



# Royal Over-Seas League

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The Royal Over-Seas League, the club with an international dimension, offers a special scheme to members of the RGBB under which they can become members of the League at a specially reduced annual subscription, paying only 50% of the entrance fee, and without the need to provide a proposer and seconder.

With splendid clubhouses in London and Edinburgh, 58 reciprocal clubs around the world and a commitment to increasing mutual interest and understanding between Commonwealth nations and international communities, the League provides a world-wide base and common link for its membership. Since its formation in 1910, membership has been open to men and women on equal terms. There are 176 representatives in 78 countries and local branches in four, including the UK.

The London headquarters and clubhouse, a fine period property adjoining Green Park in the heart of the West End, offers members a garden, buttery, restaurant, bar, gracious drawing rooms, 72 bedrooms and reception rooms. In Edinburgh, at 100 Princes Street, directly opposite and with unrestricted views of Edinburgh Castle, members can enjoy similar facilities to those at the London



clubhouse. At both, members are provided the highest standards of comfort and service at moderate club prices. Private rooms are also available for meetings, dinners and receptions.

A quarterly journal "Overseas" is sent free of charge to all members and contains details of a comprehensive summer programme, which includes organised trips to the House of Lords, Big Ben, Buckingham Palace and afternoon tea on the House of Commons Terrace. Tickets are available for the opera and the Royal Box at the Albert Hall for the Promenade Concerts, although in some cases, such as Glyndebourne, ballots are held due to demand. A winter programme of events is also now in place.

The League's Royal Charter states that it should promote Music and Art to young people through organising annual music and art competitions and support humanitarian welfare projects in Commonwealth countries.

With a long history of international friendship, members receive a very warm welcome.

The annual membership subscription in 2002 for those living overseas is £78 plus an initial joining fee of £21.50; and for young members (17-25) membership is £65 with no joining fee.

If you wish to take up this offer of membership to the Royal Over-Seas League, an application form can be obtained from John Goldfinch on telephone no. 01 4068771 (Riyadh) or the

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