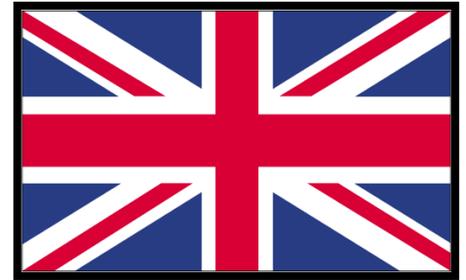




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About Robin Twyman

Robin Twyman took up his posting as Consul (Business and Government Affairs) at the UK Government Office in Seattle in January 2013. He has served in the USA since 2009, previously working as First Secretary (Trade Policy, Business Affairs and Agriculture) at the British Embassy in Washington DC.

Born in Canterbury, UK, in 1968, Robin joined the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) in 1987. His diplomatic career has seen him serve other overseas tours in Harare, Zimbabwe (1989-1992), and Geneva, Switzerland (2001-2006), plus short overseas tours in Mozambique, Mauritius, Russia, Abu Dhabi, Israel, Jordan, DR Congo, Albania, Zambia, Qatar, Nigeria, Syria, and Yemen.



Robin's assignments have covered a wide range of foreign policy, security policy and commercial diplomacy duties. In London, Robin managed the UK's Afghanistan Counter Narcotics programme, led the Foreign Office's Falkland Islands team, and served as a Foreign Office spokesman. In Geneva, Robin was a UK delegate to the World Trade Organisation, where his portfolio included the Doha Trade Round's agriculture negotiations and trade disputes.

Robin is accompanied by his wife (from Cleveland, Ohio), and their two daughters. His interests include hiking, skiing, and anything outdoors.

About the United Kingdom

Location: The United Kingdom, one of the 28 members of the European Union, is located off the north-west coast of continental Europe. It lies between the Atlantic Ocean, the North Sea and the English Channel.

Size: 94,058 square miles (slightly smaller than Oregon)

Population: 63.7 million (2012 est.)

Major economic activity: The UK is the world's 6th largest economy, and second largest exporter of services. It offers a rich and diverse market with world-class industries including life sciences, information communication technology, creative industries, financial and professional business services, aerospace and automotive engineering

A country steeped in history and tradition, yet a world-leading nation of innovators, with 77 Nobel science prize winners. Iconic London landmarks like the Houses of Parliament and Buckingham Palace; the outstanding natural beauty of Snowdonia, the Scottish Highlands and the White Cliffs of Dover; and 28 World Heritage sites, like Stonehenge. And modern buildings such as the Gherkin and the Shard. Modern artworks like the Angel of the North. Or the latest attractions, such as the Warner Bros Studio Tour, "The Making of Harry Potter." Whether it's Elgar and the Beatles or Adele and One Direction, the juxtaposition of old and new permeates every aspect of British life.

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