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## Mayan Community Brings Sacred Blessing, Art, and Ancestral Knowledge to the Royal Society of Arts

London, UK | Monday 9 February 2026

The **Memnosyne UK Chapter** will host a sacred cultural gathering at the **Royal Society of Arts (RSA)** on **Monday 9 February 2026**, welcoming members of the **U kúuchil K Ch'i'ibalo'on Community Center**, a Mayan cultural organisation based in the Yucatán Peninsula of Mexico.

The visiting delegation — comprising **community elders, artists, and cultural guardians, both women and men** — is part of a **European tour running from 22 January to 12 February 2026**, with visits to **Spain, Germany, Sweden, and the UK**. Across the tour, the community is sharing Mayan art, worldview, and community-led practices rooted in **ancestral knowledge, land stewardship, and cultural continuity**.

U kúuchil K Ch'i'ibalo'on Community Center is based in the central region of **Quintana Roo**, within the **Mayan Masewal zone**, and is part of the wider **Memnosyne Institute network**, as well as a member of the **Remain on Earth alliance**.

As part of their London visit, the community will offer a **traditional Mayan blessing for the Memnosyne Institute** at the RSA, honouring ancestral wisdom, Earth-based knowledge systems, and the collective responsibility of communities to protect culture, land, and future generations. The gathering will also include the sharing of **artistic and cultural works**, offering insight into the stories, symbolism, and lived realities they represent.

Throughout their European journey, members of the community are engaging with **universities, museums, and cultural centres**, participating in forums, talks, exhibitions, and reflective dialogues addressing Indigenous knowledge systems, lived experience, and the ongoing impacts of discrimination and structural inequality within global political and economic systems.

During the tour, the Maya Community Center is also presenting the photographic exhibition **“Reflections”**, marking its **tenth anniversary**. This powerful collection explores the deep and enduring relationship between **Maya women and their land**, expressed through image, memory, and lived experience.

The London gathering will take place in the **Prince Philip Room** at the Royal Society of Arts and will include light refreshments.

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## Event Details

**What:** Sacred Gathering with the Mayan Community Center

**Where:** Prince Philip Room, Royal Society of Arts  
8 John Adam Street, London WC2N 6EZ

**When:** Monday 9th February 2026, 18:00–21:00

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## About the Memnosyne Institute

The **Memnosyne Institute** is an international foundation dedicated to supporting humanity in becoming **conscious cultural creators of our shared future**, providing pathways for respectful, peaceful, and interactive collaboration across cultures and disciplines.

 <https://www.memnosyneinstitute.org/>

Founded on the understanding that globalisation affects not only economies, but also **culture, ecology, spirituality, science, and the arts**, the Institute works to empower people worldwide to recognise their shared humanity and to act collaboratively in shaping a more conscious, compassionate, and sustainable world.

Memnosyne's work is structured around **seven core areas of knowledge**: interfaith inquiry; environment, science, economics, and technology; health and medicine; Indigenous cultures; global and local outreach; art; and spirituality.

Through global programmes, campuses, and partnerships, the Institute supports communities in responding creatively to the challenges of globalisation. Past initiatives include **facilitating the first treaty and alliance in over 300 years between the Hopi and Navajo Nations**, developing interfaith collaborations, creating the **FoodSource programme** which has helped save over **\$55 million worth of food**, and contributing to the development of an AI "**Vital Signs Monitor**" enabling communities to assess progress against the **United Nations Sustainable Development Goals**.

As stated by **Mary Ann Thompson Frenk**, President and Co-Founder of the Memnosyne Foundation:

*"We are at a point between countries and cultures where we will either bump into each other, walk over each other, or choose to collaborate consciously and evolve humanity. If we allow ourselves to evolve randomly, we invite misunderstanding, conflict, and less innovation. But if we choose to collaborate as conscious cultural creators, the future is limitless."*

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# About the Memnosyne UK Chapter

The **Memnosyne UK Chapter** is part of the global Memnosyne Institute network and curates cultural, intellectual, and community-centred initiatives exploring **memory, Indigenous knowledge systems, creativity, and pathways toward reconciliation and shared futures**.

<https://memnosyneuk.co.uk/>

Alongside talks, ceremonies, and dialogues hosted at institutions such as the **Royal Society of Arts**, the UK Chapter is focused on translating ideas into **practical, community-led action**.

A key UK initiative is **FoodSource UK**, a national programme addressing food insecurity and food waste while supporting **community self-help initiatives where food is shared in a dignified and empowering way**.

<https://www.foodsourceuk.org/>

FoodSource UK works in partnership with community organisations, food producers, and volunteers to recover surplus food, strengthen local food systems, and ensure access to nutritious food **without stigma**. The programme prioritises **dignity, choice, and community resilience**, reflecting Memnosyne's belief that cultural awareness, ecological responsibility, and social justice must be addressed together.

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**Hold the date!**

**The Memnosyne UK Chapter** invites you to a sacred gathering welcoming members of the **U kúuchil K Ch'i'ibalo'on Community Center** a Mayan cultural organisation based in the Yucatán Peninsula, part of the wider Memnosyne Institute network, and a member of the Remain on Earth alliance.

The visiting delegation includes community elders, artists, and cultural guardians who are taking part in a European tour running from 22 January to 12 February 2026. During this journey, they are visiting Spain, Germany, Sweden, and the UK to share Mayan art, worldview, and community-led practices rooted in ancestral knowledge, land stewardship, and cultural continuity. Their work is grounded in the centre of the state of Quintana Roo, within the Mayan Masewal zone.

As part of their visit to London, the community will offer a traditional Mayan blessing for the Memnosyne Institute, honouring ancestral wisdom, Earth-based knowledge systems, and the collective responsibility of communities to protect culture, land, and future generations. They will also share and speak about their artistic and cultural works, offering insight into the stories, symbolism, and lived realities behind them.

**Monday  
February 9th, 2026**



**Centro Comunitario  
U kúuchil k  
Ch'i'ibalo'on**  
**Maya Cultural Center**

**RSA** 21st century enlightenment

**6:00pm - 9:00pm**   
in The Prince Phillip Room at  
The Royal Society for Arts, Manufactures and Commerce  
8 John Adam Street London WC2N 6EZ

