

Our aims

Stimulating informed discussion of issues that matter

Keeping abreast of the way the FCO is changing and why

Enabling past and present members of staff to stay in touch in person

Who can join?

Anyone who has ever worked in the FCO or in one of its overseas missions or is currently working in the FCO may join. Spouses and partners are included in one membership fee.

What does it cost?

£25 per year

Membership Benefits

They include an online magazine published three times a year; regular newsbriefs; lunch time talks on matters of historical interest relating to the evolution of British foreign policy; a prestigious annual lecture on topics of national and international interest; and a range of other activities and events bringing together members and others. As the FCO does not maintain contact with former members or retain a register of their previous details, the only way to remain in touch is to join us.

On joining you will receive a password to log in to the Members area of the website, giving you immediate access to the database of members and so putting you in contact with nearly 2000 former and (in some cases) present diplomats and employees of the FCO.

You will receive periodic Association email alerts about forthcoming events such as the annual lecture and reception for which there is a modest attendance charge; lunchtime lectures for FCO staff; organised trips and visits in and around London; and access to the FCO magazine *People and Places*. As a member you will be able to buy FCOA Christmas cards and diaries at attractive prices.

So join us

Visit our website: http://www.fcoa.org.uk .

If you have any difficulty accessing it or you have any questions please email the FCOA office: fco.association@fco.gov.uk