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## **The Commonwealth Countries League celebrates 100 Years with a Year-Long Centenary Celebration.**

**London, UK – May 2025** – The Commonwealth Countries League (CCL), a pioneering organisation committed to gender equality, education, and international unity, proudly announces its centenary year – celebrating 100 years of impactful service from 1925 to 2025.

The year-long celebration will launch with a prestigious Afternoon Tea at the House of Lords on 22nd May, hosted by The Right Honourable Lord David Hunt of Wirral and attended by high-profile guests, including the Secretary-General of the Commonwealth, and High Commissioners from various Commonwealth nations. The event will honour the CCL's legacy and highlight some of its major tenets one of which being its mission empower girls through education.

Duchess Williams-Alonga, President of the CCL, stated:

*"This centenary marks a significant milestone in our journey. We are proud to have supported girls' education across the Commonwealth and to have built strong partnerships rooted in unity and peace. We look forward to celebrating our shared history and the future we are building together."*

Honey Kalaria, Events Team Member at CCL, added:

*"The Afternoon Tea at the House of Lords will be a beautiful beginning to an extraordinary year. From cultural fairs to the International Children's Peace*

*Assembly, we're uniting generations and nations to reflect on our legacy and inspire global progress."*

Further highlights of the centenary year include:

- **Patron's Afternoon Tea at the House of Lords** – our 2025 Patron of CCL Dr. Vasi Hollinghurst -Daniel will be leading tributes to CCL members past and present for their longstanding service and commitment to humanitarian and educational causes.
- **The International Children's Peace Assembly (ICPA)** – A youth-focused summit on peace and development.
- **Alice Hemming Lunch at the House of Lords** – An afternoon in celebration of CCL's founder.
- **The Commonwealth Fair** – A vibrant celebration of cultural diversity and collaboration.
- **Centenary Gala Evening** – The grand finale draws the year of festivities to a close.

Follow updates on our centenary events via our website and social media platforms. Together, let's celebrate 100 Years of Empowerment, Education, and Unity.

### **About CCL:**

Founded in 1925 by suffragette Alice Hemming, the Commonwealth Countries League is a pan-Commonwealth, voluntary civil society organisation championing girls' education, gender equality, and mutual understanding across the 56 Commonwealth nations.

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