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Welcome

UK Meets Germany: A Forum for Young Leaders (UKMG) is a network of students and young professionals who have an interest in exploring and strengthening the German-British relationship. Participants join the forum by taking part in a UKMG Weeklong Seminar, following which they are encouraged to conduct their own research and organize their own activity in the field. ICD Weeklong Seminars are targeted at students and young professionals with an active interest in the German-British relationship.

Weeklong Seminars are held in Berlin every 4-6 months and consist of 4-5 day programs of lectures, seminars, and workshops, together with cultural and social activities. The Seminars aim to give the participants an insight into key perspectives on the German-British relationship, introduce them to a network of like-minded individuals, and allow them to explore the cultural landscape of the city of Berlin. Speakers during the seminars include individuals from the fields of politics, diplomacy, academia, culture & the arts, civil society, and the private sector. Once individuals have taken part in a UKMG Weeklong Seminar and joined the forum, they become a part of the ICD's network, which facilitates communication between like-minded individuals across the world.

Once they have joined the UKMG Forum, members are supported by the ICD in organizing leadership initiatives and conducting academic research whilst they are also invited to join the ICD Online Forum - enabling them to share information and communicate with likeminded individuals across the world.

In addition to looking in greater detail at the history and development of cultural diplomacy, the next UKMG Weeklong Seminar will focus on the following theme:

The Anglo-German Relationship: Using the Arts and Culture to strengthen the Alliance



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About the UKMG Weeklong Seminar

The UKMG Weeklong Seminar is an international and interdisciplinary gathering of students, young professionals, and cultural practitioners from across the world. The seminar provides an excellent opportunity for young people to expand their knowledge of current and future developments in these fields, meet with current and former key cultural players and politicians, build sustainable networks with each other, and experience the rich and diverse cultural life of the city of London.

The program will consist of speeches, panel discussions and seminars held by leading figures from the fields of politics, economics, diplomacy, academia, civil society, and the private sector. Speakers will offer a range of perspectives on current and conceptual issues in the development of cultural policy and arts administration within an international context, and the current and future potential of the relationship between the United Kingdom and Germany.

In addition to the academic components, participants will take part in a range of social and cultural activities that will allow them to experience London's unique cultural landscape. These activities will include group dinners and drinks, trips to artistic performances, concerts, and literary readings, and visits to important cultural and artistic landmarks.

Speakers · The speakers during the forum will include leading figures from the fields of politics, diplomacy, academia, civil society and representatives from the private sector.

Participants · The participants will include students and professionals with an active interest in German and British issues from around the globe.

Lectures & Discussions · A range of lectures will be held by experts from the fields of politics, economics, diplomacy, academia, civil society, and the private sector. These components will inform the participants about key perspectives related to the themes of the Weeklong Seminar, raise their awareness of other salient issues in the United Kingdom and Germany, and introduce them to the field of cultural diplomacy. Each lecture will be followed by a question and answer session with the speaker.

Networking, Social and Cultural Activities · Each Weeklong Seminar will include social and cultural activities for the participants. These components give participants the opportunity to see a different side of the city, help to provide a more informal environment for the participants to get to know each other, and allow the participants to see cultural exchange initiatives that are already being organized. The ICD offers an expansive social agenda including: interactive panel discussions, roundtable discussions, workshops, debates, parties, film nights, conference concerts, embassy receptions, group dinners, and visits to cultural and historical sites.

Certificate of Attendance · Upon completion of the Weeklong Seminar, all participants will be awarded with an official certificate detailing the activities of the week and welcoming them to the ICD's Forum, which assists them in furthering their academic and professional prospects by engaging in a network of like-minded individuals around the world.



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Seminar Objectives

UKMG Weeklong Seminars include the following components:

Workshops & Role Play · The timetable of each Weeklong Seminar will include interactive workshops that offer participants the opportunity to take part in structured discussions on subjects related to the seminar themes. Workshops provide a valuable counterbalance to lectures by providing an opportunity for participants to express their own opinions and learn from each other.

Round Table Discussions and Debates · These discussions offer a more intimate setting for speakers and participants to converse and debate openly. They also allow the participants to interact more directly with the speakers and their fellow participants in a more neutral, equal, and interactive manner. Not only are participants able to pose questions to the speakers, but the speakers may also pose questions to the participants, all while enjoying a more comfortable, informal, and interactive setting.

Group Visits · During the ICD events, participants are able to see the city from a different perspective. They will be able to experience all that London has to offer, as well as partake in visiting the UK's top institutions including foreign offices, the city hall, the British parliament, and various embassies throughout the city.

Leadership Initiatives · Leadership initiatives are cultural exchange initiatives organized by members of ICD Forums with the support of the ICD. These initiatives are the foundation of the ICD's work, because they allow the principles of cultural diplomacy to be spread beyond the members of the Forum. At the beginning of the Weeklong Seminar participants will be given guidance on how to plan, develop, and execute leadership initiatives that have a constructive, sustainable influence on intercultural relations. The participants will then have the opportunity to present their projects to the group at the end of the week-long seminar. In addition, the ICD will outline how it can help to support the realization of these initiatives through its network and resources.





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Joining the Forum

The principal focus of UK Meets Germany: A Forum for Young Leaders (UKMG) is to develop a network of young individuals committed to building and sustaining lasting ties within Germany and the UK in the fields of politics, academia, science, media, business and culture, thereby strengthening the German-British relationship. The network is supported through a diverse range of ongoing activities and is highlighted each year by weeklong seminars for new members to join.

As an independently developed and organized program, UKMG offers a unique opportunity to come together and foster wider, deeper European relations on a business, cultural and political level. This in turn will develop a wider understanding of intercultural issues, promote personal growth, and contribute to the creation of innovative policy-oriented solutions to issues affecting both countries.

Forum Objectives

- To establish a long-term, interdisciplinary network of young leaders that contributes on both a professional and personal level to exchange within Germany and the UK.
- To educate, enhance, and sustain German-British relationship through the empowerment of the participants.
- To support valuable contributions to civil society in Germany and the UK through “Leadership Initiatives” that the young leaders will organize as part of the program.
- To provide the participants with fresh insights and new perspectives to deepen their understanding of the economic, political, cultural, religious, and social frameworks of the German-British relationship.
- To strengthen professional, economic, cultural, political, and scientific cooperation through close personal and professional relationships.



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