

25th Annual Meeting of the United Kingdom - Belize Association
Walter Room, Kellogg College, University of Oxford and online
Friday 24th October, 2025
14:00 - 19:00 London / 07:00 – 11:00 online in Belize

- 12.30 Gather at Kellogg College Hub Café for paid-for lunch options (2 mins from venue)
- 14:00 *Welcome to Oxford* by Dr David Howard, Director of the Global Centre on Healthcare and Urbanisation, Kellogg College, University of Oxford
- 14:05 *A brief introduction to the UK-Belize Association and the Annual Meeting*
Dr Neil Stuart, President of the Association.
- 14:15 **Session 1: Annual updates from the High Commissioners**
The present economic and political situation in Belize
HE Cherie Nisbet and First Secretary Jordan Craig, Belize High Commission, London.
- Recent Activities of the British High Commission in Belize*
HC Alistair White, British High Commission in Belize.
- 15:15 **Session 2: Environmental Studies and Conservation in Belize**
Discovering a >4,000 year old tropical Sphagnum peatland ecosystem in lowland Belize. Bronwen Whitney, University of Northumbria, Graeme Swindles, Queens' University Belfast, Iain Cameron EOLAS Insight, Glasgow, Mariusz Galka, University of Lodz, Poland and Jan Meerman, Oosterland, Netherlands.
- Assessing the impacts of extreme weather events on natural vegetation and agriculture in Belize using satellite imagery.* Betsabe de la Barrera Bautista, University of Nottingham
- How Cayo's smallholder farmers are growing more native plants for livelihood and biodiversity benefits.*
Zoe Goodwin, Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, Rudy Aguilar, Belize Botanical Gardens, Duncan Macqueen, International Institute for Environment & Development, Duncan Moss OBE and Neil Stuart, University of Edinburgh.
- Veterans for Conservation in Belize*
Christopher Minty, Selvana & Andrew Woods, Conservation Field Safety Expeditions
- 17:00 **Session 3: Keynote Presentation (with drinks reception)**
- 17:15 *The Stevenson photographs: a glimpse of forestry in Belize during the 1920s.*
Neil Bird, Belize Forest Planning and Management Project, 1992-1998
- 18:00 **Express Annual General Meeting of the UKBA**
Chaired by Chris Minty MBE, with an invitation to join the Committee.
- 18:15 Vote of thanks by Dr Malcolm Penn, Natural History Museum, London.
- 19:00 Informal networking until 1900