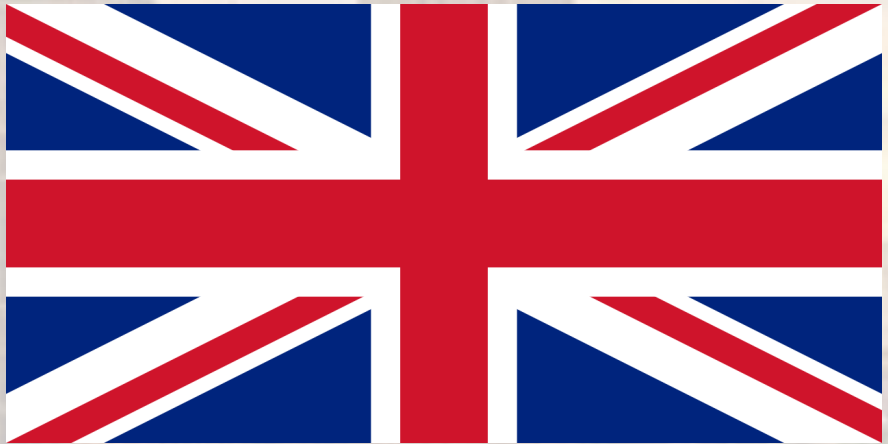


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The British Group Inter-Parliamentary Union (BGIPU) is the official national group representing UK parliamentarians in the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU). BGIPU's membership comprises all sitting members of the House of Commons and the House of Lords across all political parties and the cross-benches of the Palace of Westminster. Numbering some 1470 parliamentarians, BGIPU represents the second largest legislature in the world.

BGIPU was also one of the two founding national groups of the IPU under the leadership of Sir William Randal Cremer MP, who formed the organisation with his French counterpart, Frédéric Passy in 1889. The British Group was formed in March that year, followed a few months later by the establishment of the IPU on 30 June. For his central role in founding the IPU, Randal Cremer MP became the first British recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1903. BGIPU has attended every IPU membership conference since its inception, hosting six Statutory Assemblies (1890, 1906, 1930, 1957, 1975, 1989) including its landmark centenary event 35 years ago. UK parliamentarians have held the IPU Presidency on four occasions (1912-22, 1947-57, 1976-79 and 1991-94) accounting for almost 30 years of the IPU's history.

In the pursuit of peace and prosperity among nations, BGIPU's main focus is to advance Britain's interests abroad by influencing international events and shaping global norms through inter-parliamentary exchanges and dialogue. It works to expand awareness and understanding of foreign relations and the contribution being made by the UK Parliament to parliamentary democracy worldwide.

BGIPU supports effective global peace and security mechanisms, encourages fair trade and sustainable economic development, including the need for urgent global action on climate change, defends human rights and respect for the rule of law as being central to our core democratic principles.

BGIPU also seeks to advance the key role parliaments can play in international affairs, including by ensuring greater parliamentary input to the multilateral system and greater recognition of the importance of parliamentarianism to the debates and decisions of the United Nations.

BGIPU is led by a Chair elected annually from among its membership, along with three Vice-Chairs and a Treasurer as part of a 29 member Executive Committee. Through BGIPU, this Committee has unique responsibility for ensuring the effective representation of British interests in the IPU as the world body of Parliaments. In accordance with this mandate, BGIPU selects and manages UK delegations to the IPU's twice-yearly Assemblies and supports UK participation in a wide variety of international parliamentary meetings on the IPU agenda.

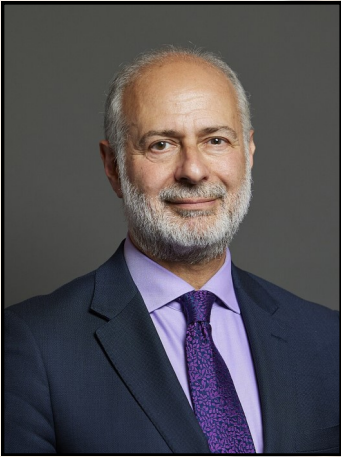
BGIPU also coordinates an active programme of bilateral inter-parliamentary exchanges with other IPU member parliaments worldwide (specifically focused on non-Commonwealth countries). BGIPU's work is supported by a dedicated Secretariat under the direction and guidance of the Chair, Officers and Executive Committee. BGIPU is funded jointly by the House of Commons and the House of Lords with the primary aim of advancing the parliamentary dimension of Britain's foreign relations.



UK Delegation

Fabian Hamilton MP

Leader of the Delegation, 12 Plus Representative and Governing Council Member



Fabian Hamilton MP has been the Labour MP for Leeds North East since 1997. He is the Prime Ministers Trade Envoy to the Southern Cone (South America) having previously been the Shadow Minister for Peace and Disarmament, and Latin America and the Caribbean from 2020 until 2023. He is the Chair of the Latin America All Party Parliamentary Group, and he was previously a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee and the Transport Committee. Prior to entering Parliament, he served as a Member of Leeds City Council 1997. He is the Chair of the BGIPU Executive Committee.

Jess Morden MP

Member of The Forum on Women Parliamentarians and the Standing Committee on Sustainable Development



Jessica Morden has been the MP for Newport East, since 2005. She was elected Chair of the Parliamentary Labour Party following the 2024 election. She has previously held a wide range of roles in Parliament, including as Parliamentary Private Secretary to Keir Starmer as Leader of the Opposition in 2023-24, Shadow Minister for Wales in 2023-24, Shadow Deputy Leader of the House of Commons in 2021-23, Chair of the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments in 2018-24 and a Member of the Liaison Select Committee in 2018-19 and 2020-24, and various roles as a Whip between 2015 and 2023. She is a member of the BGIPU Executive Committee.

Dan Carden MP

Member of the Bureau of Young Parliamentarians Forum and the Standing Committee of UN Affairs



Dan Carden MP has been the Labour Member of Parliament for Liverpool Walton since 2017. He is a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee and the Prime Ministers Trade Envoy to Mexico. He served as Shadow Secretary of State for International Development from 2018 to 2020 and Shadow Financial Secretary to the Treasury in 2020. Before his election he worked in the General Secretary's Office at the trade union 'Unite'. He is Vice-Chair of the BGIU Executive Committee, and is a member of the Bureau of Young Parliamentarians Forum, having previously been the President.

Pam Cox MP

Member of the Forum of

Women Parliamentarians and the Standing Committee on Democracy and



Pam Cox MP was elected to the seat of Colchester for the Labour Party in 2024. She is a member of the Justice Committee, and is Chair of the Central Asia and the Penal Affairs All Party Parliamentary Group. Before entering Parliament she was a professor of social history and criminology, and has presented on programmes related to the history of girls delinquency in Britain (the subject of her PhD). She was a policy consultant working with family justice, and a fellow of the University of Essex's Human Rights Centre. She is a member of the BGIU Executive Committee.

Rt Hon Dame Karen Bradley DBE MP

Member of the Executive Committee, ex-officio Member of the Bureau Forum of Women Parliamentarians, 12 Plus Representative and Governing Council Member



Rt Hon Dame Karen Bradley DBE MP has been the Conservative Member for Staffordshire Moorlands since 2010. She is Chair of the Home Affairs Select Committee, and a member of the Procedure Select Committee (having previously been the Chair). She has previously been Minister for Modern Slavery and Organised Crime in the Home Office, Secretary of State for Digital, Culture Media and Sport and Secretary of State for Northern Ireland. Before entering Parliament, she was a chartered accountant and tax advisor. She is a member of the delegation to the Council of Europe, Vice-Chair to British Irish Parliamentary Assembly and the Treasurer of the BGIPU Executive Committee. She is a member of the IPU Executive Committee.

Gagan Mohindra MP

Member of the Standing Committee on Sustainable Development



Gagan Mohindra MP has been the Conservative MP for South West Hertfordshire since 2019. He currently undertakes the role of Opposition Deputy Chief Whip (Commons) and is a Member of the Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee. Gagan was Shadow Minister of State for Education from July until November 2024. He was previously Parliamentary Private Secretary (PPS) to James Cleverly as Foreign Minister and PPS to the Home Secretary. He is a member of the BGIPU Executive Committee.

Wera Hobhouse MP

Member of the of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians and the Standing Committee on Peace and International Security



Wera Hobhouse MP was first elected as the Liberal Democrat MP for Bath in 2017. She is a member of the Energy Security and Net Zero Committee and the Panel of Chairs. She has previously held various shadow roles for the Liberal Democrats including as Spokesperson for Energy and Climate Change, Justice, Women and Equalities and Transport. Prior to entering Parliament she was a local councillor in Northern England including as Cabinet Member for Environment. Outside of politics she has worked in various roles including opening an art gallery in Liverpool. She is a member of the BGIPU Executive Committee.

Chris Law MP

Member of the Standing Committee on Peace and International Security



Chris Law MP was elected as the Scottish National Party member for Dundee West (and now Dundee Central) in 2015. He is the SNP Spokesperson for Business, International Trade and Development, having previously been the Spokesperson for International Development and Climate Change. He previously was a member of the Select Committees for International Development and Arms Export Controls, and of the Sub-Committee on Work of the Independent Commission for Aid Impact. Before becoming an MP he was a Financial Adviser. He is a member of the BGIPU Executive Committee.

The Baroness Blower

Member of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians, the Standing Committee on Sustainable Development and Governing Council



Baroness Christine Blower has been a Labour member of the House of Lords since 2019. She was appointed due to her longstanding work in education, having served as the 11th General Secretary of the National Union of Teachers. She is Vice-Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Global Education and is a member of the Lords Select Committee on Social Mobility Policy. She is the Vice-Chair of the pressure group Unite Against Fascism, is Vice-President for Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, a member for Movement for the Abolition of War and was Director of Peace and Justice Project LTD until 2023. She is a member of the BGIU Executive Committee.

ASGP Representatives

Chloe Mawson

ASGP Representative of the House of Lords



Chloe Mawson has worked in the House of Lords for 26 years and has experience across all the major departments. On 1 April she was appointed Clerk of the Parliaments. The Clerk of the Parliaments is head of the House of Lords Administration and Chief Procedural Adviser to the House. The role-holder is also the Corporate and Accounting Officer and Chair of the Lords Management Board. Chloe is the first female Clerk of the Parliaments since the role was created 700 years ago. She is an Executive Committee member of the ASGP.

Sarah Davies

ASGP Representative of the House of Commons



Sarah Davies has worked in the House since 1993, and became Clerk Assistant and Managing Director of the Chamber and Committees Team in April 2019, and following an internal restructure is now MD of the Chamber and Participation Team. She has worked in all three procedural offices - as Clerk of Private Members' Bills, Clerk of Bill Programming, as a papers clerk in the Journal Office and as Deputy Head of the Table Office between 2014 and 2016. Sarah's roles in the Committee Office included Clerk of the Work and Pensions Committee between 2005 and 2007 and Clerk of the European Scrutiny Committee between 2012 and 2015. She helped set up, and was first Secretary to, the House's Audit Committee.

BGIPU Secretariat

Rick Nimmo
Director, BGIPU



Rick Nimmo was appointed Director leading the BGIPU Secretariat at UK Parliament in May 2012 after serving for over 25 years as an Australian diplomat. He had diplomatic postings in Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea, Sweden, Fiji and as Political Counsellor at the Australian Mission to the United Nations in New York covering General Assembly and Security Council issues, counter-terrorism and human rights. As a regional official, he was Director of the Political Governance and Security Programme at the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat in Suva, Fiji from 2009 to the end of 2011 when he emigrated to the United Kingdom.

Dominique Rees MBE
Deputy Director, BGIPU



Dominique Rees is the Deputy Director of BGIPU, having had many different roles since she started working for the BGIPU since 1998. She leads on the Forward Programme, and organises and is the main point of contact for bilaterals at Assemblies. She is fluent in French. She was awarded an MBE in 2013 for her service to the BGIPU.

Rhiannon Edwards
Multilateral Programme Manager, BGIPU



Rhiannon Edwards has been working for BGIPU since 2016. She joined BGIPU as an Executive Officer and was later promoted to the role of International Project Manager, and is now the Multilateral Programme Manager. She is responsible for IPU Assemblies and Conferences, Gender and Youth Empowerment and Human Rights. Included in her Human Rights brief she works on religious freedom, LGBT+ Rights, and works with international lawyers on Atrocity Crimes.

Chiara De Vita
International Project Manager, BGIPU



Chiara De Vita joined BGIPU in September 2025 as an International Project Manager. She organises bilateral inward and outward delegations. She speaks Spanish and Italian and she previously worked for the World Food Programme.

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

Rory Dickson

Parliamentary Engagement and Legislation Manager, FCDO



Rory Dickson joined the civil service in May 2023, initially at the Department for Business and Trade in a role focused on UK-EU trade in services. He joined the FCDO one year later as the Parliamentary Engagement and Legislation Manager. He is responsible for advising FCDO desk officers on their Parliamentary engagement strategies, promoting awareness of our responsibility to communicate effectively with Parliament and coordinating FCDO-led legislation.

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