



Launch of SwissCommunity UK and first SwissCommunity UK Day

Saturday, 6th June 2025, 14:00 – 18:00

Embassy of Switzerland in the United Kingdom
and online (link to be shared by email to registered participants)

Agenda

Welcome

14:00 – 14:10

- Thomas Wagner, Consul General, Embassy of Switzerland
- Franz Muheim, Acting President, FOSSUK

Update on transition away from FOSSUK

14:10 – 14:20

- Presentation of background around the transition and update from Extraordinary General Assembly of FOSSUK on 11 May
- Franz Muheim, Acting President, FOSSUK

SwissCommunity UK: discussion of concept and draft constitution

14:20 – 14:50

- Presentation of concept and draft constitution
- Request for comments and suggestions from the participants
- Call for expressions of interest in shaping SwissCommunity UK

- Suggested timeline for next steps in building up the initial membership of SwissCommunity UK, first AGM, and opportunity to stand for the first Committee
- Joelle Nebbe-Mornod, Deputy Delegate to the Council of Swiss Abroad and interim Committee member

Update from UK Delegates to the Council of Swiss Abroad 14:50 – 15:00

- Isabelle Schenk and Stefan Bucher, UK Delegates to the Council of Swiss Abroad

COFFEE BREAK

Presentations by representatives of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs

15:15 – 15:45

- Laurent Perriard, Deputy Director
- Michel Malizia, Consular Officer

Presentation by representatives of the Organisation of Swiss Abroad

15:45 – 16:00

- Filippo Lombardi, President
- Daniel Hunziker, Director (online remarks)

Presentation by the3Million

16:00 – 16:15

- Kaelynn Narita, Research and Policy Manager
- Loredana Guetg-Wyatt, Member of the EU Citizens' Network representing the interests of the Swiss in the UK

Contributions from representatives of formal and informal Swiss clubs and groups (in-person and online)

16:15 – 16:45

Closing remarks and acknowledgments

16:45 – 17:00

Informal discussions and meeting new and old friends

- Musical performance by Nat Cartier
- Aperitif kindly offered by HE Ambassador Dominique Paravicini

Transitional Committee

Delegates from the UK to the Council of Swiss Abroad:

- Stefan Bucher
- Toby Matthiesen
- Franz Muheim
- Isabelle Schenk
- Lakshmi Sundaram

Deputy Delegates :

- Lorenza Cavalli
- Geraldine Kraev
- Joelle Nebbe-Mornod

Additional members:

- Nat Cartier
- Ane Peter
- Gioia Palmieri (editor of UK and Ireland pages of the Swiss Review)