



The British Malaysian Society

# BMS CITY GIVING DAY DISCUSSION ON “Charity Giving, Fundraising and Funding”

Panel speakers include:



**Mei Sim Lai OBE DL**

Panel Moderator  
Chair of the British Malaysian Society, Chair of Television for the Environment, Co-Chair of the Chinese Welfare Trust and has served on various Charity Appeals and Campaign Boards



**Erica Stary**

Retired  
Commercial Tax Lawyer and former Judge and Past Master of three Livery Companies, the Tax Advisers, the Plumbers



**Paul Herbage MBE DL**

Priory Hospitaller of Order of St John and Lifelong Active Volunteer of the St John Ambulance / Order of St John



**Jess Molyneux**

Regional Fundraising Events Manager (London) at British Red Cross, Lead organiser of 2025 Guildhall Christmas Market



**Dr Rowena Abdul Razak**

Historical Consultant and Trustee / Head of Helpline offering emotional support to Malaysian students at MERCY Humanitarian U.K.



**Naseem Binti Ghazali**

Oral and Maxillofacial NHS Consultant and Trustee of MERCY Humanitarian U.K.



**Dr Hannan Ali DL**

Programme and Partnerships Manager, City Bridge Foundation

The Panel will be moderated by Mei Sim Lai OBE DL who is greatly experienced as a charity trustee and professional adviser for many years. Mei Sim helps on fundraising for The Lord Mayor's Big Curry Lunch and served on various Appeals and Campaign Boards.

## Date and Time

Monday 29 September 2025

## Venue

Members' Dining Room  
The Guildhall Club  
3rd Floor, West Wing Entrance  
City of London Corporation  
Gresham Street  
London EC2Y 7HH

Nearest tube stations: Moorgate,  
St Paul's, Bank

## Proposed Schedule

**6:00pm** Arrival & Registration

**6:30pm** Welcome & Opening Remarks

**6:35pm** Start of Panel Discussion and Q&A from the audience

**7:45pm** Vote of thanks and Closing remarks

**7:50pm** Networking Reception

**9:00pm** End of Event

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Please join us for our 2025 City Giving Day Celebration. Launched in 2024 by Dame Fiona Woolf DBE DStJ DL when she was Lord Mayor in 2013/14. CGD is a great initiative to counter the "fat cats" accusations against many in the City at that time. Since it was established it has been held each year in September to showcase the great work that business organisations in the City and beyond have been doing to help others who need help and support. CGD helps charities adopted by organisations to raise their profile, raise some funds and recruit volunteers. Charity giving by livery companies amount to over £81 million a year. The City Bridge Foundation is London's largest independent funder giving away over £30 million a year to charitable organisations across London.

BMS has been supporting City Giving Day for a number of years. This year we are partnering with Mercy Humanitarian UK (MHUK), that is affiliated to MERCY Malaysia, that provides humanitarian relief to communities in disaster areas. MHUK also runs an excellent mental health counselling programme to help Malaysian students in the UK.

## Cost

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| <b>BMS member</b>            | <b>£38</b> |
| <b>MERCY humanitarian UK</b> | <b>£38</b> |
| <b>Other charities</b>       | <b>£38</b> |
| <b>Non BMS member</b>        | <b>£48</b> |
| <b>BMS student members</b>   | <b>£18</b> |

## Dress Code

Business Attire / Smart Casual

The cost covers the cost of drinks and finger food and a donation element to:

- MERCY Humanitarian UK
- BMS Charitable and Student Fund
- British Red Cross Guildhall Christmas Market 2025

## Booking & Payment

Booking can be made using the online booking system:

**<https://www.thebritishmalaysiansociety.com/events/city-giving-day>**

Please reserve your place(s) as soon as possible.

If you are unable to book online, or have any queries, please contact Mei Sim Lai OBE DL by email at [meisimlai@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:meisimlai@yahoo.co.uk) or WhatsApp 07903 153 793 as soon as possible. Please advise if you have any dietary restrictions.