



THE JOHN ADAMS SOCIETY
THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION FOR US EMBASSY EXCHANGE PROGRAMS FOR
ENGLAND AND WALES

The John Adams Society

The John Adams Society is named after John Adams, second President of the United States, who was also the first American Minister to England from 1785 to 1788.

Membership of the Society is open to all those who have participated in professional and educational exchange programmes run by the US Embassy in London. These are: the International Visitor Leadership Programme, the Fulbright Classroom Teacher Exchange Programme and the British-American Parliamentary Group.

Through its network the Association seeks to promote and support US-UK cultural, scientific, educational, social, informational and economic initiatives. Facilitating discussions on key issues of importance, the Society will act as a forum to strengthen US-UK relations. Building on existing relationships we will continue to advance cross cultural understanding through its quarterly panel discussions, organising an annual reception and contributing to the professional development of the alumni.

A Letter From the Chairman

Dear Alumni,

It is a very great pleasure to write on the occasion of the launch of the John Adams Society.

I am sure that John Adams himself, as the first American Minister to England, would be very pleased to see his name used for the alumni association for US exchange programmes for England and Wales.

Everybody that I talk to who has had the honour of participating in one of the many US exchange programmes, tells me the same thing; that it made a real impact on them. Whether it was personally, professionally, politically or even educationally, we are all privileged to have been invited to participate and we find ourselves among a very distinguished group of alumni including Prime Ministers, senior journalists and leaders of industry.

I would like to thank the Embassy for all of their encouragement in forming the John Adams Society. In particular, Kate Bentley and Anthea Buckeridge, who have been so positive in their support for this initiative. I would also like to thank the Minister and Ambassador for hosting us and for getting the Association off to such a fantastic start.

I very much hope that all of you will get involved in the coming months and years. Not only will our work enable us all to continue to focus on our particular areas of interest (more news on the future plans and events will follow soon) but it will also serve as one of the most exclusive and beneficial networking groups in the UK.

If you have any comments or questions, ideas or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me or one of the officers on our team. We would be delighted to hear from you and we look forward to working with you as we develop our Alumni Association.

With best wishes,

Muddassar Ahmed
Chairman, John Adams Society

“ We aim to bring alumni of the US exchange programmes together across a range of sectors, especially those who wish to continue the ethos of transatlantic cooperation and development. The Society will also seek to promote US-UK cultural, scientific, educational, social and economic initiatives, and to contribute to its members continuing professional development.”

Muddassar Ahmed
Chairman

Society Website

The new John Adams Society website will go live on 4th March. Please do visit the site in the coming days as we would welcome feedback and ideas from all members. The website will have a 'members only' section where more exclusive information will soon be available. News and information about events will be uploaded in the coming weeks and we will make use of your email addresses to keep you informed. If you change your email address, please do let us know! www.johnadamsociety.co.uk



Signing the Constitution of the John Adams Society

The Future

The Officer team has some ambitious plans for the Society and we will be distributing details of future events in due course. We want to ensure that every member of the Society gets the most out of membership and continues to benefit from enhanced links through the Society's network and also as we build on mutual understanding between the UK and USA. On 10 March, the Officer team will be holding a half day strategy session in which we will have detailed discussions and plan events for the coming year, including a range of meetings, conferences and social events. We also hope to arrange quarterly panel discussions on issues of the day and an annual reception, in line with the objectives of the Society. All ideas are welcome, so please do speak to one of the Officer team or email johnadamssociety@unitascommunications.com.

The US Embassy

We are delighted to have the full support of the US Embassy in London which has been instrumental in the formation of the Society. We have all benefited enormously from our participation on one or more of the exchange programmes and our membership in the John Adams Society affords us all the opportunity to continue to learn, network, develop and participate in a range of exciting activities in the future. We hope that the Society will grow to become an influential body that will be able to support the US Embassy in London and even serve as a catalyst for other US Embassies around the world to start similar alumni organisations in the future.

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone who has been involved in the formation of this society and we would like to thank you for attending this event today and for joining the Society. A special word of thanks goes to Ambassador Susman and Minister Stephenson for their kind hospitality today. In addition, we would like to acknowledge the significant support and encouragement of Kate Bentley and Anthea Buckeridge at the US Embassy, without whom this would not have been possible.



How to get Involved

Membership to the John Adams Society enables full access to all Society events as well as regular updates about fellow members and the activities of the Society. The nominal membership fee is put towards maintenance of the Society and event planning for the benefit of all members. Membership is available in two forms:

Annual Membership	£ 10
Lifetime Membership	£ 300

The Committee

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