

Association for Historical Dialogue and Research (AHDR) is an NGO that is bi-communal both in terms of its focus area and its staff, located in the UN-controlled buffer zone in Nicosia Cyprus. The birth of the association almost coincided with a historic change that took place on the island when in 23 April 2003 travel restrictions between the two sides of the UN Green Line were eased and several thousand Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots had their first chance to cross the dividing line since 1974. The AHDR envisions a society where dialogue on issues of history, historiography, history teaching and history learning is welcomed as an integral part of democracy and is considered as a means for the advancement of historical understanding and critical thinking. Since 2003, the AHDR has demonstrated a strong commitment to building a multilingual and multi-faith society which celebrates diversity and promotes mutual respect and understanding.