



Dear Members,

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the Serbian Council of Great Britain (SCGB) will take place on **Friday 26th February 2015 at the Leighton House Museum, 12 Holland Park Road, London W14 8LZ.**

The AGM will form part of the '**A Night in the Museum' event**'. It will run from **6.30 pm –to 7.30 pm** and be followed by an opportunity to tour the Museum and have drinks from 7.30 pm- 8.00 pm. At 8.00 pm the Guest Speaker, Lazar Dzamic, Head of Brand Planning at Google Zoo, Author, Publicist and Marketing Consultant, will talk about his latest book 'The Florist in the House of Flowers- Homage to Alan Ford and his book 'Plum Tea'. The talk will be in Serbian and Maya Momcilovic Jordan will accompany him on the piano.

We first wrote to you in December 2015 to notify you about the AGM request for nominations for the Officers and Members of the Management Committee. We would like to inform you that the people listed below have been nominated to stand for the next term of 12 months. Their short biographies are included with this letter.

1. Chair – Olga Stanojlovic
2. Secretary – Maya Momcilovic Jordan
3. Treasurer – George Tokos
4. General Member – Marija Allport
5. General Member – Aco Divac
6. General Member – Marianna Dragojevic
7. General Member – Mirjana Lazic
8. General Member – Ivan Miletic
9. General Member – Tatjana Mitevaska
10. General Member – Djurdja Zivkovic

The election of candidates shall take place at the AGM and proxy and email votes by those unable to attend will be accepted.

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Minutes of the previous AGM
3. Matters arising
4. Project reports
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Election of Officers and Management Committee members
7. Questions, comments and proposals from the members
8. End of meeting

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting. For all your enquiries please contact us on info@serbiancouncil.org.uk

Kind regards

Serbian Council of Great Britain

CANDIDATES' SHORT BIOGRAPHY

Marija Allport

Marija has lived in London for 23 years. She studied media and film, and through that acting at the University of Westminster. Art and culture are close to her heart and she really wants to be locked into Serbian cultural events in Britain. Marija has been active in Serbian Society projects and she has also collaborated with other Serbian community organisations such as Pro Art & Co. Marija often supports various events and is happy to be guided by the events and the way in which the community works in England.

Aco Divac

Aco has a Master's in Sociology from the University of Belgrade. Aco spent 10 years as a researcher at the Institute for Cultural Studies, Development, Research and Documentation in Belgrade, conducting empirical research in the sociology of culture, in particular urban culture and sub-cultural issues. For the last 20 years Aco has been working with civil society and community organisations across different settings, countries and cultures. Aco is a trained Learning Mentor and Storyteller. He is Co-founder and Trustee of the Balkan Community Initiatives Fund, established in 2000 and renamed the TRAG/Fondacija in 2013. He works as a Librarian at the West Acton Primary School.

Marianna Dragojevic

Marianna was born in Belgrade in 1959 and graduated in Economics at Belgrade University in 1983. She came to the UK with her family in 2000 and currently lives in Peacehaven, near Brighton. She runs her own business - Anti Aging Therapy. She joined the Serbian Council to help organise events in the Brighton area.

Mirjana Lazic

Mirjana was born in 1954 in Belgrade, where she finished Grammar School and read Yugoslav Literature and Serbo-Croat Language at the University of Belgrade. She obtained MPhil in History of Drama from the same University. In Great Britain, since 1989, Mirjana has been actively involved with the Serbian community in the UK for the last eighteen years. Formerly a teacher of Serbian at the playgroup 'Poletarac' she is now co-running Serbian GCSE course in London and Reading. She is also teaching at Srpskaonica school Reading, three groups of children aged 5-17. Mirjana is working part-time at the Reading Adult Community College New directions as a teacher of Italian and German.

Ivan Miletic

Born in Belgrade in 1967, Ivan arrived to the UK in 2007 after 10 years in New York, US. He studied at the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering Belgrade University where he obtained a Bachelor's degree in Aeronautical engineering. In 2004 Ivan joined Savvis, now known as Century Link, where he is currently a Program Director working on projects with major financial organizations.

Tatjana Mitevska

Born 1975 in Kumanovo. Studied Yugoslav languages and English at the Philological Faculty, University of St Cyril and Methody in Skopje before emigrating to London 20 years ago. Advance Diploma in Business Management, the Association of Business Executives. Member of the Serbian Sisters Guild from 1991 and also of the local Red Cross in Kumanovo. During the civil war coordinated delivery of medical and other humanitarian aid from Germany. Member of the British-Serbian Chamber of Commerce, parishioner at the Serbian Orthodox Church St Sava in London since 1996. Has volunteered and supported the Serbian Sisters Guild, London Sports Society, and many other Serbian community organisations in Britain. Member of the Resident involvement scrutiny group in Thames Valley Housing Association. Currently Editorial Assistant for the Features and Special Reports team at the Financial Times and researcher for the East European desk with a particular interest in Western Balkans. Sings for the FT and St Sava Church choirs.

Maja Momcilovic Jordan

Maya, a pianist, holds a Masters Degree in Music from the Academy in Belgrade along with a PG Certificate from the London College of Music. Maya's performing career has been broadened through her interest in bringing together music and musicians from different countries. She settled in Britain in 1996 and was one of the co-founders of the project 'Sounds of the Balkans'. Since then, Maya was the Artistic Director for numerous events and projects promoting Serbian culture and encouraging artists of different origins to work together. At present she is the Director of the 'Around the Globe Piano Music Festival' and the Programme Coordinator of the 'Serbian Month in Great Britain'. Maya has also been involved in numerous charity projects (including 'Magic & Toys', 'Ada Art') in aid of Serbian people and children.

Olga Stanojlovic, MBE

Born in Wiltshire in 1954 to émigré Serbian parents, Olga completed a history degree and teacher training at the University of Warwick. Soon afterwards, she joined the British Council, where she was Director of Education in Schools at the time of her early retirement in 2010. For her outstanding achievements in developing relations with Africa and Eastern Europe and in the field of education, she was awarded an MBE in 2001. She is trustee of a number of charities and organizations including the Father Nikolich's Settlement Trust, the Ladies Guild of the Serbian Orthodox Church, the British Serbian Benevolent Fund, the Thames Festival and is a non-executive director of the Big Ideas Company. She has led the Council's work on the Serbian language, represented the SCGB on the Round Table Working Group, filled the post of Secretary over a number of years and been Chair since 2015. Olga is a founder member of the SCGB.

George Tokos

Born 1968 in Huddersfield. Lived in Bor, returned to England in 1991. Worked in the refugee sector, now a partner in the company Tokos Solutions and the Secretary of the church committee of the Serbian Orthodox Church, St John the Baptist in Halifax. In the Council, he is involved with membership policies and promotion of the Council's work in the North of England. George is a founder member of the SCGB.

Djurdja Zivkovic

Born in Svilajnac, Serbia in 1973. She studied at the Faculty of Architecture University of Belgrade where she obtained Master degree in Bioclimatic Construction and Design. She now has over 15 years of experience in construction industry having being involved in projects nationally and internationally. Since moving to UK in 2000, Djurdja has maintained an active role within Serbian community both Serbia and UK. In 2006 Djurdja led International Project for Refurbishment of Serbian Churches in Kosovo funded by the European Agency for Reconstruction (EAR). Most recently, she is founder member of the 'Srpskaonica' School of Serbian Language in Reading and continues to promote activities that will engage local and wider Serbian community together.