Annual Alumni Reception at the House of Lords
Thursday 30 April 2026

Event information

Programme

18:00	**Arrival and security checks** Guests to arrive at Victoria Tower Gardens Visitors Entrance and, following security checks, make their way to the Cholmondeley Room. Please allow approximately 30 minutes to go through security. NB. Please remember to bring your invitation card and photo ID.	*Victoria Tower Gardens Visitors Entrance, House of Lords*
18:30	**Event start**	*Cholmondeley Room and Terrace*
19:00 *(TBC)*	**Speeches** Short speeches to be given by Lord Tim Clement-Jones CBE, Lan Tu, Chair of Council, and Professor Colin Bailey CBE, President and Principal of Queen Mary University of London.	*Cholmondeley Room and Terrace*
19:15 *(TBC)*	**Reception continues** Following the speeches, guests are invited to continue enjoying the reception.	*Cholmondeley Room and Terrace*
20:30	**Event close**	*Cholmondeley Room and Terrace*

Security

All visitors to the House of Lords must bring their invitation card and photo ID with them or entry will not be permitted. Please note that airport-style security checks will be place.

Dress code and cloakroom facilities

There is a smart casual dress code (no jeans or trainers).

Guests are required to wait outside prior to security checks and are advised to bring only essential items to the reception as bag searches will be in operation. Please do not bring items such as suitcases and laptops due to tight security checks. There is a cloakroom at the reception for coats and non-valuables, however, please note that this will not be supervised. The University cannot take responsibility for guests' belongings, which are left at the owner's own risk.

Travel, transport and visitor information

Use of public transportation is strongly advised as there are no available parking spaces for guests at the House of Lords. Please see the enclosed map for travel information, as well as entrance points (this map is available online at www.parliament.uk/globalassets/documents/facilities/maps/colmap.pdf).

Victoria Tower Gardens Entrance is wheelchair accessible. Please notify alumni@qmul.ac.uk in advance if you have specific mobility requirements so we can ensure these are accommodated.

For information about the House of Lords gift shop and opening times, please speak to event staff during the reception.

Events cancellation policy

The Department of Development and Alumni Engagement at Queen Mary University of London reserves the right to cancel an event at its sole discretion. In the event of any such cancellation we will refund the value of the booking or any ticket sold upon proof of purchase. Any online handling fee charged by a third party cannot be refunded. The University excludes any liability for any direct or indirect losses or damages however arising as a result of such cancellation and will not, for example, be responsible for any travel or accommodation costs incurred. In the event of cancellation, the University will use reasonable endeavours to alert those who have booked to attend an event or purchased tickets and details of any cancellation will be posted on the alumni website at www.qmul.ac.uk/alumni. Guests are responsible for checking this information prior to the event.

Cancellation by those booked to attend the event

Cancellation of attendance to this event by individuals or groups must be given in writing and received by the Alumni Engagement Team by email at alumni@qmul.ac.uk by 12 noon on Monday 27 April in order to receive a refund.

Further information

If you require further information about the event, please contact alumni@qmul.ac.uk.