



# The Anglo-Hellenic League

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## **FIRES IN ATTICA**

The recent devastating fires in Attica have caused a large loss of life, with 88 fatalities reported so far, nearly 200 people hospitalised, and an unknown number of people missing and unaccounted for. Devastation of property in the area around Mati and Rafina is widespread. Many of the resident population are at risk of poverty and social exclusion, as they seek to rebuild their lives.

The Council of the Anglo-Hellenic League is launching an appeal to raise funds to help those most affected by the fires. We are working with Desmos, a not-for-profit organization based in Athens, which has, since 2012, been working to alleviate the impact of the social crisis in Greece. Desmos ([www.desmos.org](http://www.desmos.org)) acts as an intermediary between donors and organisations in need, and specializes in social welfare, healthcare, emergency response and recovery.

Since the fires in Attica, it has had staff on the ground evaluating local needs and directing donors' funds to where they can be of most use. Now and in the days ahead, Desmos is working to understand the needs of the local municipalities and communities beyond immediate emergency requirements; to contribute in the most effective way to tackling the results of the tragedy and avoiding similar tragedies elsewhere; to contribute to the implementation of action that will have the greatest impact on the stricken communities, through clear humanitarian, social and environmental goals; and, in all of this, to act with transparency and professionalism.

The Anglo-Hellenic League, a registered charity, is seeking donations, so that our members and supporters in the UK can contribute to helping those whose lives have been affected by the fires. Money donated to the League for this cause will be passed directly to Desmos for spending on the front line of this crisis. UK taxpayers can increase the value of their donation under Gift Aid. We strongly encourage you to give.

(see next page for details)

You can gift money to us:

**Either**

by making an electronic transfer by e-banking to:

Account Name: **The Anglo-Hellenic League**  
Sort Code: 20-47-34  
Account No: 80121339  
Under reference: **ATTICA FIRES**

**Or**

by cheque in favour of **The Anglo-Hellenic League**, clearly marked for the **Attica Fires** and post it to:

The Treasurer  
The Anglo-Hellenic League  
151 Preston Road  
Wembley  
Middlesex HA9 8NQ.

If you are happy for us to claim Gift Aid on your donation, please don't forget to send us a brief note with your **full name, address and post code** and the following statement, signed and dated:

**"I wish this gift to the Anglo-Hellenic League to be a Gift Aid donation and confirm that I pay UK Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax".**

Thank you for your support.

The Council  
The Anglo-Hellenic League  
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