

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY QUESTION TIME ON "GIVE TO GAIN"

Question Time panel speakers include:



Mei Sim Lai OBE DL

Panel Moderator

Chair of The British Malaysian Society and Television for the Environment. Co-Chair of Chinese Welfare Trust. One of HM Deputy Lord Lieutenants in Greater London since 2006 with responsibility for Brent. President of City Livery Club 2006 to 2007 when she founded its Women in the Livery Section. Has chaired CWN, IWF U.K. Board member of AIWF



David Stringer-Lamarre

Managing Director at Fortis Consulting London, Director Medical Prime Menopause Clinic, Chair of BMS International Trade Group, Past Master Glaziers



Jane Platt CBE

President of City Livery Club, Past Master of International Bankers Livery Company, Chair of Jersey Financial Services Commission and Zurich Assurance Ltd, Former NED of Financial Conduct Authority and other boards and Former CEO of NS&I



Marianna Cherry

Originally from Ukraine, Court member and Chair of Communications, Membership, Development and Social Committee of Worshipful Company of Glaziers and Painters of Glass, Creator of Dandelions Network, Committee member of the City Livery Club for Comm & PR, Social Secretary for Aldgate Ward Club, Single point of contact for the Livery Climate Change group on behalf of City Livery Club



Cllr Ketan Sheth

Councillor in Brent since 2010, chairs numerous local government committees in London, including Joint Health Committee. Also, Lead Governor of Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust, and Chair of Valuation Tribunal for England



Vicki Treadell CMG MVO

Formerly one of Britain's most senior diplomats. An Indo-Pacific expert having been British Deputy High Commissioner to India (2006-2010), British High Commissioner to New Zealand & Samoa (2010-2014), Malaysia (2014-2019) and then Australia (2019-2025). She now focuses on advisory and mentorship roles and is Vice Chair of The Women of the Future Programme and a HALO Trust Ambassador.



Dr Margaret Casely-Hayford CBE

Patron of Girls Brigade England & Wales, NED of Dept for Education and Skills, NED of Oxford Street Development Corporation. Former Chair of Action Aid, Special Trustee of Great Ormond Street, Chancellor of Coventry University and Director of Legal Services and Company Secretary of John Lewis Partnership

Date and Time

Monday 9 March 2026

Venue

Members' Dining Room
The Guildhall Club
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 & Introductions
- 6:35pm** Start of Question Time and Q&A from the audience
- 7:40pm** Vote of thanks and Closing remarks
- 7:45pm** Networking Reception
- 9:00pm** End of Event

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Dress Code

Business Attire / Smart Casual

Cost

(Covers food, refreshments and charity donation)

£48 pp

Booking & Payment

Booking can be made using the online booking system:

<https://www.thebritishmalaysiansociety.com/events/international-women-s-day-question-time-2026>

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 or WhatsApp 07903 153 793 as soon as possible. Please advise if you have any dietary restrictions.

Charity Fundraising

This is a satellite fundraising event in aid of the **2026 Lady Mayor's Big Curry Lunch**. Net proceeds will go to help the armed forces and their families.