

Study UK Alumni Awards

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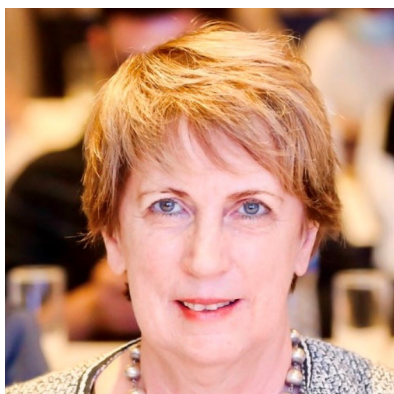
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Kate Greany

Deputy Consul General

Kate is Deputy Consul General at the British Consulate, Istanbul. Before this, she served in several other FCDO roles, including in Nairobi/Mogadishu, Mozambique and in HQ in London. She has a PhD in Education and International Development.



Gill Caldicott

Country Director, British Council

Gill is a senior leader at the British Council with over 30 years experience of working in cultural relations around the world. Her leadership roles entail delivering impact across the portfolio of British Council's programmes – education, arts and English. She has worked in more than 10 countries across four continents. Her most recent posts were in East China, Sri Lanka, India and Portugal. She is currently the Director of the British Council in Turkey.

She has a degree in Literature, an MA in Applied Linguistics, and an MBA as well as qualifications in teaching, marketing, programme management, and leadership. She is also a qualified coach and mentor.



Dr. Melike Kuş

Coordinator of the Land and Water Programme at the Nature Conservation Centre (DKM)

Study UK Alumni Awards Winner - Science and Sustainability Award 2023

Dr Melike Kuş serves as the Land and Water Programme Coordinator at the Nature Conservation Centre (DKM) and holds a part-time lecturer position in the urban planning department at the Middle East Technical University. Additionally, she is an active member of the Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Committee within the Turkish National Commission for UNESCO. In her role as program coordinator, Dr Kuş has successfully initiated and conducted over 25 projects focused on climate change adaptation, sustainable resource management and nature conservation, particularly in the most vulnerable regions of the country. These projects, strategically designed to influence policy-making, have received recognition through 13 national and international awards, acknowledging their significant positive impact on ecosystems and livelihoods. Dr Kuş was honoured with the 2023 alumni award from the British Council in 'Science and Sustainability' category.



Kağan Karamanoğlu

Partner, Managing Director Strategy& Türkiye, Part of the PwC Network London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) and University of Kent alumni

Kağan is leading PwC Türkiye's strategy consulting arm Strategy& (formerly Booz & Company) Türkiye. He is a member of the European Strategy& leadership team. With over 20 years of consulting and industry experience, Kağan specialises in corporate and business strategy. Kağan focuses on growth strategies, go-to-market strategies, commercial due diligences as well as transformation and turn-around programmes.

Before joining Strategy&, Kağan held several positions at Türk Telekom Group and prior to that, he was a Principal at Booz & Company/Booz Allen Hamilton.

Kağan was born and grew up in Vienna. He is fluent in German, English, Turkish and French. Kağan holds an MSc. in Management from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) and a BSc in Computer Science with Management Science from the University of Kent at Canterbury, London, UK.



Ali Ercan Özgür

University of Birmingham alumni, Chevening Scholar
Study UK Alumni Awards Winner - Social Impact Award, 2020

Ali Ercan Özgür holds a bachelor's degree from Marmara University, in Political Science and International Relations, and a master's degree from Birmingham University in International Development and Governance and Development Management with his thesis on 'Coordination and Impact of International Funds and Aid'. He completed his doctoral thesis on 'New Understanding of Regionalism and Regional Development Agencies in Turkey and Europe' at Marmara University.

He published a number of articles and delivered consultancy and speeches in the fields of local development, civil society, social and platform cooperativism, urban innovation, sustainability and corporate social responsibility.

Ozgur, who is a British Council Social Impact Award winner and Ashoka Fellow, is the co-founder of needsmap.coop, idema.global and inogar.coop. He is also one of the founders of S.O.S Chain and Civil Society Disaster Platform. In previous years, he has managerial experience in different NGOs and institutions such as the Turkish Education Volunteers Foundation, TESEV, Turkish Corporate Responsibility Association, American Chamber of Commerce and Brand Protection Group.



Esra Aysun

Head of Arts, British Council Turkey

Esra A. Aysun, is an arts administrator, working as a consultant, lecturer and writer in the creative sectors in Istanbul, Turkey. Achieving her BA in Sociology at BU (Istanbul) and MA at Administration of Performing Arts, NYU, (New York), she has been working with a diverse range of creative institutions and delivering lectures on arts management. Working as Head of Arts at the British Council in Turkey since 2014, she is committed to initiating creative projects to develop intercultural dialogue. Esra acts as the curatorial lead of WOW- Women of the World Festival Istanbul, missioned to unite creative sectors with civil society on gender equality activism. A board member of Arter since 2019, Esra writes and talks on the impact of inclusive arts management and gender inequality in the creative sectors. Her past and current notes can be read at esraaysun.org.