

Key events at the pavilion

Delivering an inspiring programme

The UK is organising a series of business events throughout the course of the Expo in the following sectors:

Education
22-24 June

Mining
4-7 July

Financial & Professional Services
9-12 July

Oil & Gas
18-21 July

Creative Industries
August

Over the three-month period of Astana Expo 2017 a number of UK highly regarded institutions which will be using the UK Pavilion space to deliver an inspiring cultural, educational and business programme.

Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

Amongst those participating are the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB), who have engaged with the EXPO theme of Future Energy through their own focus, the lens of nature.

The work of the RSPB seeks to ensure that there will be a future where nature can continue to provide all the different types of energy we continue to need. Working for the last decade in partnership with the Association for the Conservation of Biodiversity of Kazakhstan (ACBK), the RSPB have set up programmes to build understanding on the wonder and value of the unique nature of Kazakhstan.

A particular concern is conserving Kazakhstan's unique steppe grasslands and strengthening their role in climate change mitigation. Restoring land degraded historically, and recognising the role of new protected areas will enable nature to secure climate change gases freely, as part of Kazakhstan's response to climate change. The Altyn Dala Conservation Initiative project area in central Kazakhstan (a region the size of France) is home to the least protected habitat in the world. The RSPB and ACBK also share a joint vision to establish a major educational nature reserve at the 13,000 hectare wetlands on the outskirts of Astana, with the potential to attract many thousands of visitors.

National History Museum

Also engaging with the UK Pavilion is the Natural History Museum (NHM), who with their UK partners Wardell Armstrong International, International Geoscience Services and Camborne School of Mines are working with partners from Kazakhstan to develop a modern mining infrastructure that respects environmental sustainability and focuses on capacity building. Collaborations between NHM and research institutions in Kazakhstan have helped to produce a digital mineral deposits map of Kazakhstan and wider Central Asia.

NHM have been involved in the creation of a display of high-tech materials for the UK Mining Week in early July. The minerals on display have been provided by the Mineralogical Museum of the Geological Institute, Almaty, part of KazNRTU, reflecting the long association between the two institutions. The scope of the mining week is to highlight the importance of stable supply of scarce elements and critical raw materials for generating and sustainable use of green energy.

The London Contemporary Ballet Theatre

UK National Day will be celebrated with the London Contemporary Ballet Theatre (LCBT) plus street performance and music across the Expo site. Founded in 2015 by Artistic Director Rose Alice, LCBT is at the forefront of contemporary ballet in the UK and is a proud advocate of dancers without borders, equality and human rights movement internationally.



"We are collaborating with two wonderful musicians, Alistair MacSween and Simone Sistarelli, to create a completely unique piece for EXPO 2017, using innovative sounds and beats alongside the piano to create something which fits in with the theme of future energy perfectly."

Sophie Mergaliyev, Artistic Management, London Contemporary Ballet Theatre

A Cultural Leadership Forum at Expo will concentrate on sharing best practice from the UK's creative economy. To celebrate educational links, there will be a Universities Partnership Forum and Alumni Networking event, whilst a symposium will explore opportunities to commercialise scientific research. 