



Sevenoaks Conservative Policy Forum

“The great prize for this country – the opportunity ahead – is to use this moment to build a truly Global Britain. A country that reaches out to old friends and new allies alike. A great, global, trading nation. And one of the firmest advocates for free trade anywhere in the world.” (Prime Minister Theresa May, 17 January 2017)

What should Britain’s role be in the world? How can we maximise our soft power through our aid, trade, and security commitments? How can we make ourselves safer and create more trade in a dangerous world?

Next meeting: Thursday January 31st

Arrive from 7:15pm for a 7:30pm start

Venue: 63 Betenson Avenue, Sevenoaks, TN13 3ER

Non-members are welcome, please invite friends and family.

RSVP: Please confirm attendance to Daniel Rossall-Valentine: danielrossall@outlook.com

Please find background information here: www.conservativepolicyforum.com/news/global-britain-discussion-paper

Agenda:

1. What should a Conservative-led UK Government seek to achieve in the world?
2. What is the UK’s unique selling point as a global player, and what should our commitments be to other countries? What should be the role of the Commonwealth?
3. On what global issues can the UK have the biggest impact and exercise the most leverage?
4. How should we best target our resources? How should we best prioritise our aid commitments?
5. How can we give today’s school and college-leavers better exposure to the challenge and opportunities of the rapidly-growing “BRICS” economies (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa)?
6. How can we help more UK companies export outside the EU?
7. How might we balance our future economic, strategic and humanitarian needs and responsibilities in the world – in the areas of defence & security, soft power, diplomatic priorities, boosting trade, and international development?
8. What metrics could we use to measure the success of Global Britain?
9. Is there any other question you think should have been asked or observation you would like to make?

Following our meeting, a summary of all responses will be sent to our MP and to CPF HQ. CPF HQ will collate responses across the UK and send a summary to the Secretaries of State for Defence, International Trade and International Development; CPF Chairman, George Freeman MP; and the Prime Minister’s Policy Unit.

If you cannot attend, please respond here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HHPPJ6K>