

YOU ARE INVITED

Join us for a historic first – the Rotary Club of London's celebration of International Men's Day on **Monday, 24 November** (lunchtime).

Secure your seat now and be part of the moment.



INTERNATIONAL MEN DAY

24th November 2025

The Chesterfield Hotel, Mayfair
35 Charles Street,
London W1J 5EB

Arrival time 11.30am
Meeting starts 12.00pm promptly
and ends 2.30pm

Music: Ms Tiana Oberoi
Soprano from the Royal College of Music
Singing Classical, Jazz Vocals and Musical
Theatre



PRE-PAID EVENT ONLY

Please book here :

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Price : £40

No later than 5pm Wednesday 19 November 2025

The theme for International Men's Day (IMD) in 2025 is "**Celebrating Men and Boys**". The Theme guide its activities, including promoting a positive open conversation about manhood and masculinity, raising awareness for men's and boys' wellbeing and supporting charities that focus on men's issues. **The IMD is a day to highlight positive male role models, promote men's mental health and wellbeing, encourage gender equality and addressing the unique challenges men and boys face.**

The IMD theme also focuses on celebrating the positive value men and boys bring to their families, communities, society while also promoting their health and wellbeing. The theme also highlights and addresses some of the issues that affect men and boys: High male suicide rate, the challenges faced by men & boys are stages of education, and work including attainment, re-training, stress and redundancy and unemployment, body image, and workplace deaths – plus health impact Covid 19 including men's health – male cancers, shorter life expectancy. Men & boys face the challenges faced by most marginalised men in society, for instance, homeless men, boys in care, victims of violence, bullying, sexual violence, gang violence. IMD encourages men to teach boys in their lives values, character and responsibilities of being a man. **Mahatma Gandhi said "We must become the change we seek"**. It is only when we all both men and women, lead, by example that we will create a fair and safe society that allows everyone the opportunity to prosper.

The International Men's Day was relaunched in the year 1999 by Dr. Jerome Teelucksingh, who is a doctor in Trinidad and Tobago. He chose the date November 19 to honour his father's birthday.

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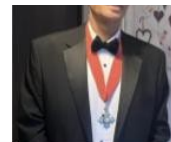


His Excellency Paul Andrew Gomez

High Commissioner of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas to the Court of St. James's and Northern Ireland

His Excellency Paul Andrew Gomez brings a distinguished career in diplomacy, public service, and professional excellence. A Chartered Accountant by training, he has served as Ambassador to the People's Republic of China and now represents The Bahamas in the United Kingdom.

In recent months, High Commissioner Gomez has been honoured internationally for his diplomatic achievements—receiving the **Caribbean Diplomatic Champion Award** from the Caribbean Global Awards Committee, recognition from **The Charles Gordon Trust for Excellence in Diplomacy and Public Service**, and The Bahamas' own **Sir Lynden Pindling Foreign Service Medal for Leadership**. His journey is a testament to integrity, leadership, and a lifelong commitment to global cooperation.



Hon. Alderman Mushtaq Lasharie, CBE

Chairman, Third World Solidarity

A beacon of peace and community cohesion, Hon. Alderman Mushtaq Lasharie, CBE, has dedicated his life to promoting justice, tolerance, and humanitarian work. As the founder and Chairman of **Third World Solidarity**, he has championed causes supporting education, literacy, and welfare for disadvantaged communities both in the UK and abroad.

A former Deputy Mayor of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, he was honoured as **Honorary Alderman** in 2011 and appointed **Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE)** by Her Majesty The Queen in 2016 for his outstanding public service.

His legacy continues to inspire generations of changemakers devoted to building a more inclusive and compassionate world.



Brigadier Tim Waugh, CBE

Rotarian & Former Senior Officer, British Army and NATO

We are proud to count among our members **Brigadier Tim Waugh, CBE**, whose 30-year military career exemplifies courage, leadership, and international cooperation.

Having served in the Far East, Middle East, Northern Ireland, and Europe, Brigadier Waugh commanded The Signal Brigade in Germany and concluded his service as Director of Staff at **Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE)**. His distinguished service earned him both the **MBE** and **CBE**.

Following his retirement, he served as **Chief Executive of NATO's Communications and Information Agency (NC3A)** and later established his own consultancy advising major defence organisations. His enduring commitment to service and mentorship continues to inspire our Rotary community.



Dr George Chak Man Lee, PhD & MA (Cantab)

Associate Fellow, University of Oxford – School of Global & Area Studies. Born in a Hong Kong shanty town and raised in the UK from age 10, Dr George Lee's journey from a takeaway shop in Portsmouth to academia and public leadership is truly inspiring. He became the **first British Chinese officer** in both the Ministry of Defence and the UK Police, later serving as **Chief Inspector** in the Metropolitan Police and founding the **Black Police Association** to promote equality and inclusion.

A Cambridge graduate, Dr Lee went on to a successful corporate career with leadership roles at **T-Mobile International**, **Mercer**, **Oliver Wyman**, **Logica**, and **Wipro**, contributing to pioneering projects like **Trainline.com** and **VodafoneLive**.

Today, as an **Associate Fellow at Oxford University**, he researches governance and state transformation and continues to champion diversity, social mobility, and Sino-British relations.

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