS

A Commonwealth Big Lunch

In partnership with CHOGM and on behalf of the Eden project [we invite you to host a Commonwealth Big Lunch celebration](#) of what we have in common, during the six weeks between Commonwealth Day on 12 March and 22 April, the end of CHOGM week. Your events will be showcased by the RCS and promoted on the CHOGM website.

Who's Championing Human Rights in the Commonwealth?

In the third in a series of 'signpost' blogs we map the organisations that are championing human rights in the Commonwealth. Each month our 'Commonwealth Signpost' series is profiling what the Commonwealth is doing to address the biggest issues facing the world and introduce you to the organisations leading the charge. [Read the blog.](#)

Joint event between the APPG for the Commonwealth and Global Citizen

As the secretariat for the All-Party Parliamentary Group for the Commonwealth, the RCS hosted a parliamentary reception on the Commonwealth Summit theme of sustainability, in partnership with international campaign organisation Global Citizen. Speakers included HE Karen-Mae Hill, High Commissioner for Antigua & Barbuda, who called for Commonwealth leaders to do more to tackle climate change in the wake of 2017's devastating Caribbean hurricane season.

Stay up-to-date with events by visiting our [events page](#).

The Queen's Baton Relay

On 24 January the [Queen's Baton arrived in Canberra](#) to start its nation-wide journey on its way to the Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast in Queensland, on 4 April. Carrying the Queen's message, calling on athletes to come together in peaceful and friendly competition, the baton will traverse every state and territory in Australia.

Call for Judges for The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition

Each year, The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition receives thousands of entries from across the Commonwealth and relies on a team of volunteers to read and judge them. We are now [looking for new Judges to join the team](#). This is a key element of the Competition ensuring that each young person's writing is individually read and appreciated. If you are interested in this opportunity, please complete and return [the application form](#) by Friday 23rd March.



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