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New Generation Group Delegation 2025



## Welcome to the 2025 Delegation

The British Omani Society is pleased to announce the 12th Annual New Generation Group (NGG) Delegation, taking place in London from 26–27 November 2025, with a cultural programme on 28 November.

This prestigious initiative, generously supported by long-term sponsor bp Oman, will convene 24 early-career professionals from the United Kingdom and the Sultanate of Oman to engage in high-level dialogue on diplomacy, trade, energy, innovation, and sustainability.



## Sponsor & Partner

The British Omani Society's New Generation Group extends its deepest gratitude to our valued Long-term sponsor: bp Oman. Your commitment has been instrumental in strengthening the historic friendship between the UK and Oman, especially among the next generation of leaders.

For over a decade, bp Oman has championed our mission to connect young British and Omani Professionals through culture, dialog and collaboration. Thank you, bp Oman, for helping us make this vision a reality.

# Schedule

**Location: The British Omani Society, 34 Sackville Street, W1S 3ED**

26th November

*Sessions Day 1*

- 08:45 - Arrival and reception of delegates
- 09:00 - **Welcoming Address**  
*Speaker: Sheikh Ma'an Hamed Al Rawahi, NGG Chairman*
- 09:15 - **Strategic Diplomacy: UK-Oman Relations in a Changing World**  
*Speaker: Sir Alan Duncan KCMG, Former Foreign Minister and SOAS Board Member*
- 10:15 - Coffee Break
- 10:30 - **Harnessing Renewable Energy: British-Omani Partnership**  
*Speaker: Mikey Clark, CEO Relode*
- 11:30 - Coffee Break
- 11:45 - **Reflections on Omani, British and International Trade Relations for the 21st Century**  
*Speaker: Professor Tim Evans, Middlesex University*
- 12:45 - Lunch Break
- 14:00 - **Future Sustainable Developments: Modern Methods of Construction**  
*Speaker: Jose Amorim - Managing Director of Nicholson Jones Partnership Oman*
- 15:00 - Coffee Break
- 15:30 - **Innovation & Technology: Bridging the UK-Oman Tech Ecosystem**  
*Speaker: Andrew Roughan - CEO of Plexal*
- 16:30 - Free Time
- 18:00 - Reception

27th November

*Sessions Day 2*

- 08:45 - Arrival and reception of delegates
- 09:00 - **NGG Remarks: Lessons Learnt from Day 1**  
*Moderated by: Shuaib Al Rawahi NGG Team Lead*
- 10:00 - **The Sovereign Investment Partnership: Enabling Joint Investment**  
*Speaker: Andrew Williamson - Managing Director, Cambridge Innovation Capital*
- 11:00 - **Network Centric Statecraft and the Gulf**  
*Speaker: Dr Andreas Krieg*
- 12:00 - Lunch Break
- 13:30 - **bp Visit: Tour & briefing on sustainable energy projects and UK-Oman partnerships Development**  
*1 St. James's Square, London SW1Y 4PD*
- 15:30 - **British government tour**  
*FCDO - Tom Allen (Deputy Director for the Gulf leading)*
- 18:00 - Dinner

28th November

*Cultural Day*

- 10:30 – 16:00 Cultural Day in London + Farewell Lunch



## Speakers and Panelists

### Sir Alan Duncan

*KCMG, Former Foreign Minister and SOAS Board Member*



Sir Alan Duncan is a British politician who served as Member of Parliament for Rutland & Melton from 1992 to 2019 and held ministerial roles including Minister of State for International Development (2010-14) and Minister of State for Europe and the Americas (2016-19). Educated at St John's College, Oxford and Harvard University, he began his career in the oil and gas sector before entering politics. He was knighted in 2014 for services to international development and UK-Middle East relations.

### Mikey Clark

*CEO Relode*



Mikey Clark is Chief Executive Officer at Relode, a UK-based electricity infrastructure developer building a nationwide network of gigawatt-scale 'Power Parks' to serve the accelerating demand from logistics fleets, ports, data centres and other large-scale industrial users. Formerly co-founder of Pivot Power (now part of EDF Renewables), he led the development of transmission-connected battery storage and electric vehicle charging hubs. His earlier career includes major infrastructure programmes such as the Low Carbon London network initiative and the undergrounding of high-voltage pylon systems for the London Olympics. Mikey holds a BEng (Hons) in Metallurgy & Materials Engineering from the University of Liverpool.

### Professor Tim Evans

*Middlesex University*



Professor Tim Evans is Professor in Business and Political Economy (Practice) at Middlesex University, where he combines interdisciplinary research, doctoral supervision and teaching with direct engagement in public policy, media commentary and impact-driven work across the public, private and third sectors. A highly experienced global commentator, he was formerly Executive Director of Public Affairs at the Independent Healthcare Association (London) and earlier served as Head of the Slovak Prime Minister's Policy Unit, advising government ministers on economic and political reform in Central and Eastern Europe. His academic credentials include a PhD in Sociology and an MSc from the London School of Economics, an MBA from the Open University and a postgraduate certificate in National Security from Christian-Albrechts-Universität Kiel, Germany.

## Speakers and Panelists



**Jose Amorim**  
Managing Director of NJP Oman

Jose Amorim has been the Managing Director of NJP Oman since 2015 and NJP Group since 2021. He began working for NJP 20 years ago as a graduate engineer after leaving college. Jose graduated from the University of South Wales, UK, with a degree in Civil Engineering, a master's degree in Structural Engineering, and a postgraduate degree in Construction Management.



**Andrew Roughan**  
*CEO of Plexal*

Andrew Roughan, the CEO of Plexal, is an accomplished leader with extensive experience in technology, telecoms, and innovation. Plexal, the innovation centre at Here East, plays a vital role in catalysing a globally notable innovation campus on the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, aligning with the UK Government's Olympic Legacy plan. Under Andrew's guidance, Plexal focuses on building collaborative innovation ecosystems, addressing key issues such as national security, emerging technology, and prosperity gain.



**Andrew Williamson**  
*Managing Partner at Cambridge Innovation Capital*

Andrew Williamson is a Managing Partner at Cambridge Innovation Capital (CIC), where he leads its investment strategy in deep-technology and life-sciences companies emerging from the Cambridge research ecosystem. With a PhD in Physics from University of Cambridge and an MBA from the University of California, Berkeley's Haas School of Business, he began his career as a computational materials physicist in the US, then spent over a decade in venture capital in Silicon Valley and Chicago. In his current role he champions the commercialisation of Cambridge-born innovation and plays an active part in the UK's venture-capital ecosystem, including co-chairing the UK government's review of university spin-out companies.



**Dr Andreas Krieg**  
*Senior Lecturer in the School of Security Studies at King's College London*

Dr Andreas Krieg is Senior Lecturer in the School of Security Studies at King's College London, and a Fellow at the Institute of Middle Eastern Studies. He has lived and worked across the MENA region - notably in Lebanon, Syria, Israel, Palestine, and Qatar - bringing more than a decade of regional experience to his work. His research focuses on non-state actors, surrogate warfare, and the ways that state and non-state entities provide security in the Arab world, with a particular interest in how security provision and socio-political dynamics intersect post-Arab Spring. Dr Krieg also contributes to professional military education through engagement with the UK Defence Academy and the Royal College of Defence Studies, and works as a consultant on geopolitical risk and security in the Gulf.

## Delegates

### Shuaib Al Rawahi

*Projects Technical Coordinator, Executive Office for Future Cities Projects, Ministry of Housing & Urban Planning*



Shuaib Al Rawahi is the Projects Technical Coordinator for the Future Cities Projects, with a background in Civil and Environmental Engineering from Cardiff University and a Master's degree in Project Management, Finance, and Risk from City University of London. In his current role, he excels in Projects & Tenders supervision, stakeholder coordination, Managing Developments and technical reporting related to Oman's Futuristic Smart Cities. Beyond his professional life, Shuaib is an active sports enthusiast, enjoying CrossFit and skiing, and has a passion for poetry and exploring different cultures through travel. He is known for his commitment to continuous learning and growth, exemplified by his leadership role as the Team Lead of the British-Omani Society New Generation Group.

### Samah Al Rawahi

*Strategic Communications Officer – World Trade Organization*



Samah Al Rawahi is a communications strategist and digital media specialist with a strong focus on global affairs and youth empowerment. She currently serves as a Strategic Communications Officer at the World Trade Organization (WTO) in Geneva within the Information and External Relations Division, following her selection for the prestigious 2024 WTO Young Professionals Programme, where she worked in the Press and Information Team. Previously, Samah was the External Communications and Brand Lead at Petroleum Development Oman (PDO), the country's national oil and gas company. She is also a World Economic Forum Global Shaper, a One Young World Ambassador, and a member of the New Generation Group at the British-Omani Society. Samah holds a bachelor's degree in Media and Communications from Purdue University and a master's degree in Digital Social Media from the University of Southern California.

### Sara Al Raisi

*Social Investment Advisor – Oman Shell*



Sara Al Raisi is a Social Investment Advisor at Oman Shell. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Waljat College of Applied Sciences and has been with Oman Shell since 2016, gaining experience across several functions in the organization. Since January 2024, Sara has served in the Corporate Relations Department, leading social investment projects that deliver impactful and sustainable programs aligned with Oman's National Vision 2040 and Shell's business objectives, while strengthening community relationships and long-term stakeholder trust.

Sara is an active member of the New Generation Group at the British-Omani Society, contributing for over five years to initiatives that enhance cultural and professional ties between Oman and the United Kingdom.

In her free time, she enjoys traveling, watching documentaries, and engaging in outdoor activities such as hiking, caving, camping, horse riding, and swimming, along with spending quality time with her family.

## Delegates

**Raghda Al Hinai**

*Assistant Manager - Corporate Communications (Ominvest)*



Raghda is a dedicated marketing and communications professional with a passion for building meaningful brand experiences. With a degree in Marketing Communications & Advertising from Kingston University London, she brings over six years of cross-industry experience spanning corporate communications, investment, real estate, golf, F&B, events, and tourism.

She currently serves as Assistant Manager – Corporate Communication at Ominvest, where she drives group-wide communication strategies, digital content, brand messaging, and stakeholder engagement across multiple subsidiaries. Previously, she led the Sales & Marketing function for LA VIE, Ominvest's flagship mixed-use development, overseeing integrated campaigns across real estate, golf, and hospitality.

**Yahya Al Salmi**

*Commercial Specialist – Hapag-Lloyd Oman*



Yahya is a logistics and maritime professional specializing in sales execution, commercial development, and strategic communications. He currently serves as Specialist at Hapag-Lloyd Oman, supporting the company's commercial growth and its transition to direct operations in the Sultanate.

Before joining Hapag-Lloyd, Yahya worked at ASYAD Shipping in Marketing, Sales & Business Development, aligning commercial strategies with corporate objectives and enhancing brand presence. His experience also includes leading sales and business development at TruKKer and holding key roles within ASYAD Group and Kuehne + Nagel.

A Takatuf Scholar and CILT-certified professional, Yahya is committed to advancing Oman's logistics and maritime sector through innovation, strategic planning, and strong stakeholder engagement.

**Mohammed Ahmed Saud Al Siyabi**

*Second Secretary - Embassy of the Sultanate of Oman in London*



Mohammed is an Omani diplomat with experience addressing Oman's foreign policy priorities across global affairs, human rights, and international humanitarian law.

Mohammed has served in the Foreign Ministry, Global Affairs Department and as Board Secretary of the Omani Committee for International Humanitarian Law, while representing Oman in a wide range of regional and international conferences focused on humanitarian principles and conflict resolution.

Mohammed holds a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and is currently pursuing a Master's in Diplomatic Studies at the University of Oxford.

## Delegates

**Hiba AL Hinai**

*Program Director Royal Academy of Management (RAM)*



Hiba is an accomplished leader in learning and development with extensive experience building leadership communities across Oman's public and private sectors to drive socio-economic diversification and growth. She has significant expertise in societal and sectoral diagnostics, competitive selection, leadership learning design and delivery alongside professional stakeholder engagement and management. Hiba currently serves as Program Director at the Royal Academy of Management, most notably leading the design and implementation of the National CEO Program. Previously she was Program Lead at the Diwan of Royal Court delivering across a range of National Programs in partnership with international consulting firms and academic institutions. She has also contributed to the National Youth Program for Skills Development and the Diwan's Think Tank Unit. Hiba holds an MSc in Management from Oxford Brookes University, UK and a BA in Social Work from Sultan Qaboos University, Oman. In addition she is an accredited leadership coach.

**Shaima Al Hasani**

*Senior Program Support Specialist - Oman Vision 2040*



Shaima is a Senior Program Support Specialist at the Oman Vision 2040 Implementation Follow-up Unit, where she contributes to the oversight and advancement of strategic directions, objectives, and key performance indicators related to the priority of Private Sector, Investment, and International Cooperation. She supports this mandate by coordinating, tracking, and facilitating the delivery of national projects and initiatives implemented by various government entities. With a solid background in project management, Shaima plays an instrumental role in following-up the implementation of strategic programs that underpin Oman's long-term development agenda. She holds a Bachelor's degree with Honours in Accounting and Finance from the United Kingdom, as well as a Master's degree in Economics specializing in International Finance and Investments from the People's Republic of China. She is also currently pursuing a second Master's degree at the University of York, focusing on Innovation, Leadership, and Management. Shaima's unwavering commitment is driven by her aspiration to contribute meaningfully to national development, foster institutional excellence, and support the realization of Oman's future vision.

**Lawrie Blakey**

*Communications and Public Affairs Adviser*



Lawrie Blakey is a strategic public affairs, communications and PR advisor with extensive experience delivering high-level campaigns across the UK and Middle East. He has worked for multiple public affairs agencies in Westminster, shaping narratives, building influence, and leading strategies that drive engagement and deliver tangible impact. Lawrie is a Politics and International Relations graduate of the University of Bath and commissioned from the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst.



## Delegates



**Ahmed Al Mayahi**

*PhD Student at the University of Reading and President of the Omani Student Association in London*

Ahmed is a second year PhD student at the University of Reading and the Rothamsted Research Centre. His research focuses on understanding the relationship between beneficial microbes in the soil and plant, in order to benefit from this symbiotic relationship to farm with less chemical fertilizers. He is also the president of the Omani Student Association in London.



**Nicholas Brown**

*Associate Peer Review Manager, Wiley*

Nicholas Brown is a recent graduate in Modern Middle Eastern Studies from the University of Oxford. Nicholas was raised in suburban London in an Algerian-British-French family. Throughout his academic studies he has been deeply engaged with the anthropology, political economy, and international relations of the Middle East and North Africa.



**Abeer Al Zadjali**

*International Relations & Sociology Student at Glasgow University*

Abeer is an International Takatuf Scholar, who is currently in their penultimate year studying International Relations and Sociology at the University of Glasgow. She is passionate about international relations with a focus on foreign policy, diplomacy, and global economic institutions. She brings hands-on experience from internships where she was involved with the United Nations and World Trade Organization, through which she deepened her understanding of multilateral cooperation and global governance. Her background also includes business-focused roles in Strategy and Development at Ooredoo and Human Resources and Marketing at JW Marriott. Through those, she bridged international policy insights with practical business applications. Moreover, she showcases her abilities for international cooperation through her leadership role as President of the Middle Eastern and North African Society and President of the UNICEF Society on campus, as well as being the Class Representative for her course. She is driven by the intersection of diplomacy, global trade, and business strategy, and is eager to contribute in environments that connect these worlds.



**Daniel Miller**

*DPhil Asian & Middle Eastern Studies Student, University of Oxford*

Daniel Miller is a doctoral candidate in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies at St Antony's College, Oxford, where he is the H.H. Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani scholar in Contemporary Islamic Studies. His DPhil project explores the activities and networks of Islamic activists from the Arab world living in exile in the UK in the 20th century, with broader research interests in the history of the Arab Gulf, Islamic activism, and modern Islamic thought. Outside of his studies he is also a keen sportsman, having represented the university at national level in Australian Rules Football.

## Delegates

**Ibrahim Al Jahwari**

*MBA Student in Data Science for Public Policy at LSE*



Ibrahim holds a bachelor's degree in Economics and Data Analytics from The University of Manchester, with academic work spanning econometrics, data science, and public policy. He has served as a Research Assistant at The University of Manchester's ARC-GM Health Economics unit, analyzing large-scale NHS data on healthcare access, with his research selected for conference presentation. He has also interned with the UK Office for National Statistics, exploring big data applications in official statistics, and with Omantel, evaluating regulatory and financial implications of TRA policies. Ibrahim is passionate about shaping evidence-based policy through data-driven insights.

**Georgia Stone**

*MPhil Modern Middle Eastern Studies Student, University of Oxford*



Georgia is a second-year postgraduate student at St Antony's College, University of Oxford studying for an MPhil in Modern Middle Eastern Studies with Turkish. She completed her undergraduate degree in French and Arabic from Magdalen College, University of Oxford in 2024. Alongside her studies, she works as a political researcher for Navigate Politics, and is also a postgraduate scholar at the Centre for Muslim-Christian Studies, Oxford. She is originally from Cornwall, UK.

**Ellie Tucker**

*MA Interpreting, Translation and Applied Technologies Student, University of York*

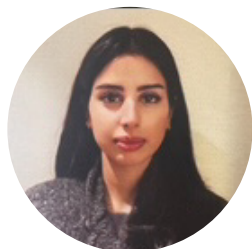


Earlier this year Ellie graduated from Durham University with a BA in French and Arabic, and is now studying for a Masters Degree in French Interpreting and Arabic Translation, with an additional focus on the use of technologies within the ever-evolving language services industry. She was extremely fortunate to participate in The British Omani Society's Arabic Language Scheme in Manah this summer, having the opportunity to develop her Arabic language skills, whilst experiencing the unrivalled Omani hospitality and seeing much of the natural beauty the country has to offer. During her undergraduate year abroad she worked in Paris, and studied Arabic at Qasid Institute in Amman, Jordan. She enjoyed learning more about Arabic's many dialects and the way that non-native speakers engage with the language's cultural underpinnings. Outside of her studies she is part of the Sea Cadets, and their national volunteer lead for youth advocacy and empowerment, helping young people to voice their opinions and action change.

## Delegates

**Habibah Al Zubair**

*Recent MA Graduate in United States Studies at University College London*



Habibah recently completed her MA in United States Studies: History and Politics at University College London (2024–2025), where her research focused on transatlantic relations and U.S. political institutions. Before that, she earned her BA in International Relations from King's College London (2021–2024). Her studies have strengthened her interest in diplomacy, policy analysis, and global governance, and she is eager to explore these themes further through the delegation.

**Jessica Brown**

*BA Arabic and Spanish Student, University of Cambridge*



Jessica is a penultimate year undergraduate student at the University of Cambridge, studying Arabic and Spanish. Originally from Nottingham, Jessica has lived and worked across Europe, the Middle East and Latin America - including internships in hospitality and investment banking in Egypt, teaching in a bilingual school in central Argentina and working in a law firm in rural Spain. After completing the Arabic Language Scheme in Manah, Oman in 2024, Jessica has recently returned to Cambridge after her Year Abroad to finish her degree, where she is currently volunteering as part of the Amnesty International Digital Verification Corps.

**Reenad Al Shuaili**

*BSc (Hons) Management Student at Manchester University*



Reenad Al Shuaili is a final year Management BSc (Hons) student at the University of Manchester and Program Director of the Bawsala Fellowship Program, a youth-led national initiative launched in partnership with the Royal Academy of Management. The fellowship is a leadership platform for high-potential Omani youth, equipping them with the skills, networks, and mindset to drive positive change in Oman.

**Jonathon Anstee**

*MPhil Modern Middle Eastern Studies Student, University of Oxford*



Jonathon Anstee is an MPhil Candidate in Modern Middle Eastern Studies at St Antony's College, University of Oxford, as well as a first-class graduate of Pembroke College, University of Cambridge, where he read the Historical Tripos. His research centres on the foreign aid programmes of Gulf countries, what drives them, and their importance on the international stage. He previously interned at the Office for Investment, a joint unit across 10 Downing Street, HM Treasury, and the Department for Business and Trade which works to secure high-impact FDI into the United Kingdom. Beyond academia, Jonathon is president of St Antony's College Boat Club and previously served as president of the surfing team at Cambridge. Jonathon has a keen interest in the Sultanate of Oman, having had the pleasure to undertake intensive Arabic language training at the Noor Majan Institute in Muscat.

## Delegates

**Mohammed Al Mazkari**  
*BSc Accounting with Finance Students*



Mohammed previously took part in the Borneo Global Issues Conference (BGIC), where he gained early experience in UN-style debate, diplomacy, and international relations. That exposure sparked a long-term interest in global policy, economic cooperation, and how strategic partnerships shape development. He is currently studying Accounting & Finance at the University of Portsmouth and served as President of the Omani Student Society, which has strengthened his leadership and cross-cultural communication skills. He is particularly interested in the intersection of finance, sustainability, and Oman-UK relations, and looks forward to contributing meaningfully to the delegation.

**Gus Goulding**  
*MSc Modern Middle Eastern Studies Student, University of Oxford*



Fergus Goulding is a postgraduate student at the University of Oxford, reading MSc Modern Middle Eastern Studies. Through his study of Arabic, he has been fortunate to gain first-hand experience of life in the Middle East. In the summer of 2024, he was a participant of The British Omani Society Arabic Language Scheme in Manah, Oman, and more recently, he served as a Youth Ambassador at the International Youth Programme 2025 in Dubai, UAE. He spent the academic year 2023-24 studying in Cairo, Egypt, and these experiences have since inspired a range of research projects on the country, including a policy analysis paper on Female Labour Force Participation (FLFP) rates in Egypt, for the Cambridge-based think-tank 'Middle East and North Africa Forum (MENAF)', and an investigation into early twentieth-century Egyptian nationalism for his final, undergraduate dissertation at the University of Edinburgh.

**Sophie Worrall**  
*BA Languages & Culture (Arabic) Student, SOAS*



Sophie is a final-year BA Languages and Cultures student at SOAS University of London, specialising in Arabic. She recently returned from Amman, Jordan, where she spent a year at the Qasid Institute undertaking an intensive programme in Modern Standard Arabic. During her time there, she gained valuable experience teaching English to displaced communities, deepening her understanding of the country's social dynamics. She holds a particular interest in the intersection of economic and trade development and its impact on humanitarian needs across the region.

**Andrew McLeod**  
*Project Reporting Officer, The Global Strategy Network*



Andrew is an analyst specialising in CVE and DDR in the Middle East. His current focus is Syria, having reported on developments before, during and since the December 2024 revolution. Representing The Global Strategy Network (TGSN), he works alongside a multinational team of subject matter experts to advance social cohesion and stability through high-impact strategic communications and on-the-ground development projects, both in the Middle East and beyond. He is a graduate of the University of Cambridge, with a BA(Hons) in Classics.







**Thank you**  
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