



Embassy
of the Republic of Poland
in London

POLISH
HERITAGE
DAYS



Dear Sir/Madam,

The Polish Embassy in London would like to invite you to submit project proposals for this year's edition of the **"Polish Heritage Days"**. The aim of the project is to coordinate all the events by Polish organisations, Polish Saturday schools and Polish RC parishes as part of 3rd of May Constitution Day celebrations. Many of your organisations / schools / parishes are already planning to put together events in the spring / summer season. We hope that with this call we can encourage local communities to take more initiative. We would like to encourage all of you to join together in celebrating Polish culture across the entire United Kingdom!

Do you have an idea for an event that can integrate the local community in your town?

Can you organise that event on 4th or 5th May and join with others in the UK so as to celebrate the Polish independence, the Day of Poles Abroad, the Flag of the Republic of Poland Day and the 3rd of May Constitution Day?

Let us know! You will receive the logo, posters and other promotional materials. We can also support you in contacting the local government and local media. We can help you promote your initiative. **Let us celebrate together and showcase what is best in our culture - that we are open, optimistic and united!**

The "Polish Heritage Days" is organised every year on the first weekend after 3rd May so as to regularly feature in the calendar of local events as the National Polish Day in the UK. The aim of Polish Heritage Day is to promote and celebrate Polish culture, heritage of past generations and the positive contribution made by the million members of the Polish diaspora to the cultural, economic and social life in the United Kingdom, as part of the Day of Poles Abroad and the Flag Day celebrated on 2nd May as well as the 3rd of May Constitution Day. Polish Heritage Days will take place during the month of May commencing on 4th – 5th May across the country. This year, the Ambassador encourages all Polish organisations, Polish RC parishes and Saturday schools in the UK, but not only, to actively take part in the celebrations by including the theme of the 250th anniversary of the formal establishment of Polish–British diplomatic relations and the centenary of the renewal of Polish–British bilateral relations.

Let us show that we can be united in a common aim and take an active role in our communities by showing what is best in our culture to our neighbours.

The main aims are:



After submitting a proposal as described in the attached application, you will receive a pack of promotional materials. This will include:

- the **logo of the Polish Heritage Days and poster** of the event in pdf and print-ready version, including other promotional materials
- an **official press release**, which can be circulated to the local media
- a **draft letter** addressed to the local government (a separate letter from the Ambassador shall also be sent).

We cordially invite all to join us in this initiative. We would also like to encourage all organisations within the same area – parishes, schools and others – to join forces. The more local organisations join in, the greater the chances of success for the entire project! Please circulate this call for projects to all interested parties, especially as organisations can apply for a refund of expenses.

We also encourage you all to contact your local government to ask them to take part in the event as well. For example, you could ask if they can raise the Polish flag on the town hall during the event. We have had conversations with representatives of local governments and we know that there is willingness on their part to support this initiative. If you need support in contacting officials of the local government, the Embassy can write a supporting letter.

We would also like to invite all active members of our local communities to contact the local media and – if possible – to encourage them to report on the events on the local radio or in the local press, so that they can tell of their positive contributions to the social, cultural and economic life of the community.

You can send your declarations of collaborations and completed applications until 15 March 2019. Please send your documents to: polishday.london@msz.gov.pl, polishday.manchester@msz.gov.pl, polishday.edynburgh@msz.gov.pl or belfast.kg.sekretariat@msz.gov.pl (Belfast). Please include a note in your application identifying the city of the planned event, “Polish Heritage Days 2019 in ... (ie. Coventry, Londynie-Putney, etc.) – application”.

Respectfully yours,

Polish Embassy in London

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