



The BLS Newsletter

October 24th, 2022

Dear Ladies,

A fun and lively coffee event hosted by BLS Patron Anthony Galvin, spouse to the UK Ambassador in Kuwait, officially opened the start to the BLS 2022-23 season and much fun was had by all. Thank you to Ridaab for working so hard with our Embassy to deliver a delightful afternoon event and pumping up the jam! Jumeirah provided a fabulous door prize for which we are very grateful, thank you. We do require a team to go out and collect raffle prizes to help raise funds for BLS charities, so, if you can help or would like to donate a prize, please let me know!

We have a jam-packed calendar coming up and we particularly require your support this Saturday 29th October for the Art Sale. Volunteers are needed to help host the event at Dar El Cid in Jabriya, but we also really would love guests to just come and buy the art! So please, tell all your friends. Raising funds for four worthy causes, it has taken over one hundred volunteer hours to collect, curate and hang the items generously donated by Rhoda Muhmood MBE. Prices range from 1KD to 150KD with stunning original works on offer from all over the globe. Cash only on Saturday, please! The door entrance fee is a suggested donation of 6KD and there will be entertainment provided by Ahmadi Music group throughout the day too - from a stunning flautist to the dulcet jazz tones of Melba Guerrero and her band, and the AMG Children's Orchestra.

Stay tuned for emails, notifications, and calendar updates on www.theblskuwait.org, follow @blskuwait on Instagram and read the group WhatsApp messages to keep abreast of all manner of shenanigans and high jinx.

To keep updated with BLS activities and events please ensure you are on the BLS WhatsApp Groups:

- BLS Kuwait - all committee members are admins and can add new numbers
- BLS book sale - admins Karen, Layla, Munah, Lorraine, Jennifer, Bex
- Evening Book Club - admin Mona 6908 7295
- BLS Walking Group - admins Alex, Layla, Munah, Jennifer
- Monday Morning Coffee - Dana 9770 9883, Lobna 9696 0883
- BLS Cinema Group - Munah, Jennifer
- BLS MUMS & TOTS Group - Nada 9224 6469, Jennifer

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Finally, if you make any payments in cash at all to a BLS committee member, please ensure that you take the time to receive a written receipt from an official receipt book!

See you on Saturday!
Jennifer 66147907

BLS Committee 2022-2023

Position	Name
President	Jennifer Cadiz
Vice President	Bex Widdicombe
Society Secretary	Alex Carroll
Treasurer	Kyla Mulvaney
Vice Treasurer	Janet Newman
Events Coordinator	Annie Morris
Assistant Events Coordinator	Vacant
Activities Coordinator	Ridaab Marzuq
Assistant Activities Coordinator	Mandy Smith
Membership Secretary	Vacant
Assistant Membership Secretary	Munah Boresli
Communications Officer	Allison Brannon - Social
Website Coordinator	Lydia Reda - Web
Assistant Communications Officer	Vacant (flash emails, monthly newsletter)
Coffee Team Coordinator	Dana Jandhyala
Assistant Team Coordinator	Suzanne Emmerson

Membership News

Ladies,

Please push for your UK lady friends to join BLS. We have potential associate members feeling pretty dejected and rejected by BLS because we are constitutionally bound to keep the membership 60% Brits/40% non-Brits and they've been waiting a really long time. It's not what we're about as a community, but we do have to stick to the rules.

Membership is 35KD and includes significant exclusive discounts on goods, activities, and services. Please contact Munah at 9699 0249 to arrange payment if you not able to pay by bank transfer. Unfortunately, we cannot send out payment links.

Are you interested in volunteering as the Membership Secretary? We need your help! Contact Jennifer 66147907 to volunteer.

BLS Membership
Munah

Upcoming BLS Events / Activities

– Save the Date

If you have an activity you would like to suggest -- please do let the Activities team know when you are available so we can coordinate a date. You can DM @blskuwait on Instagram, message the BLS Kuwait WhatsApp group, or contact activities@theblskuwait.org.

Saturday October 29th, 2022 – Art Sale and Entertainment: all day event at Dar el Cid. Stunning works collected across the globe over fifty years by BLS member, Rhoda Muhmood MBE, and generously donated to raise funds for KALD, Cherished Gowns, Operation Hope and Touch of Hope. Thank you to Dr Ziad Rajab who will host our sale in the Dar El Cid lower ground exhibition hall, and to Ahmadi Music Group performers for providing musical entertainment throughout the day. Snacks supplied by [Kastana](#), and refreshments Boushari Group.

Wednesday November 2nd, 2022 – Evening Book Club: 6:00pm – 7:30pm at Bazaar Studios in Salmiya. The group will discuss Kim Jiyung, Born 1982.

Thursday November 3rd, 2022 – Shop Row & Oak Coffee Morning: 10:00am – 12:00pm at Salaam, Block 1, St 105, House 41.
10% discount for BLS members! Shop Row & Oak coffee morning hosted by Denise AlShammari in her home. Find all manner of fabulousness, objects that spark joy, and knick-knacks for your home or to gift.

November 5th, 6th, and 7th 2022 – Liwa Stores Outlet Sale: 09:00am – 5:00pm at BLS Premises. Bargains, bargains, bargains! From kidswear to jewellery, drastically discounted, high quality branded items are perfect for you, your family and especially as Xmas gifts!

- Kidswear: Gocoo, Charanga, Essential One, M&Co., Kate Quinn
- Womenswear: Lasenza, Gant Women
- Menswear: Gant

Friday November 11th, 2022 – BLS Bazaar: 9:30am – 4:00pm at AUK.
Held in the new courtyard of American University Kuwait in Salmiya.

Tuesday November 15th, 2022 – Yoga for a Cause with Farah: 6:00pm – 7:00pm at the BLS Premises. Cost: 10KD and proceeds go towards Touch of Hope animal rescue.

Wednesday November 16th, 2022 – Evening Book Club: 6:30pm – 8:00pm at the BLS Premises. Karen Alanizi discusses her book, "Letter Home".

Upcoming BLS Events / Activities cont'd

Saturday November 19th, 2022 - Candle Making Workshop: time tbc.

Candle-making workshop taught by Denise AlShammari from Row & Oak, Cost is 15KD with extremely limited spaces, so register your interest ASAP!

Tuesday December 6th, 2022 – BLS Christmas Dinner at Jumeirah Messilah Hotel - time to be confirmed. Theme: Under the Sea at Jumeirah Messilah Hotel and Beach Resort.

BLS Clubs

Monday Morning Coffee

Dana, as Coffee Coordinator, has created the Monday Morning Coffee WhatsApp group, so do ask to be added if you want to know where will be the next meet-up – contact Dana on WhatsApp at 9770 9883.

If you would like to host a coffee morning either at your home or at the premises, please ask within the "BLS Kuwait" WhatsApp group (contact Jennifer at 66147907 to join) or if you would like to host a special fundraising coffee event, email Jennifer at president@theblskuwait.org with the subject line 'Special Event Coffee'.

Walk the Talk

The weather is getting cooler ladies! We are looking for a Walk the Talk Coordinator. However, any one of you can suggest a one-off walk within the WhatsApp group for our walking ladies if that's all you have time for. To be added, contact Jennifer at 66147907.

Mums & Tots

Exciting new activities planned! Ask to join the BLS MUMS & TOTS WhatsApp group to confirm meetups and other playdates. WhatsApp Nada 9224 6469.

BSL Book Clubs

Morning Book Club

Thank you to Dana who has volunteered to coordinate the Morning Book Club. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Dana on WhatsApp at 9770 9883

BLS Clubs - continued

Evening Book Club

If you are interested in joining the Evening Book Club, contact Mona at 6908 7295.

The books for the next few months are as follows:

Month	Book	Author
October	Kim Jiyoung, Born 1982	Cho Nam-Joo
November	Letter Home	Karen Alanizi MBE - our very own BLS Library caretaker! Buy your copy at BLS for 4KD. We will be discussing this book at BLS with Karen on Wednesday 16th November at 6pm.
December	The Vanishing Half	Brit Bennet
January	How to Fail: Everything I've Ever Learned From Things Going Wrong	Elizabeth Day

Library at the Premises – More Than Just a Library....

We will always try to give notice of when the library is open so make sure to check BLS Kuwait on WhatsApp, or @blskuwait on Instagram.

BOOKS! Not only do we have a huge selection of books available to borrow, we also have a large selection of books and DVDs for sale at the incredibly low price of 250 fils each!

JIGSAWS! *New intake of jigsaws.* Why not borrow a jigsaw to pass the time – 1KD to hire and 500fils back when you return. From the fairly easy to the extremely challenging, there is something for everyone.

COFFEE & CAKE! For only KD 1 for can enjoy a cup of tea or freshly brewed coffee along with a biscuit and usually some homemade goodies too!

INFORMATION! Make use of our table and notice board which shares useful contact numbers and recommendations for everything from taxi services, tailors, maintenance services and more!

FRIENDLY CHAT! Use your visit to catch up with members and meet new friends. All done in safe surroundings. This includes temperature check on entry (by Q8realtor staff at entrance), hand sanitizer, mask wearing and social distancing.

WHATSAPP GROUP! Ask to join our BLS book sale group for offers.

British Consulate Information

Keeping in touch

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www.gov.uk/world/organisations/british-embassy-kuwait



Buy, Sell and Swap WhatsApp

Vide Grenier WhatsApp Group

The French Association has said BLS members can join their Vide Grenier (Buy, Sell, and Swap) WhatsApp Group. If you are interested in buying or selling, do join this active WhatsApp group by putting in a request in the BLS Kuwait WhatsApp group. NEVER contact the Vide Grenier admin directly and do follow the rules to the letter please, as we are only guests.

BLS Social Media and Website

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/619404001574946>
www.theblskuwait.org

The only Facebook group we currently have access to is the Members Only BLS Kuwait Group - but this is not regularly updated, nor will it be until we can link it to the @blskuwait Instagram account.

If you get your BLS information through social media, please follow, share and like @blskuwait on Instagram. We're also currently updating the website thanks to volunteer Lydia, so keep hitting that refresh button!

BLS Charities 2022-2023

Our Kuwaiti Charity this year is The Kuwaiti Association for Learning Differences (KALD), a non-profit organization that collaboratively works towards helping all individuals, especially students in private schools and special education in Kuwait, who have Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and Learning Difficulties through setting up awareness programs, training courses, and other educational activities.

www.kalduwait.com

Our British Charity this year is Cherished Gowns. Cherished Gowns UK is a charity that provides the families of babies that are stillborn, miscarried or pass away shortly after birth with items of clothing that they are able to be dressed in for their funeral. We offer five sizes of Cherished Gowns, and each gown is accompanied by a hat, pair of booties, a blanket and a cloth nappy. These items are provided completely free of charge to parents, funeral directors, and we also supply every UK hospital with this service. All of the items provided are lovingly made by volunteers around the UK, from donated Wedding Dresses.

www.cherishedgowns.org.uk